Vigil condemns Prop 8

Rachel Glas
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Opponents of Proposition 8 gathered together and waved candles to demonstrate against the measure at a candlelight vigil yesterday. The measure appeared to have passed Tuesday to define marriage in the California Constitution as between one man and one woman, after a contentious $70 million dollar campaign was waged by both supporters and opponents of the measure.

Over 100 opponents showed up at the San Luis Obispo Mission Plaza, some carrying signs, others wearing homemade shirts, to show support for each other, and against the proposition. Organizers handed out candles, and the crowd gathered silently on the mission steps to consider as between one man and one woman, together and waved candles to demonstrate against the measure at a candlelight vigil yesterday.

The crowd, who continued with their evening. Biology senior David Hansen, opponent of the measure and member of the Cal Poly Democrat said it was important for him to come out and show his support, though he just arrived back in San Luis Obispo from Las Vegas, where he had been campaigning for Barack Obama. Business senior Megan Farrell said she came because the thinks it is important to “keep on fighting.”

Opponents of the measure had different viewpoints.

Business senior Rachel Gocheur said “I’m glad Prop 8 passed, not because I judge people on what they do, I think they should have all the same rights, but religiously, marriage is between a man and a woman.”

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Obama picks Clinton alum Emanuel chief of WH staff

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WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama pivoted quickly to begin filling out his new administration on Wednesday, selecting hard-charging Illinois Rep. Rahm Emanuel as White House chief of staff while aides stepped up the pace of transition work that had been delayed in pre-election secrecy.

Several Democrats confirmed that Emanuel had been offered the job. While it was not clear he had accepted, a rejection would amount to an unlikely public snub of the new president-elect within hours of an electoral college landslide.

With hundreds of jobs to fill and only 10 weeks until Inauguration Day, Obama and his transition team confronted a formidable task complicated by his anti-lobbyist campaign theme.

The official campaign Web Site said no political appointees would be permitted to work on “regulations or contracts directly and substantially related to their prior employer for two years. And no political appointee will be able to lobby the executive branch after leaving government service during the remainder of the administration.”

But almost exactly one year ago, on Nov. 3, 2007, candidate Obama went considerably further than that while campaigning in South Carolina: “I don’t take a dime of their money, and when I am president, they won’t find a job in my White House,” he said of lobbyists at the time.

Because they often have prior experience in government or politics, lobbyists figure as potential appointees for president of both parties.

On the morning after making history, the man elected the first black president had breakfast with his wife and two daughters at their Chicago home, went to a nearby gym and visited his downtown offices.

Axos said he planned no public appearances until later in the week, when he has promised to hold a news conference.

As president-elect, he begins receiving highly classified briefings from top intelligence officials Thursday. In offering the post of White House chief of staff to Emanuel, Obama turned to a fellow Chicago politician with a far different style from his own, a man known for his bluntness as well as his single-minded determination.

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It's a hard knock life for SNAPS

Bridget Veltri
SUNDAY EDITOR

They work weekends and are never invited to the party.

" Shut up, turn off the music and get inside" are all common refrains heard Thursday through Saturday nights, and they mean one thing: students from the Student Neighborhood Assistance program (SNAP) are here.

The party may be over, but the students that work as SNAPS say they are just doing their job, trying to give college parties a break.

"In the end SNAP is there to help students," mechanical engineering senior and SNAP Coordinator August Brower said. "We are not there to break up the party and kill your buzz; we are there to save you some money."

Those who have never had a SNAP knock on their door shouldn't be alarmed. They are just there to warn revelers that they are having a little too much fun.

"The SNAPS are sent out to see if there even is a noise ordinance violation," San Luis Police Department Neighborhood Services Manager Anith Tregesen said.

"SNAPS go to the door and talks to the owner of the house about the noise level and issues a disturbance advisory card (DAC), then they move on to their next call." 

Six students currently work for the program. Workers must be 18 years of age, maintain a 2.3 GPA, be enrolled in a minimum of nine units at Cal Poly or Contra and be free of misdemeanor or felony convictions.

