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Student loans harder to come by in uncertain economy

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With the American economy seemingly on the verge of collapse, many students are becoming leery of the unstable job market that awaits them after graduation. But there is a more immediate effect that is worrying others.

Increasing economic troubles are causing students nationwide to borrow more money than ever before. Many private lenders have gone out of business thanks to the high demand and a poor job market that prevents some students from repaying their loans.

"Last year (Cal Poly students) borrowed through 76 different lenders," Cal Poly's Director of Financial Aid Lois Kelly said. "Nineteen of those lenders are now declining to make any student loans. That is a substantial number of lenders no longer in the market."

Kelly stressed that those 19 lenders only made up about 3 million of the school's $55 million in loan money over the last fiscal year but noted that there are still several lenders checking their options.

"We still have a lot of vendors who are weathering financial issues, trying to make appropriate decisions that will allow them to continue," Kelly said.

Many students have had to deal with finding a new lender, a task Kelly said is difficult to manage.

"I see the challenge for students right now is finding a lender who can be there for them for the first time in his academic career," Cal Poly's director of student loans and aid, Kelly said.

Media debate questions press politics

Alisha Axsom
MUSTANG DAILY

The influence of the media on voting was debated Tuesday night as the upcoming presidential election drove the conversation.

About 30 people gathered in Chur- rash Auditorium to hear Cliff Kincaid and Norman Solomon debate the topic, "Does the media sway votes?"

Kincaid is the editor of the conserva­tive watchdog organization Accuracy in the Media (AIM) and Norman Solomon is the founder and executive director of the Institute for Public Accuracy, a national association of policy researchers and analysts.

Kincaid and Solomon each had 20 minutes for their opening statements and 10 minutes for rebuttal.

"Psychology freshman Kelli Hoffert said she attended the debate because she didn't have homework and wanted more information."

"I think the media does sway votes, but it's interesting to see other people's points of view," Hoffert said.

Kincaid opened his remarks by saying The New York Times and all other newspapers are biased. He mentioned how he and others at AIM call The Washington Post, "The Washington Compost." Kincaid said "didn't hide that fact" that he is a conservative, but said that based on his experience, there are few conservatives in journalism. He called the media too liberal and supportive of Sen. Barack Obama.

"The top story is the major media are in love with Barack Obama," Kincaid said. "I've never seen more one-sided cov-

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Poly still waiting for finalized JUC deal

Camas Frank
MUSTANG DAILY

More than three months after sending a signed five-year contract to develop a new engineering program at Saudi Arabia's Jubail University College (JUC), Cal Poly still doesn't know the document's fate.

The deal, worth $5.9 million, was controversial due to the Saudi government's discrimination against women, Jews and homosexuals. Some worried that this would lead to discrimination against Cal Poly participants in the program.

However, Cal Poly signed and sent final draft after Cal Poly's negotiators felt the criticisms were addressed.

As the Mustang Daily reported on July 31, a response was expected in the weeks following contract's delivery on July 10.

But the response was received two months later - a vague e-mail from Saudi Arabia's Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, which oversees the JUC. The e-mail said the deal ran into unforeseen circumstances resulting from the Saudi procurement law, we have to resolve a few legal issues. The Royal Commission shall work diligently in solving this matter so that an association can be legally enacted accordingly."

Procurement refers to the purchase of Cal Poly's services and expertise in establishing an engineering program. Some in the College of

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the rest of their years as a student,” Kelly added.

One bank that still lends to students is Wells Fargo, though it is in trouble as a result of
both the influx of new applicants and its decade high-
volume of prior borrowers.

“We are active in serving the need for Federal stu-
dent loans,” said Wells Fargo spokeswoman Julie Campbell. “However, because of new laws for federal student lend-
ing and because other lenders have left the business or reduced their support for it, we have taken steps to ensure
we can meet all of our existing customer commitments and achieve the appropriate
mix of federal and private student loans.”

Not only are more stu-
dents borrowing money, but
their debt level has risen dra-
matically.

Over the past decade, debt
levels for graduating seniors with student loans has more
than doubled from $9,350 to
$19,200, an increase of 108 percent which, after inflation, is a 58 percent rise according to projectstudentdebt.org.

Campbell said the bank has
tightened its lending practices
but will continue to loan to
students at schools they feel are
less risky. Currently, Cal Poly
is one of those schools.

A 2002 U.S. Department
of Education study done on
student debts ranked Cal Poly students among those most
likely to repay their debts after graduation.

Cal Poly had a 1.3 percent default rate, making it the
lowest default rate in the California state university sys-
tem.

“Cal Poly students have an excellent reputation for re-
paying their loans,” said Cal Poly economics professor Mi-
achel Marlow. “Keeping that up is probably the best thing. It sheds a good light on our students.”

Kelly says this is a dangerous game for students to play.

“Students are using the law to their advantage. I don’t think student borrowing is not the only op-
tion since most lenders offer parent-driven loans for their children who are entering university.

She added that if the parents are not eligible due to a precarious financial situation, then that student may be
eligible for an extra four to five thousand dollar loan each year.

Parents of students are borrowing more over recent
years. In 2004, the parents of 15 percent of graduating
students took out federal PLUS loans. The average debt for
parents of public university students was over $14,000.

An alternative that many students turn to when denied a
student loan is credit.

Kelly says this is a dangerous game for students to play.

“Student loans are a much better alternative than falling into credit card debt,” she said. “If a student feels that he and his family are in some financial crisis, the counselors
would be more than happy to help find an alternative.”

I see the challenge for students right
now is finding a lender who can be there for
them for the rest of their years as a student.

