**Engineering: women still minority in all departments**

Omar Sanchez  
*MUSTANG DAILY*

It's no secret that few women study engineering at Cal Poly. The most recent statistics released by the school showed that women make up only 15 percent of engineering majors.

The National Science Foundation's Advance program recently awarded four Cal Poly professors nearly $200,000 to study the experiences of female faculty in fields including engineering.

Nigun Sungar, professor for the College of Science and Mathematics; The team includes Mary A Armstrong and Jutta Iwansovic, both professors in the College of Liberal Arts; and Daniel Walsh, a faculty member in the College of Engineering.

Sungar said that the number of women graduating with degrees in engineering is higher than the number of female engineers teaching at higher institutions of learning.

"Something we're possibly trying to identify are barriers that prevent women from getting jobs or retaining teaching positions relating to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields at Cal Poly," Sungar said.

That study is currently in the planning stages and little is presently known why there is a shortage of women engineers teaching at Cal Poly.

Sungar and the team want to avoid making assumptions. "We're trying to enter this with an open mind," she said.

Workman thinks that perhaps some women are uninterested in studying engineering and suggested that an increased focus on math courses targeted towards young women could possibly change this.

"It's shown that students lose interest in math and science in the fourth or fifth grade level," Telford said.

Telford, a member of the Society of Women Engineers, said the club exists to expose young women to female role models. She thinks having female professors is unnecessary as long as professors are supportive of women in engineering.

Another trend some SWE members noted is the high number of female biomedical engineering majors compared to women in other engineering concentrations.

Telford credits her concentration in biomedical engineering to her interest in both biology and engineering.

Mechanical engineering senior and SWE member Brian Hill thinks gender stereotyping is a possible factor in a women's decision to study biomedical engineering instead of other areas, such as mechanical engineering.

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"Going green." It's the new catchphrase thrown around by people these days to symbolize their newfound care for the environment.

For Brandon Borene, going green is a lifestyle choice that means more than just recycling old plastic bottles. He is taking it a step further by bringing his vision of the future of restaurants into San Luis Obispo.

Borene and his wife Susan will open Pizza Fusion, an environmentally-friendly eatery, next to Trader Joe's on Higuera Street. The upscale pizza place may be a little different than what you might expect from a typical pizzeria.

"When I discovered (the Pizza Fusion franchise) I just knew it was a perfect fit because it fit our healthy lifestyle, it fit what we're about as people, and I also knew it was a perfect fit for the community of San Luis Obispo," Borene said.

After having twins in 2004 the Borene's discovered organic food during their search to live a healthier lifestyle for their young family. But after a while the menu began to wear thin.

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County when its doors officially open for business in mid-November.

"Organic food is a green practice in itself, Cal Poly knows this," Borene said, citing the Cal Poly Organic Farm. "A lot of people know that organic food is healthy for your body, but a lot of people don't relate the fact that it actually goes back to the earth. It's keeping the chemicals out just out of your body, but out of the earth."

Not only will the food be organic, but Pizza Fusion will also be built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification standards, though Borene stressed that the building will not actually be certified due to budget constraints. However, it will contain every detail in conjunction with certification standards.

Everything inside the building will be made from recycled material. Counterops will be made of recycled amber-colored beer bottles, the paint on the wall will be zero VOC paint and the stain on the floor will be a soy-based stain.

Rubberized coating in the kitchen will be made of recycled tires while wall insulation will be made of recycled denim from blue jeans.

Dual-flush toilets and a low-heat dishwasher will be used in an effort to conserve water. All cabinetry will be made from wood which has zero added formaldehyde and environmentally-safe glue in the plywood.

All of those things are required by LEED certification standards, but Borene is going beyond those requirements.

"We use chemical free cleaners in the restaurant; an environmentally-friendly practice, but it doesn't have anything to do with the LEED certification standards, it has to do with who we are as a company," Borene said.

Employers will also wear organic cotton uniforms and all delivery orders will be delivered from one of the company's two Toyota Prius hybrid vehicles.

While this may strike the appetite of environmentally conscious eaters, customers concerned more about about the flavor of the food than the recycled counterops they will eat on won't be disappointed, Borene says.