Brower said one of the benefits of the job is that the hours are flexible. SNAPS work in teams of two and respond to calls in from 9:30 p.m. until

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SNAPs

New Congress turns more
much more
Democratic

Laurie Kellman
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Democrats broadened their control of Congress, though in the Senate they fell short of the 60 votes needed for a filibuster-proof majority that would have given them almost unbridled power over legislation.

Voters ousted Senate Republicans in North Carolina and New Hampshire and added three seats held by retiring GOP senators to the Democrats fragile 51-49 majority. Four other Senate races involving Republican incumbents remained too close to call on Wednesday, including Georgia where a runoff election was scheduled and Minnesota where the margin was so close that state law forced a recount. The GOP retained some leverage in spite of Democratic gains.

"The people have spoken. We hear the prox-
and now it's time to come behind our pres-
tent," Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, told "The Early Show" on CBS on Wednesday. "The Senate is going to have to work things out in a bipartisan way, and I think the text is going to be right there."

In the Georgia Senate race between Re-
publican incumbent Saxby Chambliss and Democratic challenger Jim Martin, each can-
didate was just shy of the 50 percent of the vote plus one required to win, so the state on-
Wednesday set a runoff election for Dec. 2.

The Associated Press called the Senate race in Minnesota prematurely, Republican Sen. Norm Coleman finished ahead of Democrat Al Franken in the final vote count, but Cole-
mann's, 571-vote margin falls within the state's mandatory recount law. That law requires a re-
count any time the margin between the top two candidates is less than one-half of one per-
cent.

The AP also took back a call for a Repub-
lican in an open GOP Senate seat in central Ohio, Republican Steve Sensen finished ahead of Democrat Mary Jo Kilroy early Wednesday, but the Franklin County board of elections said later that its unofficial vote count had included results that had already been counted in two other counties. The race remained too close to call.

In the House, Democrats captured GOP-
held seats in every region, adding at least 20 seats to the 30 they took from Republicans in 2006. Democrats could gain as many as three more seats, though they led an undecided race. Going into Tuesday's election, Democrats con-
cluded the House 235-199 with one vacancy in a formerly Democratic seat.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Demo-
crats' first order of business was a lame-duck ses-

Aaron Schock, a 27-year-old state representative from Peoria, celebrates his win for U.S. Congress by greeting residents and well wishers at Cyd's restaurant after election day in Peoria, Ill., Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008. Schock's win on Tuesday earned him extra notoriety as Congress' youngest member. Al left is Kris Ahern.

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Ensuing was a political and policy aide in Bill Clinton's White House. Leaving that, he turned to investment banking, then won a Chicago-area House seat six years ago. In Congress, he moved from the House ethics committee to the Judiciary Committee, the panel with jurisdiction over the impeach-ment of President Clinton. Emanuel was a political and policy aide in Bill Clinton's White House. Leaving that, he turned to investment banking, then won a Chicago-area House seat six years ago. In Congress, he moved from the House ethics committee to the Judiciary Committee, the panel with jurisdiction over the impeachment of President Clinton. Emanuel maintained neutrality during the long primary battle over Obama, and Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., former president of the American Red Cross, a one-time presidential hopeful and household name in Republican circles, lost her seat after only one term to Sen. Kay Hagan.


Other Democrats who won Republican-held seats were former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, who unseated Republican Jim Talent to win a new six-year term on Tuesday, and won a new six-year term on Tuesday, and independent Sen. Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., who defected to the Democratic Party.

The day after the election there already was jockeying for Cabinet appointments. Several Democratic senators said Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, who won a new six-year term on Tuesday, was angling for secretary of state. They spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss any private conversations.

Kerry's spokesman, Brian O'Rourke, disputed the reports. “It’s not true. It’s ridiculous,” she said in an interview.

Announcement of the transition team came in a written statement from the Obama campaign.

The group is headed by John Podesta, who served as chief of staff under former President Clinton. Podesta, who has been Obama's chief of staff in the Senate, and Valerie Jarrett, a friend of the president-elect and campaign advisor. Some Democrats described a spreading operation well under way. Officials had kept deliberations under wraps to avoid the appearance of overconfidence in the weeks leading to Tuesday's election.

The group was said to be stocked with long-time associates of Obama, as well as veterans of Clinton's White House.

