**Revolt in face of racism**

Students and faculty gathered to protest what they call hate speech at the crop house, a university housing complex for horticulture and crop science students.

**It's 'a nightmare,' say crop house residents**

Rachel Glass  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

"It's like a nightmare. I just want to go to sleep and have this to not have happened," said Steve, an anguished look on his face. Steve, whose name has been changed to protect his identity, lives at the crop house, the house that ignited a storm of controversy and protest Thursday when The New Times reported that a noose and Confederate flag were displayed on the outside of the residence, along with a table painted with the Confederate flag.  

He, along with three of his housemates, disagree with the way the incident was portrayed in The New Times. The four allowed two Mustang Daily reporters to hear their side of the story in order "to come clean."  

So under the cover of darkness, several of the residents met with the reporters in a desolate shed off Mt. Bishop Road under the condition of anonymity. For the sake of clarifying the different speakers, the sources have been given fictional names.  

"I want to get it across that no one in the house is racist," said a resident we'll call Jack. "We know it was stupid and immature and ignorant that it got put up; we're not trying to downplay it, but it does not represent who we are."  

The noose, the group said, was simply a prop that came from the corn maze, an activity they all helped to put on. They claimed they didn't know the identity of the prop owner.  

"Someone without our knowledge came to the house with the props and put them up," Steve said.  

"It was up less than 24 hours," Jack added, though he later said the props were displayed from Saturday night to Monday morning. They said they didn't know who put up the props nor who took them down.  

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**Hundreds protest, college claims acts protected**

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When news came out about a noose, a confederate flag and allegations of a sign that read racial and gay slurs, hundreds of Cal Poly students and faculty joined together wearing black shirts in response to the on-campus crop science house members who allegedly committed the offenses at recent weekend parties.  

The crop house is a subsidized house for crop science students to live while they work for the campus crop unit.  

Brad Poputa, a student leader of the protest at University Union Hour on Thursday, addressed the crowd before a band played, informing everyone about the incident and the reasoning behind the protest.  

"This is an on-campus property and it is hate speech," said Poputa, a graphic communications senior. "They are just getting a slap on the wrist and issuing an apology. It's absurd and I'm disappointed."  

He said that Cal Poly should foster an environment of acceptance. "Cal Poly should have been proactive and not reactive. This is completely unexplained for it's 2008."  

Peter Wade, city and regional planning and chapter president for the Society of Black Engineers and Scientists, said that those protesting want a town hall meeting with Cal Poly President Warren Baker and faculty to share and brainstorm solutions.  

During the hour of protest, a petition accumulated about 150 signatures for the expulsion of the student living in the crop science house and those involved with the disputed materials.  

"We think that what they did was a throat and we do not consider it free speech," Wade said.  

Carrille O'Bryant, associate professor and department chair of kinesiology, held a sign that read "End Racists Now."  

"I wasn't there, but I absolutely condemn the idea that anyone feels it is OK to write derogatory terms and post them in public," Bryant said. "People are unaware of what happened," said Steve, an anguished look on his face.

**Sigma Nu races ducks for a good cause**

Jennifer Ticomb  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

The rubber ducksies have escaped the bathtub and are preparing to head down San Luis Creek. Sigma Nu's first annual Ducky-Derby will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in San Luis Creek at Mission Plaza.  

The Ducky-Derby will feature music, food, a silent auction and of course a rubber ducky race. The top 15 ducks to cross the finish line will receive prizes from the event sponsors: MoonDogs, Vena Vai, popchips, Sartori Pearls, Truman Warehouse, Country Culture Yogurt and Pacific Beverages.  

The owner of the lucky ducky that wins first place will receive a 42" flat screen TV. Political science junior, cancer survivor, and Ducky-Derby co-chair, Alex Cassny got the idea for the race from his hometown of Napa, which used to have a similar race.  

"I started thinking about how much money we could make off of it, because the ducks are so cheap, and it just kind of snowballed from there," Cassny said.  

The cause is near to his heart as he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma at age 16. He said that working with Relay For Life and that really inspired him to get more involved and think a little bit more out of the box," he said. "I also get a scholarship from the American Cancer Society so I definitely felt like it was my duty to give back and definitely bring something new."  