—Lois Kelly
Cal Poly Director of Financial Aid

Sullivan speculates that the
forcing of the contract might have a part in
the delay, since it was sent before the Muslim holy
month of Ramadan.

“The message we got from those in September was right before Ramadan and they work during Ra-
madan, but there’s a lot of things that get put on hold,” Sullivan said. “It’s unfortunate
time. It might have added to the delay. It’s long
to us because we’d like to know what’s going on, but we have to be polite and not bug them.”
Many people think the media is biased and overwhelmingly think the media wants Obama to win the election, Kincaid said. He also said that media coverage of the election affects voters.

"I don't doubt that the media bias is real and has an impact," Kincaid said. "I think it's probably responsible for five to 10 points in the polls. I think it's that powerful; it's that important."

Solomon opened his statement with a quote from a press critic from the The New Yorker: "The freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one."

He mentioned how newspapers endorsed Republican presidential candidates from the 1930s to the 1990s, with the exception of Lyndon B. Johnson. He also cited Democrats the press didn't support such as Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"The media coverage does sway some votes," Solomon said. "But I think we can see a lot of times when the ownership of media has tremendous effect on the way news is filtered."

Solomon said he agrees that most people who work in newsrooms are liberal, but counters that it's the owners of newspapers who decide what is printed. There are increasingly fewer owners of media outlets which means fewer gatekeepers, or those who decide the news, he said.

"If you're going to have democracy, you need the circulation with-in the body of politics, of ideas, of information, with a multiplicity of sources," Solomon said.

It's too easy to say there is a bias in the media toward liberalism or conservatism, he said. The media helps form people's perspectives, but it is also "responsible to the market."

Kincaid disagreed in his rebuttal. He called reporters lazy, saying they report poll numbers because it's easy and said that just because a company is large doesn't mean it favors Republicans.

Solomon rebutted by saying the Republican party is historically more corporate than Democrats. He added that there are virtues and dangers of a capitalist system and one danger is that people with money are the people who rule.

Solomon argued that journalists do have values and they should embrace this. He also discussed the concept of balance, saying that just because someone writes a story about the negative effects of racism doesn't mean they also must write a story about the positive effects of racism.

"There are such things as facts," he said. "We should all want information. The facts should be on our side."

Afterward, the floor was opened for audience questions. Cal Poly senior Dan Karbousky, who's in the teaching credential program, asked how to find unbiased facts about both general news and the presidential candidates.

Both Kincaid and Solomon recommended looking at several sources of information, instead of using one news organization as a "gospel source," as Solomon said.

"I thought the debate was really good," Karbousky said. "I liked their answer to my question. I think the media is biased and they do have an influence on votes and what people think."

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.

Local doctors are currently conducting a clinical research study evaluating the effectiveness of investigational, medicated patches for treating the pain associated with an ankle sprain, when applied directly to the injured ankle.

To be eligible for this study, you must:
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Qualified participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and study patches at no cost. Reimbursement for time and travel may also be provided.

To learn more about this local study, please contact:
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If selected for a fellowship (which is a temporary, paid experience), you will work for a government, non-profit or private organization or institute receiving specialized training and valuable leadership experience. Fellowships can jumpstart a career, introduce you to a powerful network of professionals in your field and/or dramatically improve your graduate or professional school candidacy. Work alongside a Senator, conduct research on HIV/AIDS, experience the intersection of science and public policy, work on a feature film set in L.A., or serve as an ambassador for the U.S. conducting exciting research in a foreign country— the possibilities are endless. So, if you have a strong interest in hands-on, intellectually challenging work, make an appointment with your career counselor.

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Obama promises rescue plan for middle class in ad

Presidential candidate Barack Obama, D-Ill., speaks during a rally at the Bank Atlantic Center in Sunrise, Fla., Wednesday.

Jin Kuhnhen

He was the family man, the solutions-driven politician, the gifted orator. But for those who still harbor doubts about his candidacy, Barack Obama sought to present a special image — a man ready to sit in the Oval Office.

Amid a patch of American stories, the Democratic presidential nominee spent 30 minutes and more than $4 million of prepaid television time into his speech at the Democratic National Convention that launched him into national politics.

He capped the prime-time commercial with a live address from Sunrise, Fla., with a full-throated appeal for help and for votes.

"If you'll stand with me, and fight by my side, and cast your ballot for me, I would be honored to represent you in Congress. Please remember to vote November 4th."

-Congresswoman Lois Capps

FBI arrests Sacramento man in anthrax scare

A FBI agent, left, and members of the San Diego Fire Department suspected of containing anthrax that was delivered to the San Diego Union Tribune building Wednesday in San Diego. The package's material tested negative for anthrax.

Sudhbin Thanawala

The FBI arrested a Sacramento man Wednesday suspected of sending letters labeled "anthrax" to over 100 daily and weekly outlets, along with at least one congressman's office.

The agency said Keyser sent over 120 envelopes containing a CD with a packet of sugar and the label "Anthrax Sample" along with an orange biohazard symbol. The CD was entitled "Anthrax: Shock & Awe Terror."

So far the agency said none of the packets have tested positive for hazardous material. At least some of the packages had Keyser's return address on them, said FBI agent Steve Depp in Sacramento. The letters were received Wednesday by two Sacramento television stations, The San Diego Union-Tribune newspaper and other local media outlets, along with at least one congressman's office. The old record was 3,271, set in 1993, but the new figure could rise higher and could last longer than he anticipated. Earnest realized the intensity of the reaction to his home on charges of sending a hoax letter, the FBI said in a release. The agency said Keyser sent over 120 envelopes containing a CD with a packet of sugar and the label "Anthrax Sample" along with an orange biohazard symbol. The CD was entitled "Anthrax: Shock & Awe Terror."