All of the pizza toppings will be organic, including meat and there will be many specialty pies to choose from along with the traditional option of building a pizza.

Pizza Fusion will also offer salad and sandwiches along with an organic beer and wine bar and organic sodas.

The restaurant will be full service inside.

Borene said:

Salads will be served on chilled plates and gluten-free buns will serve on a warm plate drizzled in chocolate sauce for dessert will be offered.

Borene plans to give back to the community by hosting a free children's program every three weeks. They will learn about "organics and giving back to the earth" and be able to make their own free pizza.

Borene is excited to see his dream of organic food come to fruition in San Luis Obispo.

"There's nobody that's offering a concept such as this," Borene said. "And if there were, I wouldn't be doing it."  Borene senior Chris King thinks the idea will succeed though he acknowledged that the idea is new to San Luis Obispo and in a market flooded with other pizza options, it will have to carve out its own niche.

"It's ahead of its time anyway. I would be shocked if it didn't succeed in some way (but) They can't just go with the organic kick because eventually that luster is going to wear off."

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engrading. The content is probably more geared to what they're used to," he said. "Whereas mechanical engineering is more like a 'cold' major; there isn't really a human factor when we design things like a gear box."

However, a 2007 estimate of employed engineers in the U.S. released by the U.S. Department of Labor said that women are employed in mostly civil, mechanical and industrial engineering fields. The latest survey data released by the Engineering Workforce Connection showed that although the number of female enrollment in engineering majors has increased, the percentage compared to males has slightly decreased. Hill considers himself lucky for having an average of one to two women in his mechanical engineering classes.

"I've heard of classes where it's just guys," Hill said. "When you have one or two women, and max out at four in classes of 20 or 30 students, the percentage is really low."

He speculated that women don't aspire to teach for reasons similar to why men don't desire for a higher income or desire to put their education to work in a commercial field.

Software engineering junior Alyssa Dow said she would like to teach one day, but only after years working in the industry. She credits some of her professors for this new ambition.

"Before I did not see teaching as an option, but after speaking with some professors, it now would like to take some classes on teaching," she said.

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needs U.S. military and political support as it builds its security forces and governmental institutions.

Opposition, however, is divided, with different parties objecting to different parts of the agreement, which could make it difficult to win broad support for the entire document before the end of June.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and his ministers reviewed details of the draft, which committed Iraq to significant military and financial changes. Others in the 34-member Cabinet raised various objections to the draft.

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dated Sunday, al-Maliki's ruling coalition of Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds to sign off on the draft before he sends it to parliament.

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The agreement calls for U.S. troops to leave Iraqi cities by the end of June and withdraw from the country by Dec. 31, 2011, unless the government asks them to stay.

But much of the resistance has come from al-Maliki's fellow Shiites, who profited the most from the 2003 U.S. invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein's Sunni-dominated regime.

On Sunday, al-Maliki's ruling Shiite alliance expressed reservations about the agreement and called for unspecified changes to present to the Americans.

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Evelyn Nieves
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Alaska funded Palin kids' travel

Brett J. Blackledge, Adam Goldman and Matt Apuzzo

Gov. Sarah Palin charged the state for her children to travel with her, including to events where they were not invited, and later amended expense reports to specify that they were on official business.

The changes included costs for hotel and commercial flights for three daughters to join Palin to watch their father in a snowmobile race, and a trip to New York, where the governor attended a five-hour conference and stayed with 17-year-old Bristol for five days and four nights in a luxury hotel.

In all, Palin has charged the state $21,012 for her three daughters' one-way and 12 round-trip commercial flights since she took office in December 2006. In some other cases, she has charged the state for hotel rooms for the girls.

Alaska law does not specifically address expenses for a governor's children. The law allows for payment of expenses for anyone conducting official state business.

As governor, Palin justified having the state pay for the travel of her daughters — Bristol, Willow, 14; and Piper, 7 — by noting on travel forms that the girls had been invited to attend or participate in events on the governor's schedule.

But some organizers of these events said they were surprised when the Palin children showed up uninvited, or said they agreed to a request by Palin's leadership conference. Plane tickets from Anchorage to La Guardia Airport for $1,385.11 were billed to the state, records show, and mother and daughter shared a room for four nights at the $767.29-per-night Essex House hotel, which overlooks Central Park.

