As the election approaches, members of the Cal Poly football team perform at their weekly game against Idaho State. The team is known for its high-energy performances and audio podcasts.

As of Oct. 23, San Luis Obispo County’s Environmental Health Services will no longer sample certain beaches due to budget cuts. This decision affects testing at six local beaches, including Morro Strand State Beach, the city beach north of Morro Rock, San Simeon State Beach, and Croton Canoe in Montana de Oro. Weekly samples from 14 other beaches will continue to test the water for bacteria known to cause illness. As long as the testing program continues to收到 federal funds and an allocation from the county budget, testing will continue at these sites, said Curt Batson, the director of environmental health for San Luis Obispo County. "Obviously we will still respond to complaints if there were sewage spills there or anywhere else, certainly. This is just our weekly, routine sampling that we had to discontinue," Batson said.

The county will no longer test water samples from six local beaches, due to budget cuts. It will continue to test the water from 14 other beaches which have a history of poor water quality. The college of Liberal Arts is monitoring spending on travel, office supplies and operating expenses. Course offerings in the winter and spring will also be reduced to lessen the need for lecturers. "The faculty most affected are our part-time lecturers," said Debra Valencia-Laver, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "They aren’t getting the same level of assignments as they have in the years past. We all wish there was more money to go around and more teaching. We know that this is hard.”

Since Cal Poly accepted almost 1,000 fewer students this year than prior years, there was less demand for classes, which will also affect the number of sections taught by lecturers.

Rubber ducks float in the San Luis Obispo Creek during the Relay for Life event. This event raises funds for cancer research and awareness. Participants at Sigma Nu’s philanthropy event, the Ducky Derby, raced multi-colored rubber ducks down the San Luis Obispo Creek on Saturday afternoon. The event raised money for Relay For Life, benefiting the American Cancer Society and the brainchild of political science junior, a cancer survivor and member of the fraternity, Alex Canney. Thousands of ducks participated.
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mos, it's because we have fewer stu-
dents and less budget." the university will examine it time, we have to be really tight
job. "We have lived through the
"Don't want to admit students and then not have the
courses they need to graduate,"
Chvret said. Each dean's objective is
to make sure students get through the curriculum and keep them moving at a steady pace toward their degree completion.
"In the end, if we don't balance the budget, it just comes out of next year's money," Chvret said. "It wouldn't surprise me if many local gov-
ers in California have layoffs this year because there is not as much sales tax revenue.
When the unemployment is high, the economies going to turn around and when is the bud-
get is going to be rectified?"

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Not to be outdone, the Republi-
can National Committee rolled out phone calls that included Hillary Rodham Clinton's criticism of Obama during the Democratic prima-
ry. She is heard saying: "In the White
House, there is no time for speeches and on-the-job training. Sen. McCain will bring a lifetime of experience to the campaign, and Sen. Obama will bring a speech that he gave in 2002." A Clinton spokesman said she dis-
approved of the ad.

The Pennsylvania GOP also un-
veiled a TV ad featuring Obama's former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, declaring "God damn America!" in a sermon.
Obama and McCain cam-
paigned on each other's turf Sunday. Obama was in Ohio, a bellwether state Bush won four years ago and where polls show Obama tied or leading. McCain visited Pennsyl-
van ia and New Hampshire, states won by Democrat John Kerry in 2004. He trails in both.
"I've been in a lot of campaigns," McCain told people at a rally in Pennsylvania. Overall, polls show Obama winning or tied in more than a dozen or so states won by

Bush while McCain trails in every
Kerry state.
McCain and the RNC dramatically ramped up their spending in the campa-
gn's final days and now are match-
ing Obama ad for ad, if not exceed-
ing him, in key battleground markets in states such as Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

After months of planning, the Republican Party launched the last stage of its vaunted "72-hour pro-
gram," when volunteers descend on competitive states for the final stretch. Democrats unleashed their "permu-
sions army" of backers wearing their own badges to encourage people to back Obama in the campaign's win-
ing hours.