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Social issues so volatile that the presidential campaigns sidestepped them will be on the ballots in several states next week, including measures that would criminalize most abortions, outlaw affirmative action and ban same-sex marriage in California, one of only three states that allows it.

In all, there are 133 proposals on ballots in 36 states.

In Washington, voters will decide whether to join Oregon as the only state offering terminally ill people the option of physician-assisted suicide. Massachusetts has three distinctive measures on its ballot — to ban dog racing, ease marijuana laws and scrap the state income tax, a step that could unleash budgetary turmoil.

The main presidential rivals, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain, have rarely made proactive comments during the campaign about same-sex marriage or affirmative action — issues on which the public is deeply divided. Abortion also has seemed like an uncomfortable topic for them at times, although Obama makes clear he supports abortion rights and McCain says he would like to ban most abortions.

But in a dozen states, these three issues are front and center.

Florida, Arizona and California have constitutional amendments on their ballots that would limit marriage to a man and a woman. More than two-dozen states have previously approved such amendments, but none were in California's situation — with same-sex marriage legal since a state Supreme Court decision in May and thousands of gay and lesbian couples already wed.

The rival campaign views the California vote in epic terms with the outcome of Proposition 8 having enormous influence on prospects for same-sex marriage rights in other states.

"If we lose California, if they defeat the marriage amendment, I'm afraid that the culture war is over and Christians have lost," said Donald Wildmon, founder of the American Family Association. "California is a big dam, holding back the flood — and if you take down the dam in California, it's going to flood 49 other states."

Obama is expected to win easily in California, but the vote on Proposition 8 is expected to be close. Of keen interest to both sides is how churchgoing black and Hispanic voters, who are key to his base, behave.

Abortion rights and McCain says he would like to ban most abortions. But in a dozen states, these three issues are front and center.

The price of the dollar is not as high, so in terms of buying things for myself, it's not as good as I'd like it to be."

James Noble
Industrial technology senior

"It hasn't really affected me too much because I'm on scholarship, but I could see how it could affect other students."

-Joshua Marcelo
Computer science junior

"It's not affecting it. My dad is paying for my college and his job doesn't really depend on the economy."

-Kristina Huhn
Business freshman

"The economy isn't (affecting) my ability to spend on college because my parents help support me and I have a job."

-Cady Irion
Graphic communications senior

COMPiled and photographed by Samantha Macconnell
Quake in remote Pakistan border region kills 170

Kakar: "Not a single house is intact."

A strong earthquake struck dawn Wednesday in impoverished southwestern Pakistan, killing at least 170 people and turning mud and timber homes into rubble.

He estimated 15,000 people were left homeless and rescuers were digging for survivors in a remote valley in Balochistan, the remote province bordering Afghanistan where the magnitude 6.4 quake struck.

Official said they were distributing thousands of tents, blankets and food packages and sending in earth-moving equipment to dig mass graves. Many of those who survived were left with little more than the clothes they had slept in, and with winter approaching, temperatures were expected to drop to around freezing in coming nights.

Worst-hit was the former British hilltop resort of Ziarat and about eight surrounding villages, where hundreds slept in, and with winter approaching, temperatures were expected to drop to around freezing in coming nights.

"There is great destruction," said Ziarat Mayor Dilmar.

Pakistanis villagers remove their fixtures and belongings from a house damaged by earthquake in Ziarat, about 130 kilometers (81 miles) south of Quetta, Pakistan, Wednesday.

Asrar Khan

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the office of Republican Congressman George Radanovich in Modesto.

Dupre said it's likely that more mailings will be received over the next few days and said recipients should contact their local FBI office.

"I realized to them but the root of my own room collapsed and the main iron support hit me," he told an AP reporter in Quetta Civil Hospital. "That slung broke my back and I am in severe pain but thank God my children are safe."

Famous Ahmad Khan, head of the disaster authority, said 2,000 houses were destroyed and that teams were scrambling to erect shelters for 2,500 to 3,000 people.

The main quake struck at 11:40 a.m. local time and had a preliminary magnitude of 6.4, the U.S. Geological Survey reported. It was a shallow 10 miles below the surface and was centered about 400 miles southwest of the capital, Islamabad.

Pakistan is prone to violent seismic upheavals. Wednesday's quake was also deadly in a country that was devastated by an earthquake in October 2005, killing about 80,000 people and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless.

A tremor of magnitude 7.5 hit Quetta in 1935 killed more than 3,000 people.

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Once again the popular optometrist was the healthy, smiling face of the industry promoting proper eye care, with a message that is sure to catch the attention of its audience.

The message: "A healthy life for you means a healthy life for your family."

The spot was a mix of prerecorded Obama's fundraising prowess. He bought his way into millions of American homes just six days before the end of an exhausting, 21-month quest for the presidency.

As a message, the ad was equal parts American, stump speech and quasi-presidential address. The most formal scenes — Obama describing his governing agenda — were filmed in a distinguished looking office with a flag and a backdrop not unlike that of the Oval Office.
Cutie, Costa
wow Poly crowd

Matt Costa opened the show for Death Cab for Cutie Monday night. The event sold nearly 2,500 tickets.

Omar Sanchez

Death Cab for Cutie put on a great show at Cal Poly Monday night, fans said.

"It was a good show for sure," said history junior Chris Andrews. "I was afraid because we were sitting high up, that the sound was going to be bad, but the acoustics sounded excellent; the stage was done really well."

Aerospace engineering senior Beckie Holzer had a similar account.

"It was really good. They played new stuff and old stuff from their album ("Plans," she said. "The encore was really good."