Planning for the event started in July. Sigma Nu has a national convention every two years and we came back from it and were like, 'We really need to do something for big philanthropy to raise money for an organization,'" said Ducky-Derby co-chair and architecture senior Derek Homer.  

After the initial idea was created, they worked on graphics for flyers and logistics behind the race. One important test was to see whether all 3,000 rubber ducks could float down the creek at the same time. "We've gone out and we've actually tested it a couple times," Homer said.
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we'll call Andrew said the Confederate flag's mean-
ing didn't immediately hit him.
"I mean, the thing is, none of us are from the South. What it meant to me is rebel youthism," he said. He said the first time he saw the flag was in the television show "The Dukes of Hazzard" when he was younger.

They said they had borrowed the table painted with the flag from a friend for a party they had Saturday night.

We asked to borrow one from a friend and he brought it over, picked it up and took it, Jack said.

The News Times also stated that the house had previously displayed a sign with racist and homophobic slurs, but the residents say this isn't true.

"We did not put it up, we didn't make it, we didn't ask anyone to make it, we never saw it, we know nothing about that sign. Someone else put it up and took it down, we don't know," Jack said.

They said the only sign was one they displayed more than a month ago that read, "no drugs, no hippies, no liberals, no Obama."

Industrial technology senior Tom Sullivan, who says he attended that party and saw the sign, confirmed the wording.

"It wasn't racist whatsoever... it simply had a political point of view, which everyone has, whether we agree or not," he said.

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the multiplication to the symbols without aware-
ness to them. That's a problem for me.

For now, Cal Poly is standing by the deci-
sion that it is a free speech issue.

President Robert Koob first learned about the incident with the noose and flag on Thur-

Saturday evening after a reporter for The News Times, called John Peterson, Cal Poly depart-
ment head of horticulture and crop science, for comments on the matter.

Koob said that an unknown female student seeing the crop science house felt uncomfort-
able about what was said and described and gave information to the News Times, a San Luis Obispo weekly paper.

[The incident appears to be true and we don't approve of it," Koob said. "My first reac-
tion was: What are we going to do to punish them?

But the Cal Poly administration will not be taking any legal actions against those students involved since the First Amendment supports their right to voice their opinions.

"We learned that it's a protective element of free speech so we aren't able to take any punitive actions," Koob said. So

what we are doing is to work with those stu-
dents to first, understand their motivation and second, to help them understand how hurtful that is to a large number of people."

Koob said that the students have already broken the code of the university by using the house that they are allowed to reside in for such an event.

"We have a high level of respect and a*Hect the values of the department."

Peterson said that the students living at the house were unsurprised at the time, but that is going to change.

"I personally need to be on an enhanced level of oversight," he added, emphasizing that the students' actions do not reflect the values of the department.

Peterson said that the students told him that the noose was part of the Halloween deca-
tions and emphasized that their actions do not reflect the values of the department.

"We have a high level of respect and regard for diversity in its fullest scope."

Rachel Glaz contributed to this report.

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"There was quite a bit of people just actually com-
ing out just to watch that," Cummi said.

Sigma Nu plans on hav-

ing a Ducks-Dorphy every year from now on. With all the plans in place Cummi said he hopes this event will become Sigma Nu's flagship philanthropy.

"We are definitely plan-
ning on keeping and reus-
ing the ducks and continu-
ing to put it on every year. It makes it easier when it is successful the first year and then everybody wants to keep doing it," Hommer said.

Other members of Sigma Nu have been help-

ing out too, specifically with the sales aspect of the event.

"We have had a lot of help especially from our new pledge class selling ducks," Cummi said.

The ducks have been on sale during UU hour, out-

side of Sculptor's Farm, Market and online. How-

ever, it is not too late to buy ducks for the race. They will be accepting donations up until the actual contest.

Each duck comes with $5 in proceeds going to Relay For Life which benefits the American Cancer Society.

"We are hoping on Sat-

urday afternoon to start going to draw a lot of the downtown crowd in and it is just a fun event. You don't have to commit an entire day you can just come out and have a little while," Cummi said.