Obama's campaign reported that Saturday was its largest volunteer day, with more volunteers showing up to work the phones and walk neigh-
borhood precincts than ever before in the campaign. Obama spokesman Bill Burton said, "Our volunteers are completely engaged."
McCain's crew says theirs are, too.
"There's no doubt that we've got an uphill battle," said Rick Beken, the RNC's political director. But, "We still have a lot of voters that we can and will turn out."
Amid gloom, young see vote as act of hope

Alicia Savoy, 23, left, and Nicole Williams, 23, wait along with other early voters, to cast their ballots, Thursday, in Norwalk, Calif.

Juliana Barbassa
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Getting ready to cast her first vote, 19-year-old Elizabeth Jimenez considers all that's at stake in her choice of president: the tanking economy in which she'll start her career. The dwindling medical benefits that support her bedridden sister. The failed promise of immigration reforms to help her Mexican-born father.

"It's so much bigger than myself," said the sophomore at College of the Sequoias, in Visalia, Calif.

Newspaper headlines promise layoffs and record the death toll in wars where Jimenez has friends and a cousin.

"America's always been the place where dreams come true," said Jimenez, who will become the first in her immigrant family to hang hopes on a ballot. "Our votes can add up, make sure it stays that way.

Halfway across the country, 21-year-old Sahar Meghani is also upbeat and pragmatic despite the country's gloomy outlook.

"You just have to go after your own opportunities. They won't come to you," said the University of Houston finance major, whose dark pantsuit and pearls telegraphed her drive to find a job.

Saying students should "study the candidates just like we study for a test," she notes that soon "I'll be the one in control of the economy."

The political debut Tuesday for young voters like these comes in an election already marked by historical fires.

Young voters broke turnout records. They doubled and in some cases tripled their presence in caucuses like Iowa, energized by the heated contest deciding whether, for the first time, a woman or a black candidate became the Democratic nominee. They responded to intensive youth outreach from Republicans and Democratic campaigns by volunteering, and used social networks to amplify their own opinions.

In cafes, dorm rooms and at work, they dissected candidates' positions on the economy, the wars, and everything else. In 2008, building on trends in the last two election cycles, the potent mix of personally relevant issues and charismatic candidates could mark the under-25 crowd's breakthrough as political players with clout, experts said.

"We have factors that will likely result in the highest youth vote on record," said John Della Volpe, director of polling at Harvard University's Institute of Politics. His survey of political attitudes among 18- to 24-year-olds found nearly seven in 10 say political engagement is an effective way of solving the country's problems.

"All of us are thinking about jobs after we graduate, what we're going to do about health care," said the 21-year-old, pushing aside the notes he was studying for a midterm exam. "I'm definitely concerned — about the economy, about the war."

He'll cast his first vote for Sen. Barack Obama, but he's already done a lot more. He went to New Hampshire for the primary contest, worked the phones from California to reach voters in states where Obama needed a boost, and drove to

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Gay marriage backers make politics personal

Brenda Chavez, left and Carissa Morales watch a No on Prop 8 rally on Sunday Nov. 2, 2008 in Fresno, Calif. Proposition 8 would overturn the California Supreme Court's decision earlier this year to legalize same-sex marriage.

Lisa Leff  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As California voters prepare to decide Tuesday whether to eliminate the marriage rights that same-sex couples won five months ago, gay and their allies have been encouraged to tell co-workers and neighbors why legalizing the unions matters to them.

Same-sex couples who have married since June knocked on doors in neighborhoods across the state on Sunday to share stories with the voters they hoped to persuade to defeat Proposition 8. In recent weeks, other gay opponents of the ban, including a Roman Catholic priest, a former Republican mayor and a small-town newspaper editor, came out of the closet to show how the issue cuts across religious and social lines.