Before the doors opened, thousands stretched from the Recreation Center to Mott gym. Some fans began lining up as early as 2 p.m. The concert opened with a solo performance by Matt Costa. His band members joined him after the first song to complete the five-person band.

The show started off slowly, but the crowd got going when Costa, a multi-instrumentalist, replaced his harmonica and acoustic guitar for an electric piano to play "Mr. Pitiful," off his latest album and an encore was really good."

When the band played their last song and walked off stage, the fans screamed, yelled and stomped until they returned for an encore. They went on to perform "Title and Registration," which was later followed by songs like "A Movie Script Ending."

"It's our first Death Cab show and I think it's a good deal for two acts," said Raquel Ramirez, 20, of Santa Maria, who said she has been a fan of the band for four years. "I bought my tickets weeks ago," she added.

While the crowd was large, the show did not sell out. Only 2,300 of 3,000 tickets were sold, a fact that surprised many who attended.

"That's really sad, but I think it's because a lot of people didn't like the new album," said Ramirez, "I liked it."

Other fans were more outraged at the news. "I Heck yes! (I'm surprised, "Plains:" was a No. 1 album and they actually have a legit opening act," said communications sophomore Trevor Horgan, who found himself at the tail of the line.

The tickets were $25 for Cal Poly students and $30 for non-students, like high school senior Jessica Ekeland, 17, of San Ynez Valley, who said the show was good deal.

"Three dollars for general admission for getting good seats for arriving early is not bad at all," she said. Ekeland added that she was surprised that a big act like Death for Cutie did not sell out, but the lack of publicity might have had something to do with it. "I only heard about it on Facebook," she said.

Not your traditional
trick-or-treat fun

During the time of witches and wizards and goblins and ghouls, Halloween presents itself as a masterpiece of diestice. It is a time to transform into something that is not your real persona, to take on a different character and to hide behind a mask, both literally and figuratively. For those few hours as a ballerina, a vampire or even a football player, you get to be someone else; you lose your inhibitions and insecurities and pretend to be people's necks or that you can throw the 40-yard touchdown pass for your take team. But Halloween presents us with an idea bigger than bobbing for apples or going trick-or-treating. It shows us that playing a role dis-similar from our own and dressing up in costumes that typically don't represent us can be liberating. So now it is time to take this idea with us away from the streets and into the bedroom.

In a completely unofficial poll of about six of my friends, we deduced a list from the millions of costumes down to the three top costumes for sex-related role-play for each partner, because there are no particular order because of the fact that in none of my research subjects could agree unanimously on first through third place. The following costumes are great for the feminine role in the relationship.

How would you feel walking into a hospital where all the nurses walk around in low-cut tops and an extremely high hemline? While it might not lead you to have the greatest confidence in their medical ability, it would lead you to believe that they have a fantastic ability in another area (ouch, ouch). Thus, when they pulled out a stethoscope to listen to your heartbeat, you probably wouldn't be complaining, especially if you get to play the part of their patient or if they checked for signs of life in unorthodox locations. Either way, when acting out these roles, the nurse's partner gets to be placed in a role to be coddled and taken care of. And taking care of differently has more than one connotation when talking about sex. This role also allows the partner to explore each other's bodies, that is all part of a check-up, isn't it? But the second role-play combination is a common one, one even demonstrated by the pre-shaved head Britney Spears in her video "Hit Me Baby, One More Time." That was every 15th grade boy's wet dream, and through their childhood experience, they all would have stood in line to hit that. A schoolgirl character puts the girl in the position of submission to her headmaster, principal, teacher or whatever else you can come up with. The stereotypical costume requires a small, cleavage-revealing white shirt, ponytails, and a Catholic schoolgirl's skirt. Her partner could demonstrate what he would want to do to her if she got sent to his principal's office.

The third role, rounding out the top three is a cop and robber. While either partner could wear either costume, it would be more intriguing for the woman to take on the authority position of the police officer. If making this role choice, you can be in the dominant role, giving her the freedom to tell her robber what to do. And, really now, who would deny a woman in aviation and a tight blue uniform? Not only can she tell her partner what to do, she can use handcuffs and a little roughness to make them behave.

Of course, I could go into more detail on the actual stipulations of each costume, down to a screenplay, but it's more fun to play some­one else if you get to decide whom they are. Other roles or costumes you could choose to take on are angel and devil, teacher and student or even just an athletic jersey and nothing else. A fallback is always lingerer, but while it's sexy, it's only a role if you go outside your sexually expressive box and get something not normally representative of yourself. Such as, if you normally wear a t-shirt and boy shorts to bed, get something that is black and lacey. The idea of role-playing is not to make you try to be something that you're not, it's to let you be something that you want, not just for a short while. It is what is different and unlike

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With all the abnormally hot weather, it may not feel much like fall. But that hasn't stopped the Cal Poly crops club from selling pumpkins and letting the public pick their own right from the patch.

The seeds for the club's largest fall fundraiser were planted in June. Now, every Tuesday and Thursday in October members of the crops club can be found selling pumpkins in front of the crops unit from 3 to 6 p.m.

"This is our main fall event," said fruit science senior and crops club reporter Kristin Warda. "We look forward to doing this."

You've seen pumpkins piled high in grocery store bins waiting for someone to give them a nice welcoming Halloween home. Now you get a chance to see exactly where those pumpkins come from.

Besides selling pumpkins, the crops club also teaching about them. This year, crops club members gave local kindergarteners and one pre-school class their first lesson in agriculture when they took a field trip out to the patch.

"U-picks has been great," crop science senior and vice president of the crops club Dan Polia said. "We've had a lot of people that have been coming out and kids running around picking up pumpkins."

