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**Campus tech park funding approved**

Cal Poly’s Technology Park will be located off Mount Bishop Road, across from the dairy science unit. It will house commercial firms in fields such as aerospace engineering and biotechnology.

Camas Frank  
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly’s Technology Park, a building that will house commercial firms for collaborative research, is several steps closer to becoming a reality.

At their Sept. 16th meeting, the CSU Board of Trustees approved the $4.5 million design-build proposal submitted by the San Luis Obispo firm, Rarig Construction. The park will be built in collaboration with the university.

Approval of the 25,000 square foot building on Mount Bishop Road came, as predicted, last August by the Project Manager Johan Uyttewaal.

"It went pretty much as expected," said Mike Multari, Cal Poly’s assistant director of facilities and planning. "There was a lot of discussion beforehand where they do the analysis of financing. It was important to have prospective tenants that had expressed significant interest before the design was built."

Thanks to the board’s decision, the state will be providing a little under half of the project’s budget with state revenue bonds, which will be repaid by tenants who lease the space, constituting the rest of the

**Poly students play volleyball to battle breast cancer**

Samantha MacConnell  
MUSTANG DAILY

Love of volleyball and a desire to eradicate cancer will bring students to the sand for a volleyball tournament in what organizers hope will be both fun and supportive of a good cause.

Recreation senior Mike Smith and civil engineering junior Mike Delach started the organization, "Battle for Boobs," last spring to raise money for breast cancer research through friendly competition.

"I’ve had many close friends and relatives who have had to go through cancer treatments," Smith said. "I’ve realized that I can combine volleyball with a good cause and have people come together."

Battle For Boobs began in April and has held a beach volleyball tournament in Pismo Beach and a co-recreational elite doubles tournament to raise funds for the cause. They will hold another volleyball tournament Saturday in honor of October’s Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Saturday’s event will bring 32 teams together on the Cal Poly Recreational Center field. Each team will consist of two women and two men who will compete against each other for prizes provided by sponsors.

"They are a lot of fun and obviously it’s for a good cause," said communications senior Kyle Atherstone.

Atherstone has been a member of the Cal Poly volleyball team since her freshman year. She will be competing in the tournament with her teammates.

"You don’t necessarily have to be good at volleyball to have a good time," she added.

Approximately 20 teams have registered so far for the event, which will take place on 11 courts. Both skilled and amateur players are encouraged to attend. Anyone can also come to watch the tournament in lieu of competing.

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The project is expected to benefit the local economy and give students more opportunities for internships and part-time employment.

The economic benefit for San Luis Obispo will come mainly from the presence of additional commerce and the introduction of tenant employees and their families. The firms involved will also benefit from access to university resources and the large available workforce of students who may find long-term placement after graduation.

Despite the project’s expected profitability, it has been in the works for a decade. Mulari, Dunning and Uyttewaal all said the plans have been limited to research and development in areas such as aerospace, software design and biotech.

Up to 25 percent of the building’s space is designed for use as wet labs, laboratories where chemicals, drugs or other biological matter are tested and analyzed.

James Dunning, the project’s administrator for CRP, has worked to anticipate future tenants’ needs. He also has had a long relationship with the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce.

“Most of the companies we’ve gotten have been local,” Dunning said. “The companies that we’ve been working with here have been able to grow quickly and throw that kind of resource to market. When you’re working with something like software, that’s something that is possible here. It’s important in business to be able to grow quickly and throw that kind of resource at a problem which might be more difficult for companies farther away from a university.”

Wendy’s Mayor, city council candidates debate issues: article incorrectly stated that Associated Students Inc. is in charge of the Soup and Substance event. Soap and Substance is a Student Life and Leadership program.

The Mustang Daily staff apologize in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the neighboring community. We appreciate your readership and are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your correction suggestions to mustangdaily@gmail.com.
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body workout that improves coordination, stamina and strength, according to the Fall 2008 Instructional and Exercise Class Schedules. Dancers learn four eight counts (set of moves) the first day, review them the second day then learn an additional two counts, Curran said.

Students enjoy hip hop classes because it offers a fun environment with a demanding workout, Curran said. Even though she's danced for most of her life, Curran still enjoyed the complexity of the class.

"Instructors don't make it too hard or easy," she said. "Moves can be done by a professional dancer or a beginner. It's all about the instructor."

Hip hop is a really good workout and it's harder than it seems, Amber Curry, kinesiology junior and recreation center employee said.

"It seems girly but it's a fast-paced workout that gets heart rate up," she said. "It works different muscles in a different way with a fun atmosphere. The classes are good if you don't like the traditional workout or if you are getting bored with your routine."