Proposition 8 has turned into the most expensive election question this year, except the presidential race. Religious and civil rights groups have poured money and effort into the drive, making it one of the nation's most closely watched races.

During his 23 years as a priest in the San Joaquin Valley, the Rev. Geoffrey Farrow offered spiritual solace to a mother who did not know how to relate to her lesbian daughter and to an 11-year-old boy who thought he might be gay.

Yet it was not until some parishioners confided they were confused about how to vote on Proposition 8 that Farrow, 50, decided he had an obligation to minister to a bigger audience — even if it meant publicly disagreeing with his bishop and other church leaders.

"By asking all of the pastors of the Diocese of Fresno to promote Catholics to vote yes on Proposition 8, the bishop has placed me in a moral predicament," Farrow began a homily he gave Sunday, Oct. 5. "They are making a statement which has a direct, and damaging, effect on some of the people who may be sitting in the pews next to you today."

He asked his parishioners to consider that their votes "can cause other human beings untold happiness or sorrow for a lifetime." Then he concluded by observing that he was prepared for the personal consequences his "words of truth" would draw from the diocese.

Farrow had revealed in response to a reporter's question just before the Mass that he was gay, but he did not disclose his sexual orientation to his parish. Within days of his homily, Farrow was re­lieved as the St. Paul Newman Centers pastor and suspended without pay for contradicting church teachings and bringing scandal to his parish. He has retained a lawyer for an upcoming disciplinary hearing.

In the meantime, he has been traveling the state, speaking out against Proposition 8, often appearing at campaign events with non-Catholic clergy members who also oppose the measure.

He also spends a lot of time answering e­mails from around the world, some critical of his stand and others grateful.

"Beyond Proposition 8, this is an issue that needs to be addressed in the church because the solution the hierarchy has come up with has been to sweep it under the carpet," Farrow said.

The diocese has not commented on the case.

Former Folsom Mayor Glenn Fait has found a colorful way of describing his allegiance to the Grand Old Party.