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"She said any event she can take her kids to is an event she tries to attend," said Jennifer McCarthy, who helped organize the June 2007 Family Day Celebration picnic in Kenikan that Piper attended with her parents.

State Finance Director Kim Garnero told The Associated Press she has not reviewed the Palin's travel expense forms, so she could not say whether the daughters' travel with their mother would meet the definition of official business.

On Aug. 6, three weeks before Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain chose Palin his running mate, and after Alaska reporters asked for the records, Palin ordered changes to previously filed expense reports for her daughters' travel.

In the amended reports, Palin added phrases such as "First Family attending" and "First Family invited" to explain the girls' attendance.

"The governor said, 'I want the purpose and the reason for this travel to be clear,"' said Linda Purcell, state director of administrative services.

When Palin released her family's tax records in January, she added phrases to explain the girls' attendance.

"The Palins' travel expense forms, so she could not say the children's state travel reimbursements as income.

The Palins released a review by a Washington attorney who said state law allows the children's travel expenses to be reimbursed and not taxed when they conduct official state business.

Taylor Griffin, a McCain-Palin campaign spokesman, said Palin followed state policy allowing governors to charge for their children's travel. He said the governor's office has invitations requesting the family to attend some events, but he said he did not have it to provide.

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Todd Palin, husband of Republican vice president candidate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, right, holds their daughter Piper, as the Gov. Palin talks, left, before the start of the Iron Dog snowmachine race in Big Lake, Alaska. Palin charged the state for her children to travel with her, including to events where they were not invited, and later amended expense reports that justified their presence as official business.
**UNR professor murder trial turns to will dispute**

Scott Sommer  
WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

The most accused of killing a university professor in Reno last year told police he did not stab her but arranged the murder-tor-liire at the request of her husband because of a dispute over their will.

"I didn’t do it. I arranged it," Mohamed Kamaludeen told police detectives in a January 2008 videotaped interview played on Tuesday for jurors in Washoe County District Court.

Kamaludeen, the only one charged in the case, is accused of murder with a deadly weapon of a person over the age of 60, and solicitation to commit murder in the killing of Judy Calder, 64, an associate professor at the University of Nevada, Reno.

It convicted, he faces up to life in prison without parole. His public defenders rested their case Tuesday afternoon without calling any witnesses and both sides were scheduled to give their closing arguments Wednesday morning with jury decision expected Tuesday.

**State Briefs**

**Sacramento (AP)**  
Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will call legislators back to Sacramento to address California’s worsening economic and budget crisis that is expected to total $3 billion.

Spokesman Aaron McCain said Tuesday that the governor believes the budget crisis is so severe that a special session must be called before the new Legislature is sworn in Dec. 1.

There also is a political calculation for the governor. Lawmakers whose term expire this year might be more willing to vote for a temporary tax increase or other unpopular ways to bring in extra revenue.

First, finance officials need to figure out exactly how short of cash California will be. The state treasurer’s office put the figure at $3 billion for the remainder of this fiscal year, but the state is expecting updated financial numbers in the next few weeks.

**Castaic (AP)**  
An overturned tractor-trailer on Interstate 5 is bringing traffic to a stop about 65 miles north of Los Angeles.

California Highway Patrol officer Patrick Kimball says three of four lanes on I-5 southbound were closed Tuesday in northern Los Angeles County.

The truck turned over Tuesday morning about 5:50 a.m. The truck was carrying rolls of paper, and some diesel fuel spilled.

Kimball says the lanes are expected to be closed into the afternoon.

**Los Angeles (AP)**  
A Los Angeles jury has ordered Boeing Co. to pay $370 million over a contract dispute with a communications company headed by cellular phone pioneer Craig McCaw.

The Superior Court jury reached its decision Tuesday in favor of ICO Global Communications Holdings Ltd., which accused Boeing of breaching a contract to produce satellites. The trial lasted four months and included weeks of deliberations.

Virginia-based ICO sued Boeing for around $1.5 billion in actual damages. The lawsuit stems from a decade-old plan to launch satellites that would transmit mobile service.