Some students aware of this stereotype take extensive measures to keep their extra-curricular activities hidden.

Cal Poly business major Steve Symer has a Ph.D. in science after attending hip hop classes for a quarter. He would position himself in the back corner of the class, hidden from anyone walking by the double-doors and observers from the windows.

After his initial anxiety wore off, Symer admitted that it was "kinda fun." Another perk was the ratio of women to men, about 5-to-1.

"I came in with the mentality that I sucked so I just messed around with it and had fun," Symer said.

Symer's friend and fellow dancer would download the songs at home and practice each week's moves to avoid embarrassment.

"I would find myself practicing sporadically in the living room throughout the week," Symer said.

Students looking for a more relaxed environment can try Yoga, which is promoted as a de-stresser.

"I go to Yoga after a day of school because it clears my mind and refocuses me," yoga instructor said. "It's nice because there is no competition."

Yoga creates a toned, flexible and strong body by combining movement and breathing exercises to connect poses, increase physical strength, endurance, mental focus and relaxation, according to the class schedule. Yoga relaxes me," Dickinson said. "I don't have the luxury to take time for myself. It gets me refreshed to go home and do homework."

Yet, Curran said, it isn't relaxing when the class gets too crowded. Students will often "giggle during different poses," she said.

Yoga is harder than some students may think, according to business junior Alex Lee. The instructor told students not to strain themselves during an advanced position but Lee didn't listen, and found himself stuck in a compromising position - answelting, his hands grabbing his ankles and his back arched.

"I think I'm stuck," he whispered before falling over. His companion burst out laughing.

People are drawn to spin classes because the sport is an endurance-building class that forces participants to dig deeper.

"Spin pushes you a lot," Curry said. "It is self-regulated and self-motivated. Everyone else around pushes themselves so it makes you want to."

The class burns calories by riding stationary bikes, which provides a cardiovascular workout. Resistance intervals, simulated sprints, hills and time trials all serve to increase stamina and endurance, according to the class schedule.

"It is really hardcore," Dickinson said.

"It's well worth that hour because I feel really good about myself even though I want to quit half way through. You are in control of how hard you want to push yourself and you can adjust resistance so it's comfortable to you."

Participants place much emphasis on the involvement of the instructor. Recreation center administration stressed that instructors need to alter the difficulty levels to reach a broader audience, Anderson said.

Many teachers will give participants individual help and address the class criteria before every meeting.

"We emphasize that a lot because some people will want an entire quarter to try out a class with only two weeks left," Anderson added.

They also give each member of the class mid-quarter evaluations. Cal Poly Fitness graduate assistant Kristen Meier said.

"We meet one-on-one with the instructor and go over it," Meier said. "Then we do another at end of quarter to see if the (class) improved and if the student's needs are met. It's a good way for instructors to know how they are doing. Student voices need to be heard because the classes are for them."

Students and administrators alike said that the time has much to do with the popularity of the class. Upgrades to the facility will allow more space to offer the most popular classes at peak times, Anderson said.

Other popular classes include Sculpt and Pilates. The Rec Center also offers Cardio Kick, Cardio Strength Mix, Butts & Guns and 6-Pack Abs.

Students and faculty can purchase a $120 year pass, a $49 quarter pass, a $37 noon hour pass and a $5 day pass for exercise classes. All instructional classes are $45 except for Hatha Yoga, which is $50. Classes are free on the weekends.

Are you suffering from a recent ANKLE SPRAIN?

Doctors are evaluating investigational, medicated patches to see if they relieve pain when applied directly to the ankle.

The Cal Poly Recreation Center is so popular that sometimes it can be difficult to get a machine. Some students work out outside or enrol classes to beat the crowds.

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McCain, Obama get tough, personal in final debate

Beth Fouhy

John McCain assailed Barack Obama's character and his campaign positions on taxes, abortion and more Wednesday night, hoping to turn their final presidential debate into a launching pad for a political comeback. "You didn't tell the American people the truth," he said.

Unaffected, and ahead in the polls, Obama parted each charge, and leveled a few of his own.

"One hundred percent, John, of your ads, 100 percent of them have been negative," Obama shot back in an uncommonly personal debate less than three weeks from Election Day.

"It's not true," McCain retorted. "It is true," said Obama, seeking the last word.

Mc Cain is currently running all negative ads, according to a study by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. But he has run a number of positive ads during the campaign. The 90-minute encounter, at a round table at Hofstra University, was their third debate, and marked the beginning of a 20-day sprint to Election Day. Obama leads in the national polls and in surveys in many battleground states, an advantage built in the weeks since the nation stumbled into the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

With few exceptions, the campaign is being waged in states that voted Republican in 2004 — Virginia, Colorado, Iowa — and in many of them, Obama holds a lead in the polls.