One claim that emerged since Obama's status as an incum-bent member of Congress presents issues unseen since 1960, when John F. Kennedy moved from the Senate to the White House. The Senate is scheduled to hold a re-election session in two weeks, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi held a news conference Wednesday to reinforce her call for quick action on the stimulus package.

That place Obama is in is uncharted territory — a president-elect, presumably first among equals among congressional Democrats. Yet his ability to enact legislation depends almost entirely on inauguration Day on President Bush's willingness to sign it. Obama's running mate, Sen. Joe Biden, was elected to a new six-year term from Delaware on Tuesday, and he must resign before he can be sworn in as vice president. Democrats are certain to hold his seat, following Dick Cheney's election as governor.

There has been intense speculation that Biden, a man, is interested in following the vice presidency. But he is serving a one-year stint in Iraq, a member of the National Guard. In the interim, outgoing Gov. Ruth Ann Minner is seen among many Democrats as a likely appointee to hold the office until an election in 2010. Obama also must resign his Senate seat before he can be sworn in as the 44th president. Democratic Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich will pick a replacement.

We have got to clean up, rebuild and reestablish the Republican Party before we can ask Americans to trust us again.

—Sen. Jim DeMint R-S.C.
A Message from the College of Liberal Arts

The report of the most recent expression of bigotry directed toward students of color and/or within the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Trans-gendered (LGBT) community has left many in our college awash in feelings of anger, dismay, outrage, and sadness. Like others in the Cal Poly community, we want "something to be done," and that "something," we believe, should seek not merely to preserve or defend the reputation of the university, but to address the abiding issue of a less than welcoming climate for underrepresented students, faculty, and staff at Cal Poly.

As a result we, the undersigned faculty and staff of the College of Liberal Arts, wish to affirm two cardinal principles:

• The right of every member of the Cal Poly community to the benefits only an inclusive educational experience can provide.
• The right of every member of the Cal Poly community to be free from discrimination, harassment, and fear.

We believe we must explore deeply what the pervasiveness of this "less than welcoming" environment means to those individuals who find themselves targeted as "strangers," as "others,"—not just once or twice, but over and over again—within a learning community purportedly dedicated to their success and well-being.

We believe we must also ask ourselves what the pervasiveness of such an environment means for those within it who denigrate others with hurtful actions or speech, as well as for those of us who wish to create a campus climate free of such denigration. The Crops House incident would seem to present three potential questions for us to consider:

• As a university community, what are our responsibilities when hurtful actions or speech are intentional?
• What are our responsibilities when they result from thoughtlessness or carelessness?
• What do we do if they come from ignorance?

Each of these questions points to a failure on the part of our community to foster the success and well-being of all, and each requires not only our thoughtful consideration, but specific and purposeful action.

We shortchange our students—all of them—when we do not address these failures decisively, for not only are we not preparing them to be informed and thoughtful citizens of a diverse world, we are abdicating our responsibility to speak clearly and firmly to the values we share. As one of the placards at the protest rally on Friday read: "Hate is not a Cal Poly value."

As members of a community we embrace, we, too, wish to be "on the record," as no longer willing to stand, as another placard read, for "Intolerance, injustice, inequality, and invisibility." Cal Poly is a fine institution, but this blight of intolerance, injustice, and inequality—together with its insidious insistence that our underrepresented students subside into invisibility—must be rooted out, whatever its cause. We, the faculty and staff of the College of Liberal Arts, commit ourselves as partners in this task.

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Supporters of President-elect Barack Obama cheer in the streets in downtown Chicago on Tuesday.

Obama's victory met with tears and traffic jams

Sharon Cohen

Crowds danced in the streets, wept, lifted their voices in prayer and brought traffic to a standstill. From the nation's capital to Atlanta to Los Angeles, Americans celebrated Barack Obama's victory and marveled that they lived to see the day that a black man was elected president.

Jubilation stretched into the early morning Wednesday in Washington, where a large crowd paraded on Pennsylvania Avenue with drums, balloons and a life-size cutout of Obama.

"It's overwhelming," said Jenna Lee, 46. "This is very important to me. Change is about to happen."