If that's not good enough Hommer asks, "When else are you going to see maybe 3,000 ducks floating down San Luis Creek?"
Iraq wants all US troops gone by end of 2011

Robert H. Reid

BAGHDAD — Iraq wants to eliminate any chance U.S. forces will stay here after 2011 under a proposed security pact and to expand Iraqi legal jurisdiction over U.S. troops until then, a close ally of the prime minister said Thursday.

Those demands, which were presented to U.S. officials this week, could derail the deal — delivering a diplomatic blow to Washington in the final weeks of the Bush administration.

Failure to reach an agreement before year’s end could force a suspension of American military operations, and U.S. commanders have been warning Iraqi officials that could endanger security improvements.

The current draft, hammered out in months of torturous negotiations, would have U.S. soldiers leave Iraq by Dec. 31, 2011, unless the two governments agreed to an extension for training and supporting Iraqi security forces.

But Ali al-Adeeb, a member of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki’s inner circle, said the government wants that possibility excluded by language adding finality to the end of 2011 date.

“The Iraqi side wants to ensure any mention of a possible extension of U.S. troops, fearing that the existing clause might be subject to misinterpretation or could bear different interpretations,” he told The Associated Press.

Otherwise, he said the U.S. might demand an extension “depending on their evaluation” of the security situation and the state of readiness within Iraq’s army and police. U.S. officials have privately suggested 2012 is too early for Iraqi forces to be truly ready to maintain order.

The draft also gives Iraqi courts limited jurisdiction over U.S. troops, allowing them to be prosecuted by Iraqis only if they are accused of major crimes committed off post and off duty.

Al-Adeeb said the Iraqis want to add a provision for a joint U.S.-Iraqi committee to decide whether U.S. soldiers accused of such crimes were on authorized missions.

Planning Minister Ali Babau, a Sunni, added that the Iraqis want jurisdiction over all U.S. soldiers and contractors unless they are carrying out joint military operations approved by Iraqis — a subtle but significant change to the draft that U.S. authorities may find unacceptable.

Iraqi officials have said the changes must be made in the draft agreement before it can be approved by parliament in time for the Dec. 31 expiration of a U.N. Security Council mandate under which coalition troops operate in Iraq.

Without an agreement or a new U.N. mandate, the U.S. military would have to suspend all operations in Iraq after that.

An Iraqi policeman walks in front of a damaged car from a roadside bomb in Palestine Street eastern Baghdad, Iraq on Thursday. A roadside bomb exploded Wednesday night in eastern Baghdad, targeting a police patrol, killing three civilians and injuring 14 others, police said.

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— Lindsay Engel
business senior

“I think expulsion would be OK. Or maybe they shouldn’t be allowed to live at that house. Something needs to happen.”

— Carter Moar
economics sophomore

“I couldn’t even imagine this happening in California in 2008. They should be punished but I don’t even know where to start.”

— L.J. Lumpkin
psychology junior

“They should be expelled straight up. There’s a certain line between freedom of speech and putting a noose up there.”

— Nolberto Marroquin
business administration senior

“I don’t think a slap on the hand is enough. That’s all I’m going to say.”

— Robert Mamoum

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In Baghdad, U.S. military officials have urged the Iraqis to consider what could happen here if the U.S. suspended military operations, warning that the security gains won by the blood of American and Iraqi soldiers would be at risk.

Violence is down sharply after the Sunni revolt against al-Qaida in Iraq and the routing of Shiite militia in Baghdad and southern Iraq last spring.

But U.S. and other coalition forces also provide considerable help to Iraqi ministries in infrastructure and quality of life projects that would have to stop — along with control of the airspace and protection of Iraq's oil export facilities in the Persian Gulf.

"There's really no area that we as a coalition, operate in that is not governed by legal authorities," the U.S. military spokesman, Brig. Gen. David Perkins, told reporters.

He said the American military presence enables other international organizations, including the United Nations, and private groups to do their jobs.

"These things are all interrelated," Perkins said. "You pull one pillar out, you seriously degrade the efforts of others."

Despite the drop in violence, attacks are continuing daily.

On Thursday, a car bomb exploded near a market in north Baghdad, killing one person and wounding five, police said.