**Los Angeles (AP)**  
Los Angeles City councilman Tony Cardenas has halted construction of a new elephant habitat at the city zoo and use the money to build a city-run sanctuary for pachyderms.

Cardenas claims the new 3/4-acre "Pachyderm Forest" will be too small to keep elephants happy and healthy.

Los Angeles Zoo officials say they intend to complete the project.
Utah geologists discover 'dinosaur dance floor'

Mike Stark
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Geologists say they have discovered prehistoric animal tracks so densely packed on a 3-acre site that they're calling it a "dinosaur dance floor." The site along the Arizona-Utah state line offers a rich new set of clues about the lives of dinosaurs 190 million years ago. Back then, large stretches of the West were a Sahara-like desert, but fossils of footprints were found in what would have been a watery cave needed among towering, wind-whipped sand dunes.

The footprint clues provide fodder for researchers trying to understand dinosaurs that survived in what many considered a "sust, dry, inhospitable desert," said Maryann Chown, a paleontologist at the Natural History Museum of Utah and one of the authors of a new study of the site.

"Maybe it really wasn't as lifeless as we think," Chown said Monday. The discovery adds yet another site to the region's long list of dinosaur hot spots. The difference, though, is sheer numbers. Scientists estimate there are more than 1,000 tracks at the site, which is in a protected area of Vermillion Cliffs National Monument.

The tracks are on a dressden footprint in a square yard. "It was a place that attracted a crowd kind of like a dance floor," Chown said.

Researchers identified four different kinds of tracks in the rock but haven't determined the specific species that left them behind.

Some of the footprints — once thought to be potholes formed by erosion — measure 10 inches across and have three toes and a heel. Others are smaller and more circular.

The area also includes what researchers think are rare tall digging marks.

Geologist Winston Seiler poses next to a footprint. Geologists Winston Seiler poses next to a footprint.

Winston Seiler, who studied the site for a master's thesis, said the area might have been a popular gathering spot for adults and younger kids.

It could have been one of many places where Early Jurassic dinosaurs stopped to refresh themselves before moving along.

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libertations likely to begin by afternoon.

Kamaluideshow original denied any knowl­
edge that Judy Calder's disappearance was questioned by police in the days after the murder at his printing business warehouse in Reno on Aug. 19, 2007. He eventually fled to Mexico.

But after he was jailed in Mexico City and extradited back to Nevada to face the murder charge, he told detectives that Calder's husband, James Calder, used him as the go-between to lure Carlos Florescano to kill Judy Calder for $50,000.

Judy Calder has denied the claim.

Police issued a warrant for Kamaluideshow's arrest last fall after Florescano told them while he was jailed on an unrelated charge that he saw Kamaluideshow, also known as Rickie Barge, stalk Judy Calder to death.

Kamaluideshow maintains it was Florescano who stabbed her. He told police Jim Calder wanted her dead because of a dispute over the couple's will. He said Jim Kamaluideshow wanted to write the will to include their daughter, Kim, as a beneficiary but that Judy Calder refused. He said Judy Calder wanted to name her sister as the beneficiary because Kim Calder "wasn't stable."

Kamaluideshow said he and Calder had planned after Judy Calder's death to find a lawyer who would set up a new will and post date it to make it appear it had been drafted a year earlier. "I am guilty for my part," Kamaluideshow told police, "I was the one who arranged everything and Jim paid." Kamaluideshow said when Judy Calder went missing and before her body was found in northeast Nevada on Aug. 28, 2007, Kamaluideshow also told police in January that he had played the same role of go-between in August 2006 when Judy Calder was attacked at the Calder's home in Incline Village in a case that remains unsolved. In that case, Kamaluideshow claimed in a sworn statement — Ray Pat­
terson — at Calder's request to try to kill her for $25,000.

"It was premeditated. It started in August 2006," he said.

Patterson denied any involvement.

Kamaluideshow said the original plan in the more recent attack was for Jim Calder to dump the body near Lake Tahoe in an "area where bikes and nobody could find it."

But when Calder didn't show up at the bar the next day, he said Jim Calder offered Flor­
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Movie night to raise funds for Wheelchair Foundation

The Wheelchair Foundation in Cusco, Peru on Distribution Day (above). Organization member Josh Burroughs during Distribution Day (above right). Professor Lynn Metcalf, with recipient in Lima, Peru (far right).