"I like to say I'm a Lincoln Republican when it comes to civil rights, a Teddy Roosevelt Republican when it comes to the environment and a Reagan Republican when it comes to the economy," said Fait, a former city councilman and mayor of the Sacramento suburb made famous by the Johnny Cash song about the prison there.
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Nevada to get out the vote before that state's January caucus.
The drive to be a part of politics has picked up this year among moderates, Burry said, noting it's not just about voting but "stepping up, volunteering."
Christian Omena, who is graduating from UC Berkeley in December, noticed students' engagement in everything from the long lines stemming from voter registration booths to political discussions that flared up in unexpected places.
"There's something cool about getting involved this year," said Omena. A strong supporter of Sen. John McCain — his first vote for president was an absence ballot cast for the Republican candidate — Omena still credits Obama's charisma and his campaign's outreach to young voters with fueling much of that drive to participate.
Omena noted the grass-root energy around Obama, and acknowledged of his candidate, "It's harder to be hip and be cool when you're '72.
Like many of his generation, Omena skips over newspapers and television and gets most of his information about politics online.
"We've done a huge amount of organizing using the Internet, and we've used new technology in ways that rea­ tally captured young voters' attention," said Korea Scarce, spokeswoman for Obama.
Omena's candidate's face is ubiquitous on social networking sites like Face­book.com and in YouTube videos. The campaign has relied on text messages to communicate with voters. They trum­bled over the initial plan to announce the vice-presidential pick directly to supporters' cell phones and e-mail, but found the short blurb are an effective way to advertise early voting locations.
Eric Hoen, 19, a Harvard sopho­more, developed a Facebook applica­tion that provided voters, many of them young, with similar reminders. "It's just a lot easier to get involved in politics," he said. "The stakes are higher than they've been before. This will probably be one of the most important elections of our lifetime, and it's our first." While Internet tools and testing have made it simple and cheap to reach young voters, what holds their atten­tion is the reality waiting for graduates as soon as they've finished their dip­lo­mas — or already facing young voters who moved straight into the job mar­ket.
Nineteen-year-old Daniel Lipp works full time at a restaurant in Port­land, Maine. It's not a glamour job but it pays the bills. He's frustrated watching Congress bull out investment banks.
"They're just kind of throwing money away," he said. "I really want to see some changes," said Lipp, who in his first vote is lean­ing toward Obama.
Emerging from an Army recruiting center in a Raleigh, N.C., strip mall, Lee Watson, 20, wore a broad smile. He had just been sworn in and booked for taking his oath as a soldier. He's long planned to follow his father into the Army, and even two ongoing wars weren't enough to change his mind.
The economic crisis only re­fined his decision. A KFC restaurant where he used recently worked in Ala­bama closed down. On the drive up to North Carolina Watson was struck by the number of homeless and pan­handlers he saw along the road.
State
PASO ROBLES, Calif. (AP) — Hundreds of illegal Australian crayfish have been discovered in tanks at a Paso Robles ranch.
Game wardens are trying to determine if any of the 800 crustaceans — some as big as lobsters — got loose and made their way down tributaries to the Salinas River, where native species could be threatened.
State Fish and Game wardens investigating illegal deer hunting on the ranch discovered the fast­breeding Australian yabbies and smooth razorback crayfish, both il­legal in California. Ranch owner James Lockshaw says he was rais­ing the crayfish in a hobby. He could be charged with importing and possessing the illegal crustacean.
LOS ANGELES (AP) Five people were found dead to death Sunday in a homeless en­campment obscured by heavy brush in the shadow of a freeway in Long Beach, police said.
Officers received an anonymous call around 8:30 a.m. and went to an area between several commer­cial buildings and freeway ramps of the Long Beach Expressway, and found two women and three men, all gunshot victims. Long Beach Deputy Police­Chief Robert Luna said.
Briefs
RENO, Nev. (AP) — Ne­vada state officials briefed for a record voter turnout at Barack Obama and John McCain and their surrogates made a last­minute push for votes in the battle­ground state.
Secretary of State Ross Miller said early and absentee voting was so heavy that he now expects a re­cord turnout as high as 90 percent of active voters, or nearly 1.1 mil­lion Nevadans.
More than 600,000 Nevadans cast early and absentee ballots by Friday, the end of the state's two­week early voting period. That represents 56 percent of the total of expected voters.
BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Boulder police have ticketed about a dozen people running naked on the street while sporting freshly gutted pumpkins on their heads as part of an annual Halloween event.
The citations for indecent expo­sure Friday night came as dozens of other costumed revelers, including a man with a red cape and a woman chanted to police officers to let go of the streakers and "find real crim­inals."
The event known in Boulder as the Naked Pumpkin Run has been held for 10 years.
International
BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq ex­pects an American response to re­quests changes in a draft security pact soon after this week's U.S. presi­dential election, an aide to the prami­nister said Sunday.
Another Iraqi official said the U.S. indicated it would accept all the proposed changes except one — greater Iraqi legal control over American soldiers and contractors.
Yasim Majed said the U.S. response would come after Tuesday's vote on the president-elect — either Bar­ack Obama or John McCain — could be briefed on the Iraq proposal which were submitted by Iraq's cabinet last week.
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan (AP) — The Pakistan army's chief spokesman says a suicide bomber rammed his vehicle into a group of paramilitary officers in a volatile region near the Afghan border, killing at least eight troops.
Sunday's attack occurred in a tribal region considered a base for Al-Qaida and Taliban-linked mi­litants.
Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas says the attack in South Waziristan occurred at a checkpoint near the main gate of the Zalai fort, where members of the Frontier Corps were gathered. U.S. anti-terror­ity Pakistan has deployed security forces to stop growing militancy.