The blast occurred about a half hour after a module bomb went off near a police patrol at an intersection in the Fadhiliya area of east Baghdad, wounding six people, including three policemen, officials said.

In Washington, U.S. officials refused to discuss possible alternatives to securing a deal, saying they were still reviewing Iraq's proposed amendment that were received Wednesday.

But officials bristled at suggestions the negotiations could be reopened and said the U.S. was not yet considering asking the Security Council to extend the U.N. mandate.

"Once we have something to say on it, we will," State Department spokesman Robert Wood told reporters in Washington. "But for the moment, we're just taking our time in reviewing it to make sure that we've got a good sense of what it is that the Iraqis have put forward."

Privately, however, U.S. officials were growing pessimistic about chances for a deal. Failure to seal a deal with Iraqi politicians who own their position to the 2003 U.S.-led invasion would be a huge embarrassment to President Bush, whose administration was largely defined by the war.
Economy jolts into decline; bad recession seen

Jeannine Aversa

WASHINGTON — Scared and out of money, Americans stopped buying everything from cars to corn flakes in the July-September quarter, trudging back spending by the most since the spring of 1980 when the country was pulled into negative territory. With retailers bracing for a grim holiday season, the economy isn’t just slowing; it’s actually shrinking, the government reported Thursday. It reported that the nation’s gross domestic product declined at an annual rate of 0.5 percent in the third quarter and consumers’ disposable income rose in the biggest drop on record.

In simpler words, “The main went off the tracks,” said Brian Bebich, economist at HSBC Global.

Wall Street took comfort in the fact that it wasn’t even worse. The Dow Jones industrials rose 190 points.

But economists say tougher times are still ahead. Believing consumers are cutting back even more right now, they predict a much larger economic decline — anywhere from 1 to 2 percent rate — during the current third-quarter period.

That would meet a classic definition of a recession — two straight quarters of shrinking GDP.

Not that there’s any easy escape.

Cluttered by pink slips, shrinking nest eggs and falling home values — consumers are holding even tighter to their wallet. The new report said Americans disposable income fell at an annual rate of 8.7 percent in the quarter, the largest on record dating back to 1947.

The dismal news came just days before the nation picks the next president. Whether Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain wins the White House, he will inherit a deeply troubled economy and a record-high budget deficit that could cramp his spending plans.

Each side said the new figures supported its political case.

“The decline in GDP didn’t happen by accident — it is a direct result of the Bush administration’s trickle down, Wall Street first, Main Street last policies that John McCain has embraced for the last eight years,” Obama said. He pledged to provide tax relief to middle class families and help people facing foreclosures.

Pointing to the economy’s sad state, Doug Holz-Eakin, senior policy adviser for the McCain campaign, said back that “Barack Obama would accelerate this dangerous course.” McCain said his tax cut, free-trade policies and help to struggling homeowners would help turn things around.

More than in recent recessions, consumers — the lifeblood of the economy — are bearing the brunt of the downturn now. The third-quarter decline in their spending was the first in 17 years, and the 3.1 percent annualized cutback was staggering — the most since the spring of 1980 when the country was in the grip of what some call the worst downturn since the Great Depression.

Weakened by such a huge pullback, the economy toppled into negative territory. The latest reading on GDP, which measures the value of all goods produced within the United States, showed a rapid turn from the 2.8 percent growth rate logged in the second quarter. The new figure was the worst since the 1.4 percent rate of decline in the third quarter of 2001, when the nation was suffering through its most recent recession.

Democrats on Capitol Hill are pushing for another economic stimulus package and are weighing whether to hold a lame duck session before the new president takes office.

Under attack from Democrats and Republicans alike, the White House defended giving billions of bailout dollars to banks that now are repaying stimulus funds and executives — or even buying other banks — rather than making loans to consumers and businesses.

Ed Langan, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, said the government is keeping close tabs on banks’ use of the money, but he also said normal activities such as paying performance-related salaries or distributing dividends are allowed under the law Congress passed.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said that “not only rich people get dividend payments,” which can form a significant portion of income for retirees and mutual funds.