At Sadiki's restaurant in Philadelphia, the celebration poured out onto the sidewalk.

"Our parents left this planet thinking that they would never, ever see this day, when an African-American could be elected by all the people to the highest seat in the land," said Bernard Smalley Sr. His wife, Jacquelyn, wept.

"I was born in the civil rights time," said Sarah Geels, 46, a community college librarian. "I just can't believe it. It's too good to be true. Then soon will be a drastic improvement in this country."

In Philadelphia, thousands of blacks and whites converged at City Hall shortly after Obama was declared the winner. Under light rain, they danced to the music blaring from car radios. Drivers stopped in the middle of the street, opened their car doors and broadcast Obama's acceptance speech.

"Barack is in the house!" shouted Pamela Williams, 46. "This is very important to me. Change is about to happen."

"I'm from Chicago so I've heard a lot about him for a while. It will be interesting to see what direction we will go in," said Ana Sultana, architecture sophomore.

"I don't think it's a bad thing. I definitely don't think America is in trouble. It will be a big change from Bush," said Becky Holt, architecture sophomore.

"I'm excited. I have mixed emotions because I think he has the temperament of a leader but the government control is an issue for me. It's sweet that our generation got to see the first African-American president get elected," said Colee Bales, civil engineering senior.

"I think it's a great thing. I really feel he's going to try and change our economy and our structure with the war," said Jenna Lee, microbiology freshman.

The celebrations were both large and small, but the sentiment was the same — pure joy over how far this country of racism. This is a big, giant step toward getting this country together."

Elsewhere, some Americans were wary, but hopeful. In Los Angeles, Sam Gippe, 60, said he voted for John McCain because he worries Obama lacks the experience he needs to be an effective leader.

"I'd give him a chance, and hope he keeps some of the good promises he made," said Gippe, the transportation director for Iowa County. Raymond Stoudt, 63, of Little Rock, Ark., considers himself a conservative and supported McCain — barely. He called the Republican "probably the lesser of two evils."

But in Cleveland, Obama supporters were ready to celebrate. Some gathered at a house party and held champagne flutes above their heads for a toast. "To the first African-American president in the history of the United States," they shouted.

"We've got the first black president. A black president!" said Mike Louis, 35-year-old black man who got teary-eyed as he watched the election results on a giant video board in Cincinnati's Fountain Square. "It's not cured now, but this is a step to curing this country of racism. This is a big, giant step toward getting this country together."
Russian threats, Afghan deaths mean a sober wakeup

Anne Geeran
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Nothing quite like Russian missiles to stomp on a guy's big election buzz. Before Barack Obama even got up to speak Friday as president-elect, Russia threatened to station missiles alongside U.S.-ally Poland.

And that wasn't all that greeted him:

The U.S. stood accused by another ally of bombing a family wedding.

The Palestinian militant group Hamas pounded Israel with rockets, hours after Israeli forces killed six gunmen, threatening to unravel a five-month-old truce in the powder keg Gaza Strip.

Obama wants to increase U.S. troop strengths in Afghanistan, which he views as the front line in the battle against al-Qaida. From statesmen to taxi drivers, many around the world wished Obama well.

"Your victory has demonstrated that no person anywhere in the world should not dare to dream of wanting to change the world for a better place," said Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first Black president.

Many who live in countries where the idea of a minority person being elected leader is unthinkable expressed amazement and satisfaction that the United States could elect an African-American — and one with Hessian as a middle name — as president.

"What an inspiration. He is the first truly global U.S. president the world has ever had," said Pracha Kunjananont, a 29-year-old Thai sitting at a Starbucks in Bangkok.

"He had an Asian childhood, African parentage and has a Middle Eastern name. He is a truly global president."

But Obama is inexperienced in foreign affairs and his approach to hard-liners in North Korea, Russia, Iran, Cuba or China is untested.

Despite the Iraq war's difficult problems, as the summer war with U.S.-backed Georgia forced a reassessment of Washington's relationship with a sometime partner, Russia hates President Bush's plan for a missile defense shield in Europe and wants Obama to repeal it, but until Wednesday, Russian leaders had not expressly threatened to counter the plan with missiles of their own. Medvedev wanted until later in the day to congratulate Obama.