Upcoming musical extravaganzas bring campus bands together

Samantha MacConnell
MUSTANG DAILY

Whether you enjoy the Romantic strains of Tchaikovsky or the buoyant tunes of a marching band, there is something to be enjoyed among the Cal Poly music department's numerous bands. Although each performs differently, their shared love of music which will bring many of the university's band together in several upcoming performances throughout the fall quarter.

** Mustang Band**

The Mustang Band is a marching band made up of 120 members, including large groups of brass, woodwind, percussion and color guard performers. Each performer must study the marching drill and the music that is to be performed.

The Mustang Band, also named "The Pride of the Pacific," performs at pep rallies, alumni functions, parades, and athletic events, while a smaller group performs at volleyball and basketball games.

"Technically, we call it a band marching," said William Johnson, professor of music and director of bands at Cal Poly. "To most of the public, it's a marching band, but to us it's a band marching, where the music is just as important as the stepping and choreography."

The band also features color guard performers, who perform with flags and rifles, and a crowd-pleasing fire baton twirler. "We have a very special young lady who is the sole baton twirler," said Johnson, speaking of political science freshman Kristen Man. "She twirls two fire batons at the same time."

The Mustang Band is always interested in recruiting new members, as the program continues to expand. They perform at Open House and Admitted Students Day, among other events, to create student interest and possibly recruit new members for the following year.

Johnson, who has been at Cal Poly for 42 years, has studied a wide range of instruments, but specializes in low brass, specifically large brass instruments like the trombone and tuba. He emphasizes the importance of being a skilled musician prior to joining the band.

"You have to be an accomplished musician," Johnson said. "Most of our students have been playing for eight years, before they ever get to (Cal Poly)."

"This year we were very fortunate to have a huge number of very talented new students come into our program," Johnson said. "It was the largest number of new students we've seen in years. They've brought in a lot of enthusiasm, talent, expertise, and rejuvenated all of our ensembles."

Student who wish to audition for the Mustang Band perform one at a time for the directors, who look to see the skill the musicians have in playing their instrument, their ability to read music fluently and a desire to perform well.

"We could have a 500 piece band, if we didn't have standards," Johnson said. "Our standards are very high, so only 120 make it in the marching band. We need 120 to look good and sound good."

**University Jazz Bands**

The Cal Poly University Jazz Bands are made up of students who take special classes open to all Cal Poly students. The classes are ensembles that perform. The University's music department performs, including big band compositions, world music, cartoon jazz, swing dance and funk. They also perform the themes to television programs like "I Love Lucy," "Barratt" and "The Pink Panther."

The University Jazz Band program is made up of two bands. Band No. 1 has the more experienced players and Band No. 2 is perfect for those who wish to practice and learn more.

There is no required major for participating in the jazz band. Students from a variety of colleges and majors like engineering, architecture and liberal studies are represented. Classes for band members are offered through the music department and are open to any student at Cal Poly.

"We are really happy that we have so many non-music majors in the jazz bands because they are often times really excellent musicians," said Paul Rinzler, professor of music and director of jazz studies at Cal Poly since 1997. "It's a great experience that the bands have to draw on so we have a good pool of musicians to choose from."

The jazz bands also perform at events throughout the community, which teaches them the value of performing at different types of venues, while also learning music theory and technique.
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Innovative new tastes to hear the bands perform.

"It really like the fact that we have so many of these cool gigs for the bands because it does help to instill that sense of pro-

location in the students," Rizzi said.

For the fourth year, the band will be performing swing dan-
cs in Santa Barbara, and plan to play regionally throughout Cali-

fornia, including a Roy Area tour later this year.

"It's really nice for the band to play in those of a bunch of dancers because they love it," Rizzi said. "The music is great
to dance to, it's fun and it's also really good jazz."

Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble

The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra program combines more

The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra program combines more

than 115 student musicians in two ensembles, which only use

the woodwind, brass and percussion sections of a traditional

orchestra.

The Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble consist of stu-
dents who have performed in many concert halls around the

world including Beethoven Hall at the Musashino Academi-

Museum in Tokyo, the Michael Fowler Performing Arts Cen-
tre in Wellington, New Zealand, and the Sydney Opera House

in Sydney, Australia, among others. They have an excellent

musical reputation both nationally and internationally.

The band debuted at Carnegie Hall in 2003 as part of the

New York City wind Band Festival. Most recently, the

Cal Poly Wind Ensemble and Choir performed in concert

halls in Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague for a Euro-
pacific tour.

Upcoming Events

The University Jazz Band will perform at

the Alumni Homecoming Barbeque and Wine

Tasting on Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. The University Jazz

Band Swing Dance in Santa Barbara will take

place from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Carrillo

Recreation Center on Friday, Nov. 21. Free

dance lessons will be given at 5 p.m.

On Dec. 8, the jazz bands will perform in

t heir Fall Jazz Concert in Spanos Theatre. The

concert will feature a diverse mix of jazz stan-
dards and compositions. The shows begins at

8 p.m., and student tickets cost $6.

The Wind Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and

the Mustang Band will open for Cal Poly's An-
nual Bandfest '08 Concert. This year's theme

for the festival is entitled "Mi Alma Latina" (My
Latin Soul), which will showcase the rhythms of

Spain, Cuba and Latin America.

"It's a concert that students will really enjoy," Johnson said. "It's an opportunity to hear a

big performance in the concert hall. It will be

absolutely outstanding.

Cal Poly wind ensemble member Sabrina Glenn performs.

Bandfest will take place Nov. 15 in Harmon Hall in the Performing Arts Center. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and
tickets cost $8 to $19.

Each band also has upcoming individual performances throughout the quarter and holiday season.

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Protest proves Cal Poly's passion

Though the Mustang Daily supports everyone's right to free speech, in this case we're glad the opposing side came out stronger.

History-making moments sometimes seem to come all at once. Last week, Cal Poly took to protest, refusing to accept hurtful images that were on campus simultaneously on past. Tomorrow, we'll take to the polls to decide our nation's future. Hundreds of students and faculty took time out of their busy lives to protest the vandalism that has occurred on the University Union Tour last Thursday. The sign read "no drugs, no hippies, no liberals, no Obama." The students who live in the house and were responsible for the displays were interviewed exclusively by the Mustang Daily. In the interviews, one of them said the displays were "out of immaturity and ignorance," and another associated the Confederate flag with "rebell youthmen," but neither ignorance nor rebellion are excuses for symbols that have such an infamous role in a painful part of America's history. Anyone who's taken a history class knows better. Just as these displays can't be dismissed as an ignorant mistake, they can't be passed off as a joke or misunderstanding. We're reminded of the freshman who sent e-mail threats to Cal Poly faculty and students around last Halloween promising a Virginia Tech-like tragedy. That student claimed it was all a "prank," but to the recipients of the violent and profane e-mails and University Police Department, it was no joke.

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couldn't imagine a better dinner on a Tuesday night.

chicken breast with asparagus. I had prepared the day perfectly. It was dinner time. I was enjoying (far from the normal

said that they were innocent in their supposed ignorance. It is hard for me to believe that they thought it was nothing more than "stupid and immature and ignorant" and that one of the men interviewed said he didn't even associate the Confederate flag with America's infamous legacy of racism.

It is sad on two fronts; if the residents interviewed are lying about being ignorant, they can get away with it because as in the aforementioned examples, America is ignorant. If they are telling the truth, well, it's almost not a huge surprise as inconceivable as it seems. Despite the requisite American History 101 classes we all had to take, some of us still don't get it.

Even if, as the men claim, they did create the display, they should have known better than to keep it up. If one of them is dating a Hispanic girl, as he told the Mustang Daily, then why didn't she ask them to take it down? About the minorities that they claimed had lived or live there? Where were their voices in all of this? Even on the eve of an election where our next president could be one of those minorities, Americans need to realize that ignorance is one of our greatest enemies. We continue to be divided due to this epidemic when we can't associate historically racist symbols with what they have stood for for so long and think that anyone wearing a keffiyeh or a hijab (look them up) is by default a bad person.