A collapse of the housing market and locked-up lending have produced the worst financial crisis to hit the country in more than 70 years.

To cushion the fallout, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates on Wednesday by half a percentage point to 1 percent, a level not seen only since back in the last half century.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has warned that the country’s economic weaknesses could last for some time — even if the government’s unprecedented $700 billion financial bailout package and other steps do succeed in getting financial and credit markets to operate more normally.

“As of now, most forecasts indicate that we will experience a serious recession, perhaps comparable to the recession of the early 1980s, but nothing like the Great Depression,” said Simon Johnson, former chief economist to the International Monetary Fund and senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. During the 1980-1982 recession, unemployment topped 10 percent.

Other analysts, including Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Economy.com, predicts the downturn will be much worse than the 2001 and 1990-1991 recessions but not as bad — in terms of unemployment or lost growth — as the 1980s one.

The unemployment rate, now at 6.1 percent, could hit 8 percent or higher next year.

The Labor Department said Thursday that new claims for unemployment benefits last week held steady at 479,000, an elevated figure that continued to point to trouble in the job market.

In the third quarter, consumers cut back on purchases of cars, furniture, household appliances, clothes and almost everything else.

Businesses cut back, too, trimming spending on equipment and software at a 5.5 percent pace, the most since the first quarter of 2002. And home builders slashed spending at a 19.1 percent pace, marking the 11th straight quarterly setback.

Slower growth for U.S. exports — reflecting less demand from overseas buyers who are coping with their own economic problems — also weighed on the weak GDP report. Exports grew at a 9.9 percent pace in the third quarter, less than half the second quarter’s 12.3 percent rate.

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UU Art Gallery features student work

Alisha Axson

Rushing through the University Union on the way to class or studying, a student might miss a small place to escape the busy activities of life. Tucked away in the corner of the Epicenter is an art gallery especially designed for students to do just that.

The University Union Art Gallery is completely run by art and design senior Kristin Savage. To make it more comfortable for students and to allow them to avoid the noisy union, she added couches and plants to the space.

All the artwork in the gallery is either created by students or pertains to them in some way. Currently, the gallery is showing architectural renderings, or representations, of the UU remodel that will be started this summer.

Photographs of the current UU are shown opposite the renderings.

"My goal has really been to get students to keep coming into the gallery so look at the different shows," Savage said. "I think it’s interesting for students to come in and see other students’ work."

The fine arts have always been an interest for Savage who said she remembers walking by the gallery on a campus tour.

"I remember thinking, 'that’s cool' and now I run (the gallery)," Savage said.

Savage controls every aspect of the gallery from choosing the artist to designing the show to planning the opening reception for the exhibits. She said she tries to show one student artist each quarter.

Becky Sloat, an art and design major with a photography concentration, will be featured Nov. 5. Her senior project “Sky, Earth, Life: A Journey Through Aotearoa” will display large, panoramic photographs Sloat took while studying abroad in New Zealand.

“The photographs are absolutely gorgeous,” Savage said. "They are breathtaking.”

Sloat said her show will give students a unique perspective of New Zealand because she didn’t take any “typical tourist tours.” Instead she “went off the beaten path” to take pictures of the mountains and views where she could see for miles around.

“I think it will be a great experience,” Sloat said. "I’ve never had a gallery show before. It will be fun to see my work displayed. Just doing the project itself was a great experience.”

"Sky, Earth, Life” will be on display in the UU Gallery through Jan. 16 with a reception on Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. in the gallery.
Figaro, Figaro, Figaro! PAC offers night at the opera

Samantha MacConnell

An evening filled with disguises, mischief and mayhem sounds like a typical Halloween night for a college student, but tonight the Pacific Repertory Opera presents "The Marriage of Figaro," which will offer all of this and more.

"The Marriage of Figaro is best fit for Halloween because the entire story is about disguises and deceit," said Brighton Hushing-Kline, assistant to the managing director at the Pacific Repertory Opera. "It's a great way to start the evening." "The Marriage of Figaro" (Le nozze di Figaro) is an 18th century Italian comic opera, one of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's most famous works.