McCain played the aggressor from the opening moments of the debate, accusing Obama of waging class warfare by seeking tax increases that would "spread the wealth around." The Arizona senator also demanded to know the full extent of Obama's relationship with William Ayers, a 1960s-era terrorist and the Democratic's ties with ACORN, a liberal group accused of violating federal law as it seeks to register voters. And he insisted Obama disavow last week's remarks by Rep. John Lewis, a Democrat, who accused the Republican ticket of playing racial politics along the same lines as segregationists of the past.

"If I've occasionally mistaken your policies for George Bush's, it's because on the core economic issues that matter to the American people — on tax policy, on energy policy, on spending priorities — you have been a vigorous supporter of President Bush," he said.

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SoCal wildfire danger eases as winds fade

Jacob Adelman

Wildfire activity eased significantly across Southern California on Wednesday as the notorious Santa Ana winds faded, allowing all remaining evacuations orders to be lifted.

Authorities found that the biggest of the region's fires was caused by a downed electrical line, and some people who lived in the 54 residences that burned this week returned only to find rubble.

"We've been crying for days," said Tabitha Valdivia, 32, as she searched the remains of her mobile home. "I guess it's just a natural thing but when you've lost everything, you're going to be upset."

Her home was lost in one of two big fires that erupted along northern San Fernando Valley neighborhoods, burning brush and forest lands as the Santa Ana winds swept through the region's canyons and passes.

Valdivia and her husband got out early Sunday, taking their wedding photos and two dogs, Chico and Oreo.

"It was a raging inferno," she said, walking blackened heaps of twisted metal.

One of the few items she could find was a snow ceramic bird figure from the top of her wedding cake.

"This was all I ever had," she said. "This was my first home, and God knows when I'll be able to afford another one."

Despite the decline of the Santa Ana, the National Weather Service extended warnings of risky conditions through Friday because of low humidity, which makes vegetation easier to burn. Combined, three major fires in Southern California had scorched more than 34 square miles by Wednesday.

Fire officials said aircraft were still attacking flames above the northwest end of the valley, where a 13,285-acre blaze was only 20 percent contained. The fire, which began above the community of Frazier Park on Monday, destroyed 15 homes and 47 outbuildings. Another fire in the foothills of the Los Angeles County Fire Department said in a statement. The incident occurred in a small drainage in an incorporated area just above Porter Ranch. An investigation by county and state fire agencies and the Sheriff's Department was continuing.

Incident commander Scott Foster said places remained where no fire lines had been established "so if the wind hit it, it could move.

Fire officials said there were about 3,000 homes in the vicinity of the fire and the same areas of the fire appeared to be extinguished, firefighters were digging into debris to make sure nothing was still burning under the surface.

With no smoke to obscure visibility, the fire's hopscotch path through the hills above the valley could be easily seen — blackened expanses and patches of debris where the winds hurled embers. Some houses stood unscathed next to the charred remnants of others.

Deborah Schwartz held back tears as firefighters walked her six dogs to her home, which was burned down in the blaze. She said she was moved by the kindness of a Los Angeles County Fire crew.

"It's a departure because of the unpopularity Republican incumbent, McCain also said, "Sen. Obama, I am not President Bush. You wanted to run against President Bush, you should have run four years ago."

Obama returned each volley, and brushed aside McCain's claim to full political independence.

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EU leaders split over how to reach climate goals

Robert Wielaard
ASSOCIATED PRESS

European Union leaders agreed Wednesday to stick to ambitious plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions 20 percent by 2020, but divisions over how to share out the burden on Italian industry.

"Our companies are in no state to take on costs like those we thought about last year," he told reporters.

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Despite those concerns, French President Nicolas Sarkozy said all the leaders agreed to work to find a final agreement on the package before the end of the year.

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The plan would cost governments and business billions of dollars to implement new technologies, develop renewable energy sources and reduce emissions from cars and factories.

Berlusconi said that was unfair since competitors to European industry in China and the United States would not have to face such a burden.

The leaders of Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia took a similar stand, saying their countries had already made great cuts in carbon emissions since

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Campus Dining Awards Bike

Melissa Montecuollo
Campus Dining Staff Writer

Cal Poly Campus Dining underwent many renovations during spring and summer quarters. Vista Grande Restaurant became Sage during spring quarter with updates to the interior including new furniture, new facades, an updated menu and improved Sunday Brunch. A wall fountain that greets customers as they arrive was installed over the summer. VG Cafe also has a new look, including a new logo and uniforms. There are also new menu items including wings, baked subs, and a full breakfast at "Late Nite."