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Trick continued from page 7 your typical romance or sexual rou- tine that gives some spice to the con- cept; it is what is out of the ordinary that turns people on. Give in to the Halloween spirit and let out your inner schoolgirl or devil that has been repressed for so long. Don't be afraid of props and what is not considered the norm, because for all you know, it could lead to your greatest sexual experience together. And if you refuse to do this outside of Halloween, at least for one night you can trick even yourself with who you can please and give your partner a treat they won't forget.

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Bridget Veltri  
SECOND YEAR  
Poly patch provides pumpkins education

With all the abnormally hot weather, it may not feel much like fall. But that hasn't stopped the Cal Poly crops club from selling pumpkins and letting the public pick their own right from the patch.

The seeds for the club's largest fall fundraiser were planted in June. Now, every Tuesday and Thursday in October members of the crops club can be found selling pumpkins in front of the crops unit from 3 to 6 p.m.

"This is our main fall event," said fruit science senior and crops club reporter Kristin Warda. "We look forward to doing this."

You've seen pumpkins piled high in grocery store bins waiting for someone to give them a nice welcoming Halloween home. Now you get a chance to see exactly where those pumpkins come from.

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Imagine bus loads of kindergarteners traipsing through the patch carrying as many pumpkins as their little arms can carry for the bargain price of $1 each. The classes came out Wednesday and Friday mornings several weeks in October.

"It was a rough overview of how a seed grows and becomes a pumpkin," crop science junior and crops club social chair John Molatore said. "We basically taught them that pumpkins don't grow on trees, and then let them loose."

The fields are normally closed to the public, and kindergarteners weren't the only ones allowed to choose their pumpkins straight from the patch. The crops club held U-picks at the patch every Saturday, giving locals the opportunity to find the perfect pumpkin in the two acres at field 25 instead of a grocery store bin.

"U-picks has been great," crop science senior and vice president of the crops club Dan Polia said. "We've had a lot of people that have been coming out and kids running around picking up pumpkins."

Three-year-old Makena Porter and her sister Kailani, 1, roamed the patch inspecting every pumpkin while their nanny, Cal Poly alumna Autumn Cipriano supervised.

"I grew up here and remember coming out here as a child," Cipriano said. "Here you are actually in the patch picking out your own pumpkin; it's really fun for them."

Molatore is hoping that more people will make the pilgrimage to the Cal Poly pumpkin patch and make it a fall tradition.

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Check out some of the festivities downtown:

**Drum Circuit**  
(Main Stage on Nipomo Street)

**Claddagh Irish Dancers**  
(World Rhythm  
Broad Street)

**Howl-o-Ween Hoopla**  
(Garden Street)

**Costume Contests**  
(Pumpkins on Parade  
Chorro Street)

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**Passion Pit: love songs gone right**

During my freshman year, one of my resident advisors wrote a love song to a girl in my dormitory. He recorded it by himself using an acoustic guitar and presumably a computer microphone, burned it onto a CD and gave it to her. Of course the CD got turned into an mp3 and shared on the network and we all got to hear it. It was by far one of the most embarrassing pieces of material I have ever heard and strongly relied on lyrics like, "When I see you the only letters I think about are L-O-V and b." Yes, lyrics so creepy that four years later they are still branded in my mind. People with horribly restrained sexuality should never try to write love songs. Additionally, writing a love song directly to someone is possibly the quickest road to artistic failure. Most people screw the pooch by filling the song with kitsch and clichés and avoid any sort of reality. Advice: buy her chocolates instead of taking a gigantic dump on her doorstep and thinking she'll swoon for you.

Unless you are Passion Pit, that is. I'd been listening to Passion Pit for a few weeks when I found out that the debut EP was actually a Valentine's Day present for lead singer Michael Angelakos' girlfriend. Immediately, I went from lofty dance rock love to fear. When I heard lyrics like "You're the best damn friend that I've ever had" I questioned myself, my critical integrity, and my sentiments about love. How can I look down upon music with such elitism if I'm going to fall for someone's sappy love letter just because it sounds like lo-fi MGMT mixed with the Strokes? And then I listened to the album for another two weeks and realized that it's great because it's soooo creepy and sad. I don't know if this is a coincidence but the band name is also the name of an adult movie from 1985 starring Tracy Lords and John Holmes thanks IMDB. I'm deciding against coincidence because those are household porn names and because it's just what I want to believe. It's like buying a Valentine's card and taping a picture from goatse.com inside. Buying into the holiday and then slapping it's clichéd shit across the room in favor of realistic relationships.

Angelakos uses the album to completely reenact relationship drama and enables a girl singer to bounce lyrics against. Let me tell you there is nothing better than portraying the start of a relationship for your girlfriend and using someone other than her as the female vocalist. And it's especially true when said vocalist is singing "Can you see me cry." Tears like diamonds / Down until until they fly / Faster and faster like the speed of love." Yes, handing your girlfriend a CD where the girl is an overdramatic wreck desperate for love and telling her you recorded it for her for Valentine's Day is just amazing. The album is littered with relationship drama mused with a cliché statement of love, which sounds like it's an uneven piece of crap. Instead, it comes off as a real statement of love and thankfully, it's perfectly sculpted for the dance floor.

So, what have we learned? Stalking a girl and writing her a masturbatory song filled with kitsch and clichés? Bad. Writing your girlfriend a Valentine's Day dance song about relationship difficulties filled with overdramatization, clichés about love and running it (possibly) after a porn? Good.