"Opera is where classical composition in its best form meets vocal composition in its best form," said Brighton Hushing-Kline. "An opera singer is trained so well in (his or her) voice." The opera will take place in the Christopher Cohen Performing Arts Center as the first opera of the season, for two nights only. The evening will begin with a lecture before the show by artistic director Robert Ashton, which will give audience members a history, storyline and profile of characters. "He does it in such a way that you're connected to the opera by coming to the pre-show talk," Mikel Hushing-Kline, managing director at the Pacific Repertory Opera said. Figaro, a barber and valet for the Count, is wed Susanna, who is the handmaid to the Countess. Chaos erupts when the Count chooses Susanna and the maids Marcellina chooses Figaro. To add to the chaos, teenage Cherubino chases after any female, in an English translation, audience members will have no trouble understanding, thanks to the subtitles. Some students from Cal Poly will be performing in the show. Cal Poly music major Kristen Choi will perform as one of the lead characters, Barbarina. Other students' roles range from peasant girls to singing in the chorus.

"The Marriage of Figaro" will debut at 8 p.m. today and tomorrow in the Performing Arts Center. The pre-show talk will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets cost $12.50-$32.50 with a student ID.

Court weighs California law on violent video games

Samantha Young

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SACRAMENTO — A federal appeals panel on Wednesday considered whether California can ban the sale of violent video games to minors.

The three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals held a rare hearing in Sacramento to take arguments over a 2005 state law.

It prohibits the sale or rental of violent video games to anyone under the age of 18 and requires that such games be clearly labeled. Video game manufacturers argue that it violates minors' First Amendment rights and won a decision in a lower court last year.

Court in other states have struck down similar laws.

Appellate Judge Consuelo Callahan said upholding California's law would mark a significant expansion of the kind of material that federal courts have traditionally regulated. "Aren't you asking this court to go where no court has gone before?" Callahan asked the state's attorney at the beginning of the hearing.

California Deputy Attorney General Zackery Morazzini urged the panel to take that step. He said states have every right to help parents who want to keep their children from playing violent video games.

The U.S. Supreme Court already has limited sexually explicit material from children. Violent video games are just as obscene, Morazzini argued. "I believe the Supreme Court has left that door wide open," he told the panel.

The Video Software Dealers Association and Entertainment Software Association say imposing restrictions on video games could lead to dangerous territory, in which states could seek to restrict other material under the guise of protecting children.

"Maybe a state will say we shouldn't let you sell, without a parent's permission, books about homosexuality or sex education or birth control," Paul Smith, the industry's attorney, told reporters after the hearing. "I think it's a very scary prospect." The potential for creating a slippery slope also was explored by the justices. "Is there anything out of limits for the legislature to prohibit to minors?" Judge Alex Kozinski asked. "What about games where people eat unhealthy foods and get fat?"

"What's the difference between a violent video game and a violent book?" asked Judge Sidney Thomas.

In response, the state's attorney argued that video games are interactive, requiring a child to participate in the violence as opposed to simply reading a book or watching a movie.

State Sen. Leland Lee, D-San Francisco, a child psychologist who wrote the laws, cited studies that show violent games can be linked to aggressiveness, anti-social behavior and desensitization to violence. "I hope that the 9th Circuit will overturn the lower court's decision and help empower parents with the ultimate decision over whether or not their children play in a
Authors, publishers settle suit against Google

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NEW YORK — Eager to avoid the debate over copyrighted text online and anxious to make some money, Google and the publishing industry announced Tuesday that they have settled their three-year legal battle over the Internet giant's book-search program.

Under an agreement reached by Google, the Authors Guild and the Association of American Publishers, libraries and the public will have an easier time tracking down millions of out-of-print books. At the same time, Google and the book business will have greater opportunities for online sales.

"We're trying to create a new structure where there will be more access to out-of-print books, with benefits both to readers and researchers and to the right holders of these books — authors and publishers," Richard Sarnoff, chairman of the publishers association, said Tuesday in an interview.

"This is an extraordinary accomplishment," Paul N. Courant, university librarian for the University of Michigan, said in a statement. "It will now be possible, easier for anyone to access these great collections from anywhere in the United States."