Whoever our next president is, he needs to be able to address this epidemic and help us step by step to create the cure.

Beckah Yohn-Miller is a journalism minor and a Mustang Daily reporter and copy editor.

Defining marriage

Who are the supporters of Prop 8? What is their definition of marriage from? According to Danny Deearborn and Ias Nachterher, the definition of marriage comes from Genesis, God or their religious views. They make the argument that because God, or the Bible, defines marriage as between one man and one woman, that EVERYONE must follow this definition. What stands against the definition of marriage from Merriam-Webster? According to the dictionary, marriage is between a man and a woman OR, two individuals of the same sex. The problem with their argument is that it violates the First Amendment of the Constitution, the separation of church and state.

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Oversight is not the only neo-epidemic facing America these days. Sweeping across the nation in astounding and increasingly obvious numbers is the black plague of ignorance. There was the silver-haired woman who obliquely informed John Mc-Cain of her ignorance during one of his rallies when she associated the rumors Barack Obama's supposedly Muslim room with her own stereotypes and labeled him as "Arab" — which shouldn't be a stigma anyway. "Terrorist" is a stigma. "Arab" should not be.

Then there was the West Hollywood couple who thought it would be OK in the name of Halloween fun to hang an effigy of Sarah Palin from a noose. He would certainly not hang Barack Obama's neck the way he destroyed his rallies when she associated his name with the black "terrorist" stereotype. In this case, the residents' racism to the world.

However, I was willing to try and give the residents a chance to explain and maybe help me understand where they were coming from. Where they were coming from wasn't too far from the normal xenophobia exhibited by some.

In anonymous interviews with the Mustang Daily, the students behind the offensive display explained that they were innocent in their supposed ignorance. It is hard for me to believe that they thought it was nothing more than "stupid and immature and ignorant" and that one of the men interviewed said he didn't even associate the Confederate flag with America's infamous legacy of racism.

It is sad on two fronts; if the residents interviewed are lying about being ignorant, they can get away with it because as in the aforementioned examples, America is ignorant. If they are telling the truth, well, it's almost not a huge surprise as inconceivable as it seems. Despite the requisite American History 101 classes we all had to take, some of us still don't get it. Even if, as the men claim, they did create the display, they should have known better than to keep it up. If one of them is dating a Hispanic girl, as he told the Mustang Daily, then why didn't she ask them to take it down? About the minorities that they claimed had lived or live there? Where were their voices in all of this? Even on the eve of an election where our next president could be one of those minorities, Americans need to realize that ignorance is one of our greatest enemies. We continue to be divided due to this epidemic when we can't associate historically racist symbols with what they have stood for for so long and think that anyone wearing a keffiyeh or a hijab (look them up) is by default a bad person.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Compost removal only takes us backwards in sustainability move.

It was not news the day that we as a campus move backwards in the sustainability move. The amount of food that could potentially be composted every day on campus is huge. It angers me that a decision that big could be made without any involvement. Isn't one of the huge issues of the day the youth vote? If then why is our voice being denied? We are just a part of this campus as Dean David Wehner. Why does he get to make decisions that affect students and the environment? What upsets me the most is his clear lack of knowledge in what student want. In the article it says "Wehner says that these students (protesters of compost removal) don't understand the problem." You're right Mr. Wehner WE DON'T understand. We're ignorant. You relocated the compost without even looking or, simply.Seems hypocritical. As for us being ignorant weren't you the one who refused to meet with students and hear our opinion? Weren't you the one who refused to listen to an expert in compost, Mr. Bolander? Bolander proved in a recent test that the compost was in compliance with the US Composting Council's Test Methods for the Examination of Compost. So I suggest next time you make a decision you get your high horse and do some reading. And while you're at it talk to a student. Changes are we're not stupid, or uninformed like you so kindly stated.