In a rare public speech, Mike McConnell, the director of national intelligence, said last week that the next president would have to work over a period of increased international instability, a heightened risk of terrorist attacks, an increase in dangerous regional conflicts and a general warning of U.S. power throughout the world.

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Not exactly a silent auction: KCPR turns airways into bidding war

KCPR DJs auction off items during their annual fundraiser auction. The event takes places Nov. 3-7.

Bridget Veltri

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For months, DJs from radio station KCPR have been running around trying to collect donations from local businesses. Now, they're trying even harder to get rid of them.

KCPR, Cal Poly's "non-profit, volunteer-run" radio station is currently in the midst of their annual fundraising auction while continuing to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the station, which started as the station did," English senior and KCPR General Manager Brian Hildebrand explained. "Auction is the best one because callers can bid on actual items that they get in return and there are tons of things that are donated from local businesses."

The station has been collecting donations from local businesses over the past few months and putting them together in themed packages, which they then auction off over the air. Each themed package includes several items based on its theme; the lowest starting bid price is $10.

"We have two primary fundraisers: auction in the fall and pledge drive in the spring," Hildebrand said. "This how we get all our money to run," psychology senior and KCPR business director Megan Martin said. "It's just a cool fundraiser for us to do, because it lets our listeners give back...everyone at the station is a volunteer so they are all really passionate about music and sharing that with the community. It's a cool opportunity for the community to give back."

The auction has been a part of the station for almost its entire existence. "The auction started in the early '70s; it was one of the first fundraisers that the station did," English senior and KCPR General Manager Brian Hildebrand said.

Bidding wars as usually get really intense when people hear "MCI package that will auctioned off at the end of the week.

Random Abiladeze

showscases politics in poetry

Random Abiladeze raps at The Chumash Auditorium as a part of the Multicultural Center's Another Type of Groove Wednesday night.

He uses politically, socially and spiritually charged poetry to silence the negative connotations.

"I am a square bear," Random said as he explained that kids informed him the current term is "straight edge." "The predominant image in the media is that rappers, primarily black males, (just) drink, smoke, and sell drugs; I'm breaking stereotypes.

During his performance at The Chumash Auditorium as a part of the Multicultural Center's Another Type of Groove Wednesday night, listeners nodded their heads to Random's seamless rhythmic execution and creative hip-hop beats.

Another Type of Groove is an open forum that allows performers to candidly express their views on controversial issues, said Josué Urrutia, event coordinator for the Multicultural Center.

"Everyone is allowed to say what they want," he said. "People will disagree but that's okay. People take things to heart sometimes, but you have to respect the mic and respect the poet."

Another Type of Groove is a privately owned company that creates money out of thin air," Random said during one of his poems.

He explained how he lyrically explores politics beyond the cliché left wing versus right wing battle. He "exposes" issues that people avoid, which people translate to being socially aware, he said.

In his poem entitled "Money Hungry," Random posed a hypothetical question: "Do you investigate the way they inflate every dollar that you make?"

During conversation in between poems, he expressed his support for president-elect Barack Obama but noted, "Someone has to leave." On that case, he proceeded to throw on sunglasses and impersonate President George Bush. Random's well-received portrayal of the president featured criticism of the nation's fiscal situation and mocked his Texan roots.

Although Random recognized the serious nature of many of his poems, he added humor to reach audiences in a different light.
The Vivian Girls are a group of seven or more sisters with penises. They go around The Realms of the Unreal and fight evil, sadistic adults with the help of Blengins, or dragon-like protectors of children that are both terrifying and kind.

But that's the world created by Henry Darger, an outsider with seemingly no knowledge of the female form; this is a punky, chokey female trio on the Los Angeles based label The Red.

This release of a previously limited edition pressing pressed off of Mauled By Tigers is actually the latest object of my desire. I've spent the last couple of days listening to this album and only this album on a continuous loop, trying to figure out why I'm so exited to see them when they play with Love is All at the punky shoegazy female trio on the Los Angeles based label with seemingly no knowledge of the female form; this is a protectors of children that are both terrifying and kind.