Under the Google Print Library Project, snippets from millions of out-of-print, but copyrighted books have been indexed online by Michigan and other libraries. Google has called the project, which also scans public domain works, an invaluable chance for books to increase their exposure.

But in a class-action suit filed in 2005, the Authors Guild alleged that Google was "engaging in massive copyright infringement." Within weeks, publishers also sued, citing the "continuing, irreversible and irremediable harm publishers are suffering ... due to Google's willful (copyright) infringement to further its own commercial purposes."

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Racist statements:
Shocking, but protected

"No niggers, no fags, no hippies." To some these words are shocking, but for some they are sadly unsurprising, and to all reasonable people they are offensive. While going about life on a campus that is relatively racially homogeneous, yet ethnically diverse, it is sometimes easy to think that such backward attitudes still exist in the world. But they do, and they often hide among us. Although racism has become socially unacceptable in recent decades, prejudices of all types run strong and we won't get rid of them by pretending we can't see them.

The student body has shown a strong and encouraging response to the actions of the students involved, rising to this momentous task of diagnosing the hateful comments and reminding the community that Cal Poly will not stand for such vitriol. However, the passions of those eager to correct a wrong often leads them, even with good intentions, astray from the judicious path. Many students are incurred at the administration's lack of response to the situation, and have shown up in numbers to protest the decision.

But the administration did exactly what they should have. As vile as the statements are, they are still protected by the offending students' First Amendment rights. As former Secretary of State Colin Powell always says, "no matter how much you don't like people's free speech, if it is protected, you need to live with it." And as long as people are not infringing upon your rights, they are (and should be) free to express any idea they choose. If the party was sponsored by an Associated Students, Inc. club or fraternity, Cal Poly would be right to revoke their charter, but as an independent group of students, their rights remain — especially on a college campus, where free exchange of thought is paramount.

Many students feel that there is absolutely no constitutional right for citizens to be protected from speech they don't want to hear. This is something that far too few people in this country understand, and it also brings up a larger issue. There has been a disturbing trend, fueled both by politicians and by media sources, in which people are inclined to support or vote for a policy that affects other people's rights because of personal beliefs. Your beliefs are your own and nobody should be able to take them from you, but you have absolutely no right to enforce them upon other people.

If you have moral objections to gay marriage, for instance, it may feel right to vote for a state proposition banning it. But think further down the line— no one has the right to suppress a minority opinion under any circumstances. The founding fathers understood this and built protections into our system of government. While it may not be the majority of the population who, for instance, support the "noose and a Confederate flag can't be displayed at a Cal Poly event" rule, it is protected. And as long as people are not infringing upon your rights, they are (and should) be free to express any idea they choose. If the party was sponsored by an Associated Students, Inc. club or fraternity, Cal Poly would be right to revoke their charter, but as an independent group of students, their rights remain — especially on a college campus, where free exchange of thought is paramount.

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We deserve an apology
In light of the recent displays of racial tension on campus, I've decided that it is time I am completely forthright with you. Because I am a minority (being half black and half white) I would really appreciate it if everyone would racially segregate me. We could also get rid of the Black Theater (CAMPUS THEATER, 3:30). ENGL 382 (which is the Gre, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender in Media class — doesn't matter, it's only open once a year) and, heck, the whole women's studies department at this point is a complete waste.

The only sensible course of action in a democracy is to let people retain the freedom to choose for themselves. The freedom that allows you to be a bigot is the same freedom that allows you to criticize the government, to teach your children what you think will help them succeed in life, and ultimately to vote on policies or candidates that affect everyone.

My advice to you is to take a step back and look at your beliefs. On Tuesday, try voting with your head instead of your heart. Don't vote for McCain because he's a veteran or Obama because he's black, or Proposition 8 because of the Bible vote based on the issues, the facts, the Constitution, and what will truly be best for our country. Recognize the hateful actions of those who do and work to teach your children with their intolerance, but don't try to take away their constitutional right to do so. Above all, fight to preserve the liberty this country was founded upon, whether you agree with how it's being used.

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Eddie Thompson has been his

primary target. The 5-foot-11 senior

receiver's 55 catches through seven

games place him second in FCS per-
game averages.