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I like zombies. Not, I take that back. I (frakkin') love zombies. Ever since I was a kid when I saw George A. Romero's 1968 black and white cult classic, "Night of the Living Dead," on my uncle's tiny TV, I've been hooked. Like the way all of Romero's zombie flicks are great, even the remakes. I mean, the best Christmas present I have ever received was the "Zombie Survival Guide" by Max Brooks, which changed my life on more than one account. Also, I'm also pretty frakin' obsessed with comics. So could there possibly be a better way for me to revel in my zombies than the wonderful comic series by Robert Kirkman, "The Walking Dead"?

Now, before delving into this wonderful comic, I must say a few words on zombies. There are a lot of different schools of zombie thought out there, some very narrow and others that are more inclusive. However, through all of these there run a few common trends:

A zombie is a re-animated corpse, which by some process has regained some of its bodily functions after dying, namely, the basic use of its brain and muscles. Zombies have a primal function to feed on the flesh of the living.

To kill a zombie, one needs to destroy its brain.

I make this point here to distinguish certain books or movies that play with zombie themes, but do not actually involve zombies, such as "28 Days Later" (which is a great movie, but the creatures in the movie are not zombies, but rather crazies, in that they did not die and come back to life, but rather are infected with a virus, called rage, that makes them, well, crazy. And they start to. Didn't you people see the end of that movie? Dead bodies don't start.

Anyway, back to the issue at hand: "The Walking Dead." This book is awesome. It's been going on for quite a few years now, with over 50 issues collected in eight trades. That's a whole heck of a lot of zombies, considering how a lot of horror comics don't often work out so well. Now, we must ask, why do so many people love this comic?

To start answering this question, Kirkman is a great writer. For any piece of genre fiction to be truly worthwhile, except for a certain niche of dorks, it has to transcend those genre boundaries by actually talking about something that relates to a little piece in all of us. "The Walking Dead" is unlike many other horror stories in that the background of the story are zombies, through and through, but more importantly the story is about the living, the survivors of this terrible post-apocalyptic world and how they now must act to merely survive even one more day. Kirkman makes no qualms about screwing with his characters—physically or emotionally. No character is really safe in this comic.

To put even more icing on the cake, this comic is check full of brain-destructing action. It would seem that there are only so many ways to kill a zombie, and that it would eventually become tiresome to learn or have so many zombie heads have exploded from a well-placed shotgun blast, but you know, I still have no complaints except that new issues only come out once a month.

I know that deep down we all would like nothing more than to fight off a horde of zombies, armed with nothing more than a shotgun, a few shells and our wits. But fantasy that I guess you could just go read "The Walking Dead," which is probably the closest thing we could come to that dream. My suggestion would be to start with the first trade, "Days Gone By," and if you don't enjoy that, then obviously there is something seriously wrong with you.

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**Wednesday Comic Book Release**

Compiled by Jon Monteith

**Dark Horse:**

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HELLBOY IN THE CHAPEL OF MOLUCH (ONE-SHOT)
SPOKE OF THE DEVIL HC
SOLOMON KANE #2 (OF 5)
STAR WARS LEGACY #29 (VECTOR PART 10 OF 12)

**DC:**

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DC UNIVERSE DECISIONS #4 (OF 4)
FINAL CRISIS RAGE OF THE RED LANTERNS #1
GREEN LANTERN IN BRIGHTEST DAY TP
JOKER HC
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LEGION OF SUPER HEROES #47
SUPERMAN #681
SUPERMAN/BATMAN #63
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letters to the editor

“Equality” for “all”

Brilliant! Why should any two people be denied the "right" to marry? Of course, that's the same as saying that brothers and sisters! You who shout "for all" would you dare deny them marriage? Of course not, but Oh wait, that's polygamy, Oh wait, that's anti-conservative voter guide

Truth, Justice and CONSERVATIVE WAY

by Ian Nachreiner

Election day is just around the corner. While some of you may have already voted absentee, this guide should help the rest of us make those important ballot decisions come Tuesday, at least throughout the conservative prism. In that regard, I contend most ballot measures need to be voted for economic reasons alone: This state does not have the budget or ability to finance our future through bonds, until we get our fiscal house in order.

President – John McCain

John McCain is the only remotely conservative candidate. His economic strategy is not socialistic like Obama’s and he is strong on defense. The one thing I’m most concerned about is his immigration plan; how would he be able to finance our future through bonds, until we get our fiscal house in order.

Proposition 7 – NO

As a free-market conservative, I believe in choice. While I am a fan of renewable energy, this proposition would force all of us into a government pulpit.

Proposition 8 – YES

This is the most charged issue of this election season. It would eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry. Here is my conservative stance on the issue: marriage is a religious institution between a man and woman. I’m not saying that two people who love each other should not be able to be together, or should not have “rights.” The problem is that marriage has become a government institution. Really, what people should be pushing for is that the government stays out of marriage and religion. Then whoever wants to get married has that choice. However, until that occurs, I have to say on religious grounds: yes on Proposition 8.

Proposition 9 – YES

Since the Criminal Justice System Victims’ Rights’ Parade Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute is assessed currently as not being an undue fiscal burden on the state, I am supportive of this measure. It would impose the parole process and “establishes victim safety as consideration in determining bail or release on parole,” according to the voter guide.

Proposition 10 – NO

As with Proposition 7, the Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy Bond Initiative Statute is a costly measure that forces a behavioral change on consumers. I have no problem with having the choice between an alternative fuel vehicle and a conventional fuel vehicle. But I believe in personal choice and stopping me from making the decision is, to me, a violation of my consumer rights.

Proposition 11 – Yes

Redistricting has been an issue that keeps emerging in recent years. I am in favor of just about any redistricting measure that is available to voters because it creates a fair system for determining legislative districts. Also, rather than have the people who have a vested interest in the process, the legislators who represent those districts, this measure would increase impartiality.