Being in love with female rock bands, which is plenty enough reason for this here cowboy. I've decided that what really turns me on is the fuzz.

It's fuzzy for real. The album is like hopping into a pile of sleeping Shiba Inu puppies and telling all of them about your day as they paw at your tummy, hair and socks.

Furthermore, the rock factor is off the chart on this album as the girls create a wall of fuzzed snare and tambourine. So as I sway, bop out guitar, bass and vocals so that the only aspect that tells you how hard you should dance is the music itself. Such songs as "Wild Eyes" and "Tell the World" are like your first kiss with the foreknowledge that you will probably break up in about a month or two. It's magic, but with reason. Like a book of matches in a dark closet. Like a long hard day with puppies you will probably want to come home to. It's cynical hope.

So here is why I'm exited to see Vivian Girls perform. For all these reasons and more, I feel that it will be acceptable to take or meet that special someone at this show. This show will certainly be the one you will want to tell the world about your day and your favorite new band.

- ALEX RACH MUSTANG DAILY

Random Abiladeze blends line between hip-hop and poetry during his performance.

"If you listen to the music, it's like I'm talking to you individually," he said.

Random began rhyhming at the young age of 12 as a dare, when older kids told him to string a few lines together. After a positive reaction after performing the freestyle rhyme, Random realized he might have a future as a rapper.

"I'm still a square, people just think I'm cool because I put words together," he said.

Random established his reputation in Sacramento through open-mic nights and opening for larger acts, such as Nas, Immortal Technique and Tech N9ne.

"I realize people are saying the same things I'm saying, just in different ways," he said. "People have identified me as a political rapper and (that) I expose the same things, but my words (tend to) hit some people harder."

The Sacramento-born poet attributes his popularity among the youth to their ability to relate to his message and youthful appearance.

Along with commenting on the nation's media-driven society, Random intertwines spiritual messages throughout his work. This has caused many to mistakenly classify him as a religious rapper.

"We forget we are all unified, but we won't admit there is the same energy in all living things," he said. "God is in all of us in the most literal sense."

Random is a two-time champion of the Got Spit! Poetry Slam, hosted by the Sacramento chapter of Hip Hop Congress. He was voted Youth Speaks Male Poet of the Month for Oct. 2007 in San Francisco. In 2008, Random came in first place at both Stanford University's Battle of The Bay poetry slam and Sacramento State University's Words As Conscious Action poetry slam.

He compared his poetic style to an English essay: a hook, double entendre and allusion.

"I strive to end all my poems with a moment of clarity," he said.

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Michael Crichton dies of cancer

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Michael Crichton, the million-selling author who made scientific research terrifying and irresistible in such thrillers as "Jurassic Park," "Timeline" and the "Andromeda Strain," has died of cancer, his family said.

Crichton died Tuesday in Los Angeles at age 66 after privately battling cancer.

"Through his books, Michael Crichton served as an inspiration to students of all ages, challenged scientists in many fields and illuminated the mysteries of the world in a way we could all understand," his family said in a statement.

"While the world knew him as a great storyteller that challenged our preconceived notions about the world around us — and entertained us all while doing so — his wife Sherri, daughter Taylor, family and friends knew Michael Crichton as a devoted husband, loving father and generous friend who inspired each of us to strive to see the wonders of our world through new eyes."

He was an experimenter and popularizer known for his stories of disaster and systematic breakdown, such as the rampant microbe of "The Andromeda Strain" or the dinosaurs running madly in "Jurassic Park." Many of his books became major Hollywood movies, including "Jurassic Park," "Raising Son" and " Disclosure." Crichton himself directed and wrote "The Great Train Robbery," and he co-wrote the script for the blockbuster "Twister."

In 1994, he created the award-winning TV hospital series "ER." He's even had a dinosaur named for him, Crichton's ankylosaur.

"Michael's talent out­scaled even his own dino­saurs of 'Jurassic Park,'" said "Jurassic Park" director Steven Spielberg, a friend of Crichton's for 40 years. "He was the greatest at blending science with big ideas, and the results were truly magnificent."

Michael was a gentle soul who reserved his flamboyant side for his novels. There is no one in the wings that will ever take his place," said John Wells, executive producer of "ER," the show that Crichton wrote and produced.