The updated menu items developed by the culinary team at Vista Grande are sure to wow and impress.

The Campus Dining Staff was anxious to show off the new improvements, and to kick off the beginning of fall quarter Campus Dining gave away many prizes. During giveaways at VG Cafe and Sage, third year Construction Management major Tyler Pratt won a Fuji Single Speed Cruiser. "It looks pretty sweet," Pratt said as he rang the bell on the handle bar. Esterien Andrade won a Sage brunch for six and Jeremy Wong won an order of six of VG Cafe's new wings.
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emerging from emissions in the late 1980s and that "should be regarded" now.

Otherwise, they said, eastern Europeans will pay disproportionately for the EU's climate change package agreed to last year that calls for slashing greenhouse gas emissions and creating a costly emissions trading program.

Sarkozy, however, said all EU nations "bear their historical responsibility as leaders of Europe to face up to the climate challenge." He said investing in clean energy could spark economic growth.

"We can't delay, we cannot postpone," Sarkozy said.

The recent financial turmoil has triggered fears of a global recession that would make governments less keen to get major polluters such as energy generators, steel makers and cement producers to pay billions into a cap-and-trade emissions scheme.

The EU cap-and-trade program could impose $60 billion a year in polluter fees. Each of the bloc's 27 governments, including those from eastern European countries, and the European Parliament need to approve the plan.

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said.

McCain's allegation that Obama had not leveled with the public involved the Illinois senator's decision to forgo public financing for his campaign in favor of raising his own funds. As a result, he has far outraised McCain, although the difference has been somewhat neutralized by an advantage the Republican National Committee holds over the Democratic Party.

Obama signed a piece of paper earlier in the campaign pledging to accept federal financing. McCain said he added that Obama's campaign has spent more money than any since Watergate, a reference to President Nixon's re-election, a campaign that later became synonymous with scandal. Obama made no immediate response to McCain's assertion about having signed a pledge to accept federal campaign funds.

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We support the need to maintain the Kyoto Protocol. It's an important subject that has to be taken into account when we expect it to be implemented to reduce CO2 emissions," he said.

presidential candidates said Demo­

crat Joseph Biden was qualified to become president although McC­

ain added this qualifier: "in many respects.

McCain passed up a chance to say his own running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, was "unfit to sit in the Oval Office," though he praised her performance as governor and noted her work on behalf of special needs children. The Palins have a son born earlier this year with Down Syndrome.

Obama sidestepped when asked about Palin's qualifications to sit in the Oval Office, though he praised her performance as governor and noted her work on behalf of special needs children. But he quickly turned to the issue of his advantage by noting McCain favors a spending freeze on government programs.

"I do want to just point out that autism, for example, or other special needs will require some additional funding if we're going to get serious in terms of research. . . . And if we have an across-the-board spending freeze, we're not going to be able to do it," he said.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES PHILIPPSBURG, St. Maarten (AP) — The first high-level talks between Rus­ sia and Georgia since their war broke down Wednesday, but in­
ternational sponsors said the ne­gotiations had only hit a proc­
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His car hit a tree during the night and gunfire into the foreign territory on

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Stein declined Wednesday to
declare the state of emergency.

Prosecutor Taco Stein said

Karasin said the delegation
didn't explain at a news confer­
cence after Russia and Georgia since their war started. The two countries have been pursuing a diplomatic snag and will resume next month.

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Facebook founder, Harvard U. alum moves on to new site

Anita B. Hofschneider
HARVARD CAMPUS (HARVARD)

Facebook co-founder and Harvard University alumnus Dustin A. Moskovitz announced earlier this month that he was leaving the social networking Web site to found a new Internet company with fellow Facebook engineer Justin Rosenstein.

The new company will develop "an extensible enterprise productivity suite, along with a high-level open-source software development toolkit," according to a note posted on Rosenstein's Facebook page.

"We hope our products will become to your work life what Facebook.com is to your social life," Rosenstein wrote in the note.

Moskovitz, who founded Facebook in Feb. 2004 with his roommate Mark E. Zuckerberg, acknowledged the networking giant's influence on his new venture.

Although the new business will be separate from Facebook, Moskovitz wrote in a letter to his co-workers that the company will "feel like a natural extension of Facebook's product and philosophy." Facebook will be the default option for identifying users on the new site, and the user interface will be similar to Facebook's to facilitate easy navigation.

In his statement to his co-workers, Moskovitz wrote that his experience at Facebook will stay with him even after he departs.

"Facebook has been my passion and my purpose for the past 5 years," he wrote. "I will always bleed Facebook blue."

Zuckerberg had similarly fond words for his former partner's new venture.