Proposition 12 – No

I would love to vote yes on the Veterans’ Bond Act. However, this is one of the many issues that would increase an already tight state budget. When we have the money lets come back to it and vote yes. For now though, a no vote is the only one I can give as a conservative.

Ian Nachreiner is an agricultural science senior and Mustang Daily political columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Equality” for “all”

It naturally follows that once you change the definition of marriage and legalize same-sex marriages, polygamous and incestuous relations will want the same “right.” Wouldn’t it be just as healthy for the economy and children as homosexuality to be legal? And perhaps a few couples would like to reproduce. Cases of incest show families can have more than filial reproduction. These couples wouldn’t have trouble with that. Let me decide as a consumer and stop telling me what to do from the government pulpit.

Proposition 6 – Toss-up

I like that under the Police and Law Enforcement Funding Criminal Penalties and Laws Initiative Statute, because it would improve rehabilitation programs. Fiscal conservatives would vote no on the measure because it costs almost $500 million annually. Personally, I’m voting yes on this measure.

Proposition 5 – Toss-up

This is one of those tougher ones. If you are a social conservative you would vote yes on the nonviolent drug offenses. Sensitivity, parole and rehabilitation. Initiative statute, because it would improve rehabilitation programs. Fiscal conservatives would vote no on the measure because it costs almost $500 million annually. Personally, I’m voting yes on this measure.

Proposition 4 – YES

As a conservative, I am opposed to this because it removes choice from consumers and forces business owners to manufacture a product that would be less safe under the new confinement regulations.

Proposition 3 – NO

As much as I would love to be able to have more children’s hospitals available, the Children’s Hospital Bond Act Grant Program Initiative Statute costs nearly $1 trillion. Our state cannot afford this. The budget is hanging by a thread now as is. I encourage you to not be swayed by flashy adds featuring Jamie Lee Curtis and sick children. While it is important, we don’t have the money.

Proposition 2 – NO

I talked about this in detail last week. If you missed it, the Standards for Confining Farm Animals Initiative Statute would require new standards forveal confinement, pregnant pigs and egg-laying hens. However, this would really only effect egg-laying hens in this state. There is significant research to suggest that if this is passed, egg quality and safety will go down, bird health will be harmed, and the risk to consumers will increase. As a conservative, I am opposed to this because it removes choice from consumers and forces business owners to manufacture a product that would be less safe under the new confinement regulations.

Proposition 1A – NO

Proposition 1A, known as the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act would finance a high-speed rail in California. While this is a great plan on paper, California does not have the fiscal means to add more to our line of credit without major tax increases, which would drive away more business from this state. Even if there were monetary means, I would still say no. There are other many things that $20 billion can be used on.

write a letter

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An open letter to Cal Poly Christians

Suppose I were to announce that an unknown candidate has just entered the presidential race. He is a national leader and, most importantly, he strangely opposes abortion. In fact, his position is much stronger, purer and more severe than that of both McCain and Palin combined. Is this the star candidate Christians have been awaiting?

Yet, I'm afraid this 2008 election will not allow you to express your enthusiasm for such a superior candidate. For that opportunity, you have to return to fascist Italy and vote for Benito Mussolini, as many Italian Christians regrettably did. Dare I ask whether Christians today are above repeating their Italian predecessors' folly?

The Italian Christians illustrated a better lesson about what happens when narrow political gains are sought at the expense of other principles. It is a lesson that has instructional benefits for all, regardless of religious or political affiliation. The relevant question to begin with is, how could Christians, admonished to distinguish between means and ends, never ignore evil tools when they are in the hands of a moral foe?

It seems reasonable to expect that Christians be especially inclined to distinguish between good and evil. Do they not already address the latter by its rightful name? Are they not acquainted with the myriad manifestations of evil against which to guard the heart? Do they not recognize that even to oneself, the heart is treacherous and beyond human understanding?

But if the above is an accurate characterization of what Christians ought to do or at least attempt, it is extremely unclear how Christians have become such a pike in the foot of the political right. Republican leaders hardly bothered with wooing the Christian constituency. Christians are a bird in the hand, and, after all the dutiful, condescending anti-abortion speeches, a neglected one at that.

This election, Christians must ask themselves if their fortiest relationship with the Republican Party remains a holy matrimony. They must look, clear-eyed, at the world around themselves and consider the fact: the Republican Party has become the party of war, of unconstrained war, preemptive war, of unbridled war. This is a despicable disfigurement of love, and one that cannot be ignored.

Regrettably, many Christians intend to vote against Obama by voting for McCain. The sentiment is understandable, but the reasoning is weak. McCain's feeble position on pro-life hardly merits Christians' votes. And I caution that you have just as little hope in trusting your cause to his puppet, Palin.

But even if you were faced with a general anti-abortion candidate, would that alone be sufficient? How long will you ignore the unpleasant issue of the war? Do you not know that war kills the innocent and the guilty alike? Will you limit your Christian virtue to unborn American babies while ignoring the plight of those who have already left their mothers' wombs and are fast becoming dams of pure hell in Iraq and Afghanistan?

Please note that I intend no particular insult to other Christians. And if I have heaped any abuse upon others, I have served myself an equal portion.

Exactly how does the quote from the Yes on 8 supporter make sense? He says that Prop 8 is not "about homosexuality"—so why are homosexuals the only people who will be affected by it? He says that there will be no rights taken away—but what about the right to marry, not to be forced into any other practical right listed earlier in the article? He says that Prop 8 "means same-sex couples more harm"—well, sir, what's important here is not what the initiative is intended to do, but rather what it actually does. I hope you will be very clear to everyone by now that Prop 8 will gravely harm same-sex couples. So by voting yes on Prop 8, you are voting to hurt millions of Californians.