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Gonia leads Mustangs to sixth Big West title in a row

As the race developed, it got down to Daniel Coma, Chad Hall, and Scott Smith. As they broke away, it was No. 1 3.5.


UC Riverside's Chad Hall, the younger brother of Olympic marathoner Ryan Hall, entered Saturday's Big West Conference Cross Country Championships as the favorite in the men's race, just ahead of Cal Poly's Daniel Gonia.

Midway through the 8k, though, the Mustangs' leader, Hall, moved into the three-way race with Coma and Hall. Dan com, and Coma ran with a big lead just after four miles.

Hall kept it up and pulled away for a winning time of 23 minutes, 24.2 seconds.

More importantly, however, it showed that not much had changed in the conference's order, as four other Mustangs finished in the top seven at UC Riverside's Agritourism Operation Course and Cal Poly won an unprecedented with straight Big West.

"Again, the team displayed really smart-up front running and just a lot of energy," said Comer. "We need to keep building on for the future with our young women's team."

The Mustangs will run next at the West Regional at Stanford on Nov. 15.

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List time and made some mistakes," said Comer. "We need to show that we haven't changed at all.

"We definitely came out with fire and we are still getting better."

Valls agreed the record doesn't reflect the Mustangs' potential.

"We started slow and we started building up," she said. "I honestly felt that from freshman year to senior year, this is the strongest team we've ever had and we've got what it takes. We just need to do those little things and it will all come together."
RUSH HOUR

Cal Poly's Jon Hall (center) runs at Idaho State's Ryan Phipps at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Saturday night.

Scott Silvey
MUSTANG DAILY

Last year the Cal Poly football team relied heavily on the connection between Jonathan Dally and Ramos Barlow in its victory over Idaho State. On Saturday Dally completed just five passes for 80 yards. Barlow caught just four balls for 77 yards. But it didn't matter.

Cal Poly's offense gave us the running game we are going to take what the defense gives us and be good at it."

After the defense forced a fourth-down fumble near midfield, Cal Poly's offense took over and ended up scoring a field goal, tying the game at 14.

Cal Poly's offense put the ball on the 10-yard line, where they scored on a 1-yard touchdown run by Ryan Mole.

Senior fullback Keon Blue had taken a different path last year to the 10-yard line, but this time it was Ryan Mole who got the ball in the end zone for his 32nd career rushing touchdown. That's a top ground game, as Yocum recorded his first career touchdown on a 39-yard run against Idaho State.

That's a top offense — everybody can run the ball.

— Jordan Yocum Cal Poly fullback on the Mustangs' 45-yard rushing yard

Cal Poly's Ryan Mole (left) picks up some of his game-high 140 rushing yards Saturday night.

Cal Poly senior goalkeeper Eric Braman-Franco (left) makes one of his five saves Sunday afternoon at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Samantha MacConnell
MUSTANG DAILY

Kyle Montgomery scored the first goal for the Cal Poly men's soccer team just 22 seconds into its Sunday afternoon match against No. 11 UC Davis before 2,817 at Alex G. Spanos Stadium, leading to a 2-0 victory.

"I actually thought I had one of my better performances, but the goal definitely helped boost my confidence," said Montgomery, a sophomore midfielder.

With the win, the Mustangs (10-6-1) moved into a tie for first place in Big West.

Cal Poly drops finale, will visit UCSB in tournament

Bridget Veltri
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women's soccer team's regular season came to an end Sunday afternoon at Alex G. Spanos Stadium with a 3-2 loss to Long Beach State, but the Mustangs still have their sights on the Big West Conference Tournament.

With the loss and UC Santa Barbara's win later in the day, the Mustangs fell to third in the conference standings, meaning they'll visit the Gauchos in a tournament semifinal Thursday.

The Mustangs' Ashley Vaillo opened the scoring in the eighth minute on a