"Dustin has always had Facebook's best interests at heart and will always be someone I turn to for advice," he said.

Facebook founder Dustin A. Moskovitz announced business-guarded Web site.

Moore slacks in new online documentary

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If one word sums up Academy Award winning filmmaker Michael Moore, it has to be "polarizing." With successful documentaries such as "Fahrenheit 9/11" and "Bowling for Columbine" under his belt, the left-wing muckraker does have his fans. Then again, with such reactionary films and books as "Celsius 41.11" and "Michael Moore Is A Big Fat Stupid White Man," more than a few critics certainly have a political bone to pick with the Michigan native.

His latest, "Slacker Uprising," is bound to stir up as much controversy as before, but it may be more from its method of distribution than content.

Unlike the gutsy and unorthodox move, Moore has turned the documentary into a big thank you for his loyal fans, allowing anyone — even Republicans — to download it off of his Web site for free.

Set during the 2004 election season, "Slacker" chronicles Moore's 62-city tour across the American political landscape with hope of achieving one goal — getting Bush out of office.

Bearing the slacker-approved gifts of clean underwear and ramen noodles, the self-described liberal aimed to have the 43rd President of the United States ousted by having every non-voter and young person get out there, register and vote.

Although Moore's strategy obviously didn't go exactly as planned, the Slacker Uprising Tour couldn't be called a complete failure. Even though the tour garnered more controversy than a couple of supposed WMDs, by the end of it more than 16,000 people a night started showing up to hear the filmmaker speak.

Mike" never lets the viewer forget it.

The freewheeling director is constantly flanked by fervent supporters, rabid detractors and the local media. And with each new city and each protesting rally, the process repeats ad nauseam. The problem is the man can't help but soak it all up.

"Slacker" could've very well been an excellent launch pad on a number of important issues, something which would seem almost natural for the table-rouser.

Instead, it quickly degrades into a concerted self-promotion piece, where the only lesson learned is that Michael Moore likes Michael Moore and he's very pleased people in various cities agree with him.

This is not to say the film and its writer-director are completely without merit. Moore's previous documentaries have often played up his tongue-in-cheek style, and "Slacker" does have a few shining moments where this peeks through such as his own version of 2004's swift boat ads. On the other hand, more sensitive types may have issues with typically Moorish comments such as "What would Jesus bomb?"

The old saying "you get what you pay for" has never rung more true than with "Slacker." Love or hate Moore, awards and box-office sales have shown he's capable of creating a compelling film, but "Slacker" completely misses the mark.

It's a shallow movie plagued by wobbly pacing, lackluster editing and poor political timing, where the only thing accomplished is Moore tacking another flick — and a bit more hallucinoid — onto his resume.

For a man claiming to help service the nation, "Slacker" instead only helps to service his own ego. Documentarians need to present issues and facts, not
Although the delicious cheesy breads dipped into spicy tomato-based sauces may imply that Broad Street's newest restaurant is just another pizza place, San Luis Obispo residents hungry for more foreign options should rest assured.

Indian restaurant Shalimar is the newest addition to the growing list of international cuisine to hit San Luis Obispo. The restaurant's name comes from Shalimar Gardens, a Persian garden built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in modern day Pakistan. While San Luis Obispo may not compare to the beauty of that Persian garden, owner Sam Khen wants to ensure that the cuisine does.

Khen describes his food as "authentic Indian cuisine with a Pakistani flavor" which one can smell immediately upon entering; an intoxicating mix of herbs and spices.

Shalimar specializes in tandoori cuisine, which is the practice of cooking meats in a "tandoor," a cylindrical clay oven used traditionally in India. Traditional Indian bread, known as Naan, is also available for your eating pleasure, made in a number of tasty ways including being stuffed with garlic, cheese or chopped onion. Naan can be a delicacy on its own, but dipping it into one of the many spicy sauces used for Indian main dishes make it a heavenly experience.

Fishes are made with a variety of meats such as chicken, shrimp and lamb, and most are served in a sauce that makes for wonderful nang dipping. There is also a large vegetarian portion of the menu, including items such as paneer tikka marala, a homemade cheese cooked in Shalimar's spicy Punjabi sauce.

Among the many dishes offered is chicken tikka marala, a dish that involves marinating chunks of boneless chicken in a spicy red curry sauce. Shalimar offers a number of main courses that range in price from $9 to $12 but a main draw of the business is an all-you-can-eat buffet that features most of the main menu items from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

With a price of $6.95, the buffet aims to target even the most frugal of diners. "If you have one Whopper, it's more than $6.95," Khen said. "Or you can come here and have as much authentic food as you want."