Cal Poly's student chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation hopes to raise at least $90,000 at a movie night fundraiser tonight at the Fremont Theatre. The foundation, which will be selling $5 tickets to a showing of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," will generate money to help send wheelchairs and provide cataract surgeries for needy residents of Oaxaca, Mexico.

"The whole mission is to give the gift of mobility and by doing that, you're giving someone a chance to get back into society and live their life again because they won't be dependent on their family and friends anymore," said business junior Helya Naghibi, project manager for the foundation. "We forget when we live in San Luis Obispo how easy it is to take everything for granted so I want to be able to give the gift that I have to somebody else."

The foundation, which began eight years ago, is a non-profit that keeps an eye on different needy regions of the world. Every year, the Cal Poly chapter chooses a location and spends all year raising money for it. If students who are able to, they'll travel the area during the summer to hand-deliver the wheelchairs.

Journalism senior Tyler Brewer works in media relations for the foundation for his senior project. He said going to Oaxaca and seeing the faces of the people in need would be an amazing hands-on adventure.

"It just looks like a phenomenal experience just to be able to give a person who can't walk or can't get around on a daily basis a vehicle to get around," he said. "When I was looking for a senior project, I was looking for something with a little more substance and instead of writing a boring old paper, I was super ecstatic at the idea of actually helping people. I'd never really been in a cause like this where you solely dedicate yourself to a cause so for me it was just exciting to have a chance to give to people in need."

Last year the foundation raised $90,000 and brought 100 wheelchairs to Malawi and 260 to Peru. They hope to reach the $150,000 mark by the end of this year, enough to send two containers full of wheelchairs along with the cataract surgeries. Their next fundraiser will be an art show on Nov. 6 and will feature photographs from last year's visit to Peru.

Tonight's event is expected to bring between 300 and 400 people, according to Brewer. It starts at 7:30 and those who come in a Halloween costume will automatically be entered in a raffle to win an iPod.
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The handy-dandy score kit

Everyone needs one. For those playing the game, it would actually increase the possibility of scoring. I'm not talking about an amazing jump shot or a gorgeous golf swing, or a 90 million foot vertical. What I'm referring to is something I would like to call a Handy Handy Score Kit. In layman's terms, it is a box, basket, or collection of things that could not only increase pleasure during an experience but create a much more romantic evening.

Personally, I tend to be a fan of romance. In fact, Romance and I are on a first-name basis. Friends would tell you that I am the largest sap in the entire world and never pass up a moment to say, "Aww," when the opportunity presents itself.

This kit that I present to you is a list of items that a special group of people, along with myself, deemed worthy enough to share. If you use the items correctly, there is no way your partner, however tough or cool he or she acts, could pass up the "aww" moment. It is a demonstration of your romantic side as well as your capability to plan something out more than your weekly date with "The Office" on Thursdays. Prepare yourselves, as I will be handing you the keys to the perfect evening. Just don't forget the "Do Not Disturb" sign for the door.

The Location (a.k.a. the Bed)

This is quite possibly the most important item in the kit. During your evening of romance, I'm pretty sure your partner doesn't want to engage in physical activity on bed sheets that haven't been washed in months. It stains. are visible. I suggest either changing them or at least washing them. Pretty much, the cleaner and more comfortable the bed looks, the more likely your partner will be comfortable. This goes for the rest of the room as well; even if your room is clean, five months worth of laundry as the corner is not going to do much for libidos.

The Drink

To be used as a prelude to the sensual excitement of the evening, a glass of wine, champagne can be used as a first step in the right direction. Did you hear me right? I said "a" glass, not an entire bottle. A glass can loosen you see Score Kit, page 10

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Veranda Cafe is Baja
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and improved recipes. All three res-
taurants feature flat screen TVs in the
dining rooms. 19 Metro Station and
BackStage Pizza also have flat screen
tablets. To add a new
and modern look.