— Patrick
Response to "For many, Prop 8 gets personal"

Farmers and ranchers care for their animals welfare take it very seriously. Their livelihood depends on it. The hens have room to stand up, turn around, and stand side by side to eat. The conventional housing today monitors light, air quality, sanitation, health of the hens, and offers protection from the predators and migratory birds who bring diseases to the farm.

— Maria
Accredited
Response to "Prop 2 brings agriculture, animal welfare issues home for Cal Poly"
Scott Heaton  
Heaton lived on the Cal Poly campus well before his years as a student.
When he was a teen, his parents served as dorm caretakers while his father worked toward a master's degree.
During his time as a student, Heaton was a champion wrestler, ranking fourth in the nation his senior year (1979-80) at 167 pounds. Heaton was 2-0 in dual meets in 1980 and still owns school records for most dual meet falls (122) in a season from career dual wins (82), best career dual winning percentage (.870) and most overall career wins (136) and pins (55).
While Heaton credits his father for getting him into wrestling, it was his mother, a physical therapist, who led him to his present career helping chronic pain sufferers.
"It's tremendous work," he said. "It's very gratifying to know that you can take people out of pain, that you can give people that are in chronic pain some relief, even if it's temporary. Some of it you can eliminate but some of these people that are in pain 24/7, if you just give them a couple of hours, it's huge for them."

Steve Yoneda  
After 32 years as an athletics trainer at Cal Poly, Yoneda retired in 2002. He graduated from Cal Poly in 1970, when he began overseeing the sports medicine program along until he hired Kristal Slover in 1993.
Many athletes, including fellow inductees Childs and Heaton, remember him fondly.
"I had a third-degree separation of my shoulder my junior year," Heaton recalled. "He was instrumental in helping me come back. The taping methods he used were extremely valuable. There was basically nothing else holding my shoulder together."
Yoneda, a member of the Hall of Fame's selection committee, remains humble about his place in the school's history.
"For quite a number of years, my whole feeling has been that there are still a lot of athletes who need to be recognized," Yoneda said. "There are still quite a few out there that are really deserving of the honor, and I'm going to do my best to get those people in."
Yoneda's former student trainers have gone on to work at other colleges as well as for NFL and Major League Baseball teams.
He saw teams win 30 national championships during his tenure at Cal Poly and witnessed firsthand the school's evolution from a Division II powerhouse to a Division I newcomer in 1994.
"When I first started here, all the schools we were playing now were in the same conference," Yoneda said. "They moved up, and 23 years later we moved up. So it was déjà vu."
Mustangs picked to finish sixth, eighth in Big West polls

Cal Poly men's basketball team was tabbed to finish sixth by Big West Conference coaches and eighth in a media poll at the Big West media day in Irvine on Wednesday.

Both polls selected Cal State Northridge to win the conference, with UC Santa Barbara as the runner-up in each.

The Mustangs also have two players on the preseason all-conference in seniors Tremaine Townsend and Deon Tresvant.

Townsend, a 6-foot-9 forward, was the first player in six years to lead the Big West in both rebounding (9.8 per game) and blocked shots (1.3 per game). He also averaged 16.1 points per game.

Tresvant, who won conference sixth man of the year honors last year, averaged a team-high 13.9 points.

Also selected to the all-conference team were Cal State Fullerton senior guard Josh Akognon, Pacific senior forward Anthony Brown, UC Santa Barbara's senior forward Chris Divine and Long Beach State senior guard Donovan Morris.

Cal Poly returns three full-time starters from last year's 12-18 team that finished sixth in the Big West regular season before being eliminated by UC Riverside in the first round of the conference tournament.

Editor's note: For a full preview of the men's basketball season, see the Mustang Daily next week.

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Philadelphia takes World Series

Associated Press

Philadelphia Phillies catcher Carlos Ruiz, right, celebrates with relief pitcher Brad Lidge after the final out in Game 5 of Major League Baseball's World Series in Philadelphia on Wednesday night.

The Phillies won 4-3 to win the series 4-1. It was the first major professional sports team championship won by a Philadelphia franchise since the NBA's 76ers won that title in 1983.

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Cal Poly set to defend title

Bridget Vetri

Mustangs daily

The nationally ranked Cal Poly men's water polo club team will host the Pacific Coast Division Championships this weekend at the Recreation Center pool.

The top eight teams from the regular season will compete in the tournament, from which the top scorer will represent the division at the men's National Collegiate Club Water Polo Championships in Athens, Ohio.

Cal Poly enters as the defending NCC champion.

“I think that everyone is coming out with the mindset to beat us because we are the defending champs,” Mustangs sophomore driver Brandon Ross said. “It's very exciting to have it be at home.”

The Mustangs have won five national titles and are the only team to capture back-to-back NCC championships (which they did in 2001 and 2002). Cal Poly is seeded third in this weekend's tournament, which also includes UCLA, Cal, Cal State Maritime Academy, Chico State, UC Santa Barbara, San Jose State and UC San Diego.

As a team we are really confident,” Cal Poly coach Dick Carrill said. “The combination of veteran leaders and young talent has made this team one of the best we've had.”

The Mustangs finished 2008 league play 7-1 and are currently ranked third nationally, behind Michigan State and UCLA, with a 14-2 record.

“We are looking to defend last year's title but this is the first step,” Mustangs junior driver Josh Mix said.

Ross said the Mustangs have greatly progressed of late.

"Within the last week or two, our team has really started to mold together and play like a team,” he said.

The tournament will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Cal Poly opens against UC San Diego. The NCC championship tournament will be held Nov. 14-16.

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