With authentic Indian food comes authentic Indian spice, but Khen stressed that the restaurant will cater to the level of spiciness the customer desired. "We can make it very spicy," Khen added. "But if people want it with no spice, we can do that too."

Khen is new to the restaurant industry with only a month of experience at Shalimar, his first restaurant. But he says that he understands what people want when they come to Shalimar.

In particular, this involves fresh ingredients. "We have a great menu, and when people order it we make it fresh every time," Ken said. "We don't have anything frozen."

If you're an adventurous eater with a taste for spicy and exotic food made fresh, Shalimar just may be the place for you.
As I'm writing this article, I have a throbbing headache, my entire body aches, and I would like nothing more than to have a nice and gentle cuddle with a tender, beautiful, and sweet female vocalist. A Joanna Newsom to lull me to sleep would be nice. I could go for a Mariee Sioux to make me swoon or maybe The Finches would be nice to keep me at home in bed. But instead, I have Laura Larson of Baby Guts and her album "The Kissing Disease" released by Guilt Ridden Pop. I don't feel very comfortable alone with this woman and that's why I love her so.

She couldn't care less that I have a headache because she isn't here to find a man and make him feel good. She is a seriously independent woman, not the kind you'll find on Craigslist's "women seeking men" section under the disingenuous title "Independent woman seeks I 111 man with sense o f humor." Baby Guts, which translates to "infant courage," doesn't only label the idea of a woman with few ideas as cute, it shatters its kneecaps in broad daylight while the rest of the world walks away uncomfortably, pretending not to notice.

Baby Guts' album "The Kissing Disease" is their first full-length release.

"The Kissing Disease," which is the outfit's first full-length release, is a half-hour-long scream session that extends an impressive middle finger to my headache and my wanting a soft-spoken woman to take care of me when I'm sick. She takes back everything I thought was given to me with the track "Fire Truck Vagina" shouting "Live in my house, live by my rules." She isn't some hysterical girl upset because her man doesn't take care of her, she is an angry woman infuriated that a man thinks he understands anything about her and she isn't going to take it. What I want or need doesn't matter anymore, my damage has been done. I've burned all my bridges and it's time for me to stop.

As a whole, the album is more than a two-bit punk band that just blindly punches at things that make them angry or at things they don't understand. She knows and believes in what she's singing and not some dumb parrot regurgitating a stale mantra from her female punk predecessors. She stands out in a world of typically adorable women as the winner of the City Pages best female vocalist. Her backing band, two gentlemen actually, set the tempo with bass, drums, and even screams that at no point overpower or intimidate our young heroine.

This is why I love this band. It features a woman who absolutely rejects my parasitic need for her and offers nothing but a complete disregard for me and my well-being. I just want to numb my pain with her abuse.

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(Morro Street)
For a band called Coldplay copycat only four years ago when its single, "Somewhere Only We Know," hit the airwaves, Keane has come a long way. While the group's latest attempt, "Perfect Symmetry," is still piano-driven, it features bolder vocals and more powerful instrumentals. No one would dare compare the new sound to another British band's arena stylings now.

The first single, "Spinning," takes more of a pop-rock route than the band has ventured onto before, and Britain has had a very positive reaction to the band's new, exciting sound. (It even won best track at the 2008 Q Awards in Britain.) There's a heavy drumbeat behind the horns, a surprisingly raw voice, and some weights-iron lyrics about human nature.

"When we fall in love, we're just falling. In love with ourselves. We're spiralling.

The horns are harmonious paired with the more powerful sound. Just like the love songs were well matched with the gentle piano on 'Hopes and Fears.'

Although "Spinning" takes the band in a different direction, the second single, "The Lovers Are Losing" confirms the band's transformation into more than just a piano rock group. The chorus is synthesized, and although the song is slow, the sound is drastically different from anything fans have heard before, especially because the tempo allows Chaplin to display more vocal depth than he's previously shown.

It seems the band has used its third release to explore and incorporate other genres into an already stellar instrumental and vocal chemistry. "Better Than This" sounds more similar to the Britain-based pop sensation Mika than to Coldplay. Harmonies, clapping and Chaplin's exploration of a higher singing range make the tune both uplifting and catchy, but two elements the band has had trouble blending in the past.

"Pretend That You're Alone" is another one of the band's exploratory ventures that makes seamlessly with its original style. It starts out with a piano-driven melody, and a heavy drumbeat is slowly incorporated. Chaplin's voice comes in with a robust, almost Phil Collins-like chorus. And later on, even more instruments come into the mix, including guitar, tambourine and even a horn section. The use of so many instruments in one song, when Keane normally only uses piano, vocals and drums, is a refreshing switch from the band's one-trick repertoire. The funky lyrics are another foreign element for the band, adding depth to the tune. "We are just the monkeys, who tell out of the trees. We are hangers on the earth. We are not the flowers, we're the strangling weeds."