There are big changes at The
avenue, too. While The Avenue still
features some all-time favorites such as
Cinnaholic, Tapango’s, and City Deli,
new additions include Green Street
(formerly City Subs), Fusion Bowl
(formerly Red Dragon Wok) and Sydler’s
(formerly Nathan’s). Even the coffee
has changed to Sea-
ttle’s Best, making it the 4th brand of
coffee served on campus.

During the first
week of fall quarter, students toured the
campus to take in the new chang-
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the ‘What’s New Tour.’ Candido
Ramirez won an iPod in the drawing at
Surf and BackStage Pizza.

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and doesn’t distract from what you’re
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The Protection

You should know me well enough
to know the importance that I
place on safe sex. Having a stash in
your room of condoms, latex dental
dams and lubricant can ease your
partner’s mind away from risks and
toward fun. As a side note, even if you
aren’t currently sexually active, having a stash of condoms is always a
good idea. They last for at least two years and if you don’t need them,
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Neither major party is pro-choice in the true sense

University is the place where most of us first taste true freedom. Freedom from curfew, from deceit home-cooked meals, from your name is. Yet, in the midst of all this novel independence there are typically two chains of dependence that stubbornly remain unbroken. The first is obvious: monetary support. The second is a bit less obvious, but, I hazard, just as prevalent. You guessed it. It’s the binding tie of political affiliation. Many, though I concede not all, unquestioningly orient themselves to their parents’ voting habits. Now, perhaps this is all well and good. If students blindly trust that their political identity is best decided on the basis of adults whom they trust, who am I to judge? But I sense a problem here, as I’m sure you do. Suppose one’s parents were similarly unparticular about their party loyalty, and their parents before them, and so on as far back as the days of the good ship Mayflower. Such generational folly makes for a boring arm of unthinking masses doesn’t it? A single independent-thinking individual would be a rarity. I’m sure you agree that such a tradition of party orientation hardly cultivates the thoughtful and independent citizenry that a democratic nation like ours requires to survive.

Our political views, along with our party affiliation, can profit from occasional, thoughtful adjustments. Politics is not static. The ability to consider and weigh the available evidence and arrive at one’s own conclusions is, after all, the hallmark of independent thought. We certainly have no claim to true independence until we achieve independence in political thought: free from manipulations by parents or peers.

With the nearness of the presidential election on everyone’s minds, I suggest we reexamine the parties and our affiliations carefully. Let’s begin with the Democratic Party and its celebrated claim to being “pro-choice.” Is this label deserved? The Party claims allegiance to women’s abortion rights and people’s right to marry regardless of sexual orientation. But, these two pillars hardly justify the sweeping mischaracterization of “pro-choice.” Indeed, the label is hardly deserved. Consider the Democratic Party’s prevailing rhetoric on wages and rent. Wages should be high and rent should be low is the basic reduction. Obviously, such a platform has wide acclaim among gleeful college students. And who can deny the underlying sentiment, which basically states that everyone should have access to endless wealth and comfort be free? Does the “D” stand for “dull” perhaps? But such a stoopid scheme necessarily imposes accompanying restrictions. Consider that minimum wage laws deny a worker the right to choose what level of compensation he will work for, or this denial of choice “pro-choice”! What about restricting the landlord’s right to charge whatever amount of rent he deems appropriate and reasonably profitable? Who has the right to impose their perfectly arbitrary concepts of “living wage” (whatever that is) or “affordable rent”? I’m sure we can trust the nice and well-meaning people of the Democratic Party to make such judgments. I’m sure we needn’t be mindful of the economic and logical catastrophes that follow.

What about the Republican Party? In platform these days hardly brags about being “pro-choice,” but the same critique applies. Take just one blatant example, that of the restriction of gay rights. Such an imposition of values follows the same reasoning as the Democratic’s restrictions on rent and wages. Each party supposes that they have a prettier picture of society to paint, to hell with the individual, to hell with those outside the party.

In a cruel and twisted sense, both parties are equally “pro-choice.” That is, both parties wish to choose, or, I should say, dictate, how the rest of us ought to live our lives according to their proposed vision. I suggest we have an alternative to being tiny tyrants, trusting our combined might to force upon our fellow citizens the schemes of our party. The Libertarian Party distinguishes itself in its belief that individuals themselves, not bureaucrats, have the right to choose how they live their own lives. If we are truly “pro-choice,” vote for Liberty! Or forsake the false label, neither accurate nor deserved.