Junior Jason Taylor isn't far behind,
taking his 47 catches for team highs of

621 yards and six scores.

Thompson left the Bengals' loss to Portland State with an ankle injury, but is "getting better" according to Zahnitz, who said Wednesday he expects him to be "ready to go.

Defensively, the Bengals are led by senior linebacker Ryan Phillips, a trans-

fer from Oregon who has a team-best

71 tackles and h2-senior cornerback

DJ Clark, who intercepted two passes in

the end zone last week.

"Last year they matched us in ath-

leticism tit-for-tat," Toliver said.

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Ryan Torain (RB) — With the

injuries and inconsistencies that have plagued the Denver running game this season, the rookie run-

ning back Torain has a good chance
to make an impact toward the end

of the season. "He's not been active this year due to an elbow

injury, so this week will be his first crack at getting

in the lineup," Ellerson said.

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Mustangs picked fifth, seventh in Big West

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The Cal Poly women's basketball team was picked to finish fifth in the Big West Conference by coaches and

seven by members of the media at the Big West Conference media day Wednesday.

UC Riverside was tabbed to win the conference for the third straight year. The Highlanders return their

primary target. The 5-foot-11 senior

Montana Daily in the coming week.

The Mustangs tip off their season at 7 p.m. Nov. 5 when they host Cal State Monterey Bay in an exhibition at

Must Gym.

Editor’s Note: For a full preview of the basketball season, see the Mustang Daily in the coming weeks.

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back in ther in the second. Frankly, it
didn't come down to when the ball
came down to them, it came down to

us," Ellerson explained. "This isn't just a game, just Oh shucks, something bad happened. We're go-

ing to make a statement about who we are.

In the second half, the Mustangs

held Southern Utah scoreless with

four tackles, zero passes thrown, and

five sacks.

"I like who we are," Ellerson said of

the defense. "I think we can progres-

sion. "We imposed our will," he said.

"You're watching a game like that,

and you think every time the ball gets

thrown, it's supposed to get caught,"

Ellerson said. "This just stopped them

cold."

Witten has a broken rib and

will be out for a few weeks, Ellerson

said. "We changed the picture in their

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Cal Poly, Idaho State defenses unlikely to rest

Four years before Jared Allen was seeking NFL quarterback in an all-defense end, he was at Idaho State wrecking opposing backfields, and Cal Poly wasn't immune.

The current Minnesota Viking not only scored one touchdown during a 38-31 win at Cal Poly on Nov. 15, 2003, but he made nine solo tackles, including a crucial fourth-and-goal stop of Mustang quarter­back Chris Peterson.

How times have changed.

The Bengals once feared for their defense, enter Saturday's 6:05 p.m. contest with the Mustangs at Alex G. Spanos Stadium winless and giving up 476.6 yards per game — dead last in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division 1-AA).

That doesn't seem too far from motions against Cal Poly (5-1) — which is ranked third in the FCS coaches poll, fourth in the media poll and averages an FCS-best 44.8 points per game.

Their meeting comes on the heels of last year, when the Mustangs won 46-28 in Pocatello, Idaho. They held the ball for nearly 37 minutes while amassing 687 yards of total offense.

"They got us," Idaho State head coach John Zamberlin said.

It may be more of the same Saturday.

Cal Poly is coming off of a 69-41 win over Southern Utah in which it set a program Division I record for yards, 822.

Cal Poly junior fullback Jon Hall (right) turns up field on a 33-yard touchdown reception during the Mustangs' 69-41 win Saturday.

Cal Poly's playing extremely well," Zamberlin said. "They present a lot of different options."

In their last game, though, the Bengals (0-8) were within 16-13 of Portland State before losing 36-13. The Bengal defense, which starts three sophomores and a freshman, allowed just 12 rushing yards and claimed four turnovers.

"We've given up some big plays this year because we've had a lot of injuries up front and have guys playing for the first time right now," Zamberlin said. "I thought we played well enough last week to win."

Although Cal Poly's offense could say the same, its defense gave up five touchdowns in the first half which Southern Utah trailed just 35-34. Four of the scores came through the air, setting the tone for a night when the Thunderbirds completed 34 of 48 passes for 520 yards.

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