The middle of the album is a bit of a return to Keane's piano-men mentality. But this is no regression. A clear piano rock is what the group does best. Infusions of other genres are much appreciated, but the boys certainly haven't forgotten how to make a truly epic, beautiful song with very few bells and whistles. "You Don't See IVle" consists of Chaplin's raspy, full-ranged voice, high piano notes, simple lyrics and very little else. Still, it's lovely and one of the band's best-composed ballads yet. The same is true for "Love in the End," a love song reminiscent of those on "Hopes and Fears." It's the last song on the album and leaves listeners with a peaceful, true-to-style ending to a very experimental album.

While Keane's talent lies in the perfect harmony it always manages to create between simple lyrics and instrumentals, it is refreshing to hear the band branch out into other genres, instruments and attention-commanding vocals. It is also quite clear Keane's original simple sound won't get boring anytime soon, as long as the group members continue to grow into their significant talents.
The story of a number reduced to zero

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There is a profound theme in The Bible when Pontius Pilate asks Jesus, “What is truth?” (John 18:38). Today more than ever, this question resonates in American society, and one source of confusion in America is today's political rhetoric. Pilate twisted the life of politics and he was left bewildered. Simply thinking about politics and the modernizing this election season perplexes me.

Arnold Conrad, a former minister, prayed last Saturday, McC’s rally in Iowa, and said that if John McCain does not win the election, non-Christian religious people will be shown that their God is bigger than the Christian God, this assumption springs from the notion that God uses Republicans. Someone who thinks the God of the poor and down-trodens could care less about political parties. John McCain and Sarah Palin spent last week talking about how Barack Obama conso ns with terrorists, and thisappId that he does not trust Obama, because she read that he is an Arab.” He also said Obama’s past behavior is apparently too important for us to vote based on fostered rhetoric. Pilate led a confusion in America, and one source of this hostility in our political discourse.”

The AP article also notes that Lewis' stance was not well received by some. Lewis, a conservative, wrote that “McCain's constant changes of position is like shifting in a heated election season. But I would note, it disheartening that the empty Republican rhetoric is coming from those who are having a hard time finding a job in America, looking for work. However, that is not the topic of this column.

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his push for academic reform in college athletics is working and that the perception that jocks are dumb is just that — a perception. Athletes actually graduate at a far higher percentage than other students. And that’s not all that surprising because they get the kind of academic and financial help that the average student can only dream about.

Give Brand credit for pushing the issue taking over at the NCAA. He’s helped increase admission requirements to keep out the truly dumb jocks, instigated penalties for programs that don’t graduate a certain number of athletes, and forced coaches for the first time to think twice about recruiting athletes who can’t make decent grades.

But while his latest statistics don’t lie, they don’t tell the whole truth about college athletics, either. Oh, as an economics professor once said, “Statistics are like a bikini. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital.”

The new numbers are nice, but look closer and you see that the big money sports that act as institutional magnets for the NBA and NFL continue to lag far behind other sports when it comes to graduating athletes. Football and basketball players who bring in the millions of dollars that fund other sports are far less likely to earn their sheepskin than someone on the gymnastics team.

The racial and gender gaps also remain. While white men’s basketball players who enrolled in 2001 graduated at an 80 percent rate, their black teammates’ rate was 58 percent. And while 86 percent of female athletes overall graduated, only 71 percent of men overall got their degrees.

Then there are the numbers themselves, which are provided to the NCAA by the individual schools. The rates are in most cases higher than what federal graduation rate surveys show, though some of the difference is due to the NCAA counting students who transfer and the feds not doing so.

Still, it’s hard to explain how Alcorn State reported every one of its football players who enrolled in 2001 graduated — the only school to claim a perfect mark — while the federal survey pegged the rate at 48 percent. The school, in fact, reported that every athlete in 10 of 11 sports graduated — and women’s basketball came close at 91 percent. I don’t doubt that colleges and universities are doing more these days to make sure athletes leave with something other than just good memories of the playing field. And it’s clear that progress is being made. But football still graduates only 63.6 percent of players compared to 62 percent seven years ago, and the hefty overall graduation numbers can be linked to the fact that men and women in minor sports enter college highly motivated to succeed in the classroom as well as on the playing field.

And then there are the degrees themselves. Does a football player’s degree in general studies really mean as much as, say, a lacrosse player’s degree in statistics?

Will it help him get a well-paying job if the NFL doesn’t pan out? I guess if we crunched a lot more numbers we could get an answer. Right now though, I’m just looking to get an aspirin.