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The painfully long process of U.S. presidential electioneering

As we make painfully slow progress towards a final outcome in the American presidential elections, let us pose some rhetorical questions for introspective reflection.

Does our unique American electoral process have to be the way it is now?

Should we consider reform of our electoral protocols to devise a more streamlined process with a much shorter time cycle and reduced campaign expenditure?

Would the streamlined process used by most democratic nations around the world work well for us too?

Our current system does eventually elect a president but does it really select the best leader? Other leaders from around the world very effectively make their pick with a much shorter election period. It is also notable that other democratic countries seem to transition their national leaders without the massive campaign expenditures accrued by our presidential aspirant during the year-long primary then followed by an equally slow xxtional campaign.

Consider the ironic outcome of our long and arduous 2006 and 2008 elections. They eventually gave us a singularly ineffective president: George W. Bush. His performance grade is now a D+ or C- if we interpret opinion polling results and opinions from expert analysts. (I admit that this does contradict the automatic “A” grade that Rush Limbaugh, Bill O’Reilly and their auto-pilot followers would grant to their esteemed Dubbya.)

So what then are the possible options available to us, if we do want to explore the proposition that perhaps of other nations’ parliamentary systems merits intellectual consideration?

If we examine the electoral process in countries like Great Britain, Canada and Australia, we find the following attributes, where some elements may be appealing:

The prime minister (with power and roles similar to an American president) is elected on the basis of being the leader of the party with the clear majority of elected members of parliament. If the prime minister’s performance declines, the party can replace him or her during the term of office, by invoking a motion of no-confidence or voluntary resignation.

In these nations, elections are held during a campaign cycle of about two months with intense campaigning on the basis of a “published manifesto” deployment of moderate (but adequate) campaign funds, thus avoiding the apparent American voter fatigue.

The prime minister and his entire cabinet remain continuously accountable to the electorate; intrusive questions can be posed by any of the elected representatives on designated days every week when parliament is in session. During a prime minister’s question time, with immediate answers required from the PM or members of the cabinet.

Let us recall the events of the past two years of the American election season as we consider how we could reform this process.

Consider the millions and millions of dollars (contributed by a plurality of the electorate and lobbyists) that have arguably been wasted during the primaries to finally come up with two major-party nominated candidates (and the irrelevant also-ran third party dudes). Was that hubbub really worth it in terms of bang-for-the-buck?

Consider too the hours and hours spent by so many people in the nation attending rallies and reading and watching the constant media coverage. After all that, have we truly picked the crème-de-la-crème, in terms of talent and capability? If your answer is YES, can you truly justify that stance in absolute terms?

The purpose of this introspective soliloquy is not to denigrate our system or to question the wisdom of America’s founding fathers. Rather, it is to pose a question on the efficacy of our current system. Perhaps there is scope for improvement, without weakening the system’s integrity or the robustness of our sound democracy. In case anyone misconstrues my observations as “heresy,” I pre-empt any such misunderstanding by stating that I am a patriotic American and I am sincerely proud of my adopted nation. I admire our democracy and it continues to be the envy of many around the world. With that caveat, I leave you with my questions as food for thought at a time of electioneering induced voter fatigue.

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what could be gained in the long term.

“No doubt it’s young, but we have a really athletic backend with a lot of capability for the future,” Bronan-Francisco said. “They played great defense for so long. We’ll learn from those mistakes.”

The Mustangs (8-4-2, 3-2 West Conference) will need to quickly against the Antelopes (8-4-1, 1-2-1, 2-0-1), who’ve held their opponents to fewer than 10 shots per game and ranked 20th in the College Soccer News poll.

“They’re very organized defensively,” Holocher said. UC Irvine is led by senior midfielder Matt Murphy and sophomore forward Spencer Thompson.

Murphy, who Holocher described as having a C’SN preseason All-American Third Team selection and being a team-boss 18 points, while Thompson isn’t far behind, at 15.

There’s no problem shooting from 35 feet out so we’re going to have to be very alert,” Irianagi-Ueda said. “And Thompson is going to do great things.”

Defensively, Holocher said, the Mustangs could stand to benefit from being more judicious and patient.

“We could definitely be a little bit sharper in the final third of the field,” he said. “Closer to the goal, we need to have a bit more composed touch to try to produce some more quality chances.”

The postseason atmosphere of the UCSB loss only figures to intensify as Big West teams vie for the conference’s top four spots and places in the inaugural conference tournament. Its winner gains an automatic bid to the playoffs.

Being able to apply the lessons learned from the UCSB defeat sooner than a week after it happened could be key in finding the momentum that led to those shutdown wins over the Mustangs’ previous four matches, Bronan-Francisco said.

“We’re going to hit the trainings getting ready immediately,” he said. “The big thing is just going to be getting back on the pitch and making things happen.”

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Singletary continued from page 16 and singletary for the announcement. He’s pretty much the most significant date of his rise in the club’s power structure.

“Joey can do the Sox lack passion and intensity.”

We have talent. There’s no doubt we have talent,” he said. “We’ve got Pro Bowlers on all three phases of the ball. What we’re lacking right now is an old head, a player instinct, that finishing ability.

“We’re not getting outplayed,” Work added. “I think we are getting out-intensified. I don’t think that’s a word, but I’m going to use it anyway. That’s what we need, and that’s what Mike Singletary is going to bring. I think you feel it, I assume you feel it. You feel his presence when he’s up here speaking. That’s what he brings to the organization. That’s what he’s going to bring out of the players.”

That intensity is what elevated Singletary from offensive coordinator Mike Martz, who took the Rams to the Super Bowl during his tenure as their head coach. While Martz, San Francisco’s offensive coordinator in six seasons, is busy each week with the 49ers’ game plan, Singletary can more easily assume the head coach’s supervisory role while concentrating on the 49ers’ defense.

That’s an area Singletary knows intimately. After his final NFL season in 1992, Singletary dabbled as a motivational speaker and an author while raising seven children through his wife, Kim. After he caught the coaching bug a decade later, he landed a job on Brian Billick’s staff at Baltimore’s long-forgotten, and the two quickly became friends.

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The national broadcast by Fox Soccer Channel pushed the match’s start back an hour further into the night. The Alex G. Spanos Stadium sellout crowd of 11,075 was the third-largest regular-season audience in college men’s soccer history. Soon after the outcome, celebratory flares were set off in the stands.

But Friday night’s epic wasn’t a championship game, nor even a postseason one. It was merely another meeting between Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara. This year’s version was a 1-0, 101st-minute Mustang loss that came on the one-year anniversary of their first win over the Central Coast rival in 13 tries.

They finished 2-3-3 the rest of the year, beginning at 7 tonight when they host UC Irvine.

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Singletary became the 49ers’ interim head coach Tuesday, replacing his coaching mentor with a vow to build on the foundation he built with Nolan — even if he only gets nine games to do it.

“Right now, the guys realize that we do have something here,” Singletary said. “In what degree, I don’t know; but we do have something special here. It’s a matter of stepping in and being able to bring it together, and that’s something I’ve done all my life.”

After the club fired Nolan seven games into his fourth season, Singletary had missed feelings Monday night when general manager Scott McCloughan asked him to take charge. Although Singletary has interviewed for four top jobs in the NFL and another at BayCarol, his alma mater, the thought of replacing Nolan left him uneasy until he spoke to the man who had just been dismissed.

“I looked at (Nolan) and he looked at me, and before I said a word, he said, ‘I want you to take this job.’ Singletary recalled. “I know that you have the heart of the players at hand, and I know they’re important to you. ... If you do not take the job, I will be very disappointed in you as my friend.’”

Singletary’s appointment gives the NFL seven black head coaches, matching the most in league history. He is the third coach to take over a club during the current season, joining St. Louis’ Jim Haslett and Oakland’s Tom Cable.

Singletary had been Nolan’s assistant head coach since 2005 with the 49ers (2-5), who went 18-37 in Nolan’s tenure and lost their fourth straight game last Sunday to the New York Giants. McCloughan said he approached owners John and Jed York “a couple of weeks ago” with a plan to fire Nolan, who hired him in 2005 when the club gave control of all football operations to a career assistant coach with no background

in personnel.

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