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press.

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**Cal Poly water ski club competes at national level for third straight year**

**Omar Sanchez**

The National Collegiate Water Ski Championships began today and the Cal Poly water ski team is set to pull off another upset.

During its first competition at the western regional on Oct. 5, Cal Poly had its best showing overall for the Mustangs.

“Cal Poly water ski team is set to pull its best showing overall for the Mustangs at a field of 12 teams from the western United States,” said Waits, who’s been competing for Cal Poly water ski club.

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** Junior Cireg Olsen, secretary of the Cal Poly water ski club, said. “But there is room for improvement.”

The championships begin Friday and the vice versa will conclude the championships. The championships begin with the men’s and women’s slalom competitions. The championships begin with the men’s and women’s slalom competitions.

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that we have to be concerned with." 

Slightly more balanced, Cal Poly features seven players who’ve talked six to 11 points.

"We have a number of guys that can score from the left, from the right, from the middle or up top, so we play a good brand of soccer and you can’t really key on one guy," Holocher said.

Cal Poly opened the season 24th in the CSM poll — the highest pre-season ranking in program history — but found itself ranked after three weekends

Since, though, the Mustangs have blanked four teams and lost only to UC Davis, ranked No. 7 in both the NSCAA/Adidas and Soccer Times polls. Much of that resurgence can be credited to a 6-0 mark at home.

"It’s a pivotal point in our season," Grillo said. "As we go forward, we try to protect it."

"We have a lot of pride playing in front of the fans. It’s great to knock off the previous national champion, UC Santa Barbara, on Oct. 17, 2007."

Vom Steeg said he expects a jump of 20 to 30 places in the rankings this season.

"I think it’s a dead heat," Holocher said. "It’s a pivotal point in our season," Vom Steeg said.

"That rise to national prominence is epitomized by the suddenly revived rivalry on the Central Coast.

"Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo are both perfect soccer towns and communities," Vom Steeg said. "It’s great for college soccer."
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Last year’s crowd

Cal Poly at UC Santa Barbara Nov. 3, 2007 8,102

UC Santa Barbara at Cal Poly Oct. 17, 2007 7,143

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NCAA graduation stats not always what they seem

Tim Dahlberg

There’s a reason I didn’t major in statistics in college. They give me a headache, no matter how hard I try to digest them. But I do have an appreciation for what they can do. Baseball would cease to make sense without them, and they’re always useful whenever there’s a point to be made.

So when the NCAA trotted out its latest graduation rate figures for athletes the other day I did my best to take a close look at them and figure out what they really meant. I immersed in GSRs and APRs, federal rates and things that happened seven years ago. I thought I was making some real progress.

Then my head started to hurt and I gave up on the whole thing.

Folks at the NCAA say more student-athletes are graduating than ever before. Fine, I guess we’ll have to take their word for it.

They’re the ones, after all, who invested a lot of time and effort in compiling the latest statistics that show 79 percent of all student-athletes who entered college in 2001 have gotten their degrees. That was up 1 percentage point over last year’s figures, and an all-time high since they began keeping tabs on such things.

NCAA president Mark Emmert trumpeted the results as proof that we finally get a chance to make our mark. Rollins said, "This was an organization that I wanted to change. We were used to losing. I wanted to see what I could do." Brad Lidge closed it out for the Phillies, who won their lone championship in 1990 by beating Kansas City in six games. They also reached the World Series in 1913, 1915, 1950, 1953 and 1954, when they lost to the Yankees in seven games.

Memphis Grizzlies guard O.J. Mayo, shown Friday, was one of several NBA Draft lottery picks this year who left college after one season.

John Nadel

Los Angeles — Jimmy Rollins gets the Phillies’ rollin’ with a leadoff homer and the right stuff on going. Next stop, the World Series.

Rollins homered in the first inning, Cole Hamels pitched his third gem of the playoffs and Philadelphia beat the bumbling Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 Wednesday night to win the NL championship series 4-1 for its first pennant since 1993.

"These guys are going crazy right now," dugout Ryan Howard said, "I can only imagine how it is in Philadel­phia." The NL East champions — the last team in pro sports history — took advantage of three errors by shortstop Rafael Furcal in the fifth inning and stormed off another home run by Manny Ramirez. Now, the Phillies go for their second World Series title beginning next Wednesday night at Tampa Bay or Boston. The Rays lead the Red Sox 3-1 in the LCS, which resumes Thursday night at Fenway Park.

"After hearing about the ’93 team over and over and over again," the Philadelphia Phillies’ Brad Lidge, right, celebrates with teammates Wednesday night in Los Angeles after advancing to the World Series.

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