"No lunch with Michael lasted less than three hours and no subject was too prosaic or obscure to attract his interest. Sexual politics, medical and scientific ethics, anthropology, archaeology, economics, astronomy, astrophysics, and molecular biology were all regular topics of conversation," Wells said.

"I said, 'Wow, this is like my life.' Michael had been a medical student at Harvard in the early '70s and I was go­ing through the same thing about 20 years later," Baer said. "ER" offered a fresh take on the TV medical drama, making doctors the central focus rather than patients. In the early life of "ER," Crichton, who hadn't been involved in medicine for years, and Spielberg would take part in writers' room discussions.

In recent years, Crichton was the rare novelist granted a White House meeting with President Bush, perhaps because of his skepticism about global warming, which Crichton addressed in the 2004 novel, "State of Fear." Crichton's views were strongly condemned by environmentalists, who alleged that the author was hurting efforts to pass legislation to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide.

If not a literary giant, he was a physical one, standing 6 feet 9 inches, and ready for battle with the press. In a 2004 interview with The Associated Press, Crichton came with a tape recorder, a large, manicured hand gesturing to his graphs. "I'm very uncomfortable just ac­ting normal. There's something in me that wants to pound the table and say, 'That's not true.'"

He spoke to few scientis­ts about his questions, convinced that he could interpret the data himself. "If we put everything in the hands of experts and if we say that as intelligent outside­ers, we are not qualified to look over the shoulder of anybody, then we're in some kind of really weird world," he said.

A new novel by Crichton had been tentatively scheduled to come next month, but publisher HarperCollins said the book was postponed indefinitely because of his illness.

One of four siblings, Crichton was born in Chicago and grew up in Roslyn, Long Island. His father was a journalist and young Michael spent much of his childhood writing extra par-
Virtual world celebrates Obama's win

Derrick J. Lang

LOS ANGELES — From YouTube to Flickr, from Facebook to Twitter, the images and sentiments from celebrations across the nation flooded into the Internet's media-sharing sites, just moments after Barack Obama clinched the presidential election.

Some were simple photos of TV screens claiming the Democrat's win. Others were unfettered images of jubilant celebrations captured immediately after polls closed Tuesday on the West Coast, when Obama was declared the president-elect.

And while crowds gathered at public rallies and miles of others simply glued themselves to television news coverage, many spent elections right online — and they had plenty of company. Students at Azusa Pacific College posted a video of themselves reacting — screaming, jumping up and down, more screaming — to Obama's win. Another YouTube user uploaded his toast to Obama: He gulped a 2-liter bottle of soda.

One user noted the moment to joke. One way-clad man posted a YouTube video reminiscent of Chris Crocker's infamous Britney Spears rant, instead shouting, "Leave McCain alone!" in front of a sheet. A shared impromptu song about the election's outcome: One man at a piano sang, "You're all wrong in my song. And that's what you're gonna get! But the change that you will see/You will most likely regret/Elsewhere, dozens of Obama supporters clapped, danced and cheered inside the belief-free virtual world. Second Life, immediately after the Democrat, november swept the electoral votes. Many avatars were left out of the virtual celebration in Obama's son, Second Life headquarters because the digital enclave had reached maximum capacity Tuesday. "The long nightmare is over," an avatar named Jordan Beam explained.

The Straight Talk Cafe, a Second Life space supporting John McCain, was nearly a ghost town after McCain conceded the race. "The celebrations for both campaigns had universe officially stamped for months inside the virtual world for the presidential and vice presidential candidates — collecting donations, registering voters, building monuments and handing out virtual hair and T-shirts.

Throughout the election, the manipulation site Twitter-VoteReport.com aggregated micro-blogging Twitter comments — called tweets — to monitor polling places and estimate voting rates across the country. Further, many people tweeted 140-character messages or-less dispatches from rallies, election parties and their living rooms using their cell phones and the Web.

"There were news people from all over the world at the Biltmore tonight," posted Hudson Hose in Phoenix, where McCain's camp was watching the returns. "We are Americans first, and therefore I wish the (Obama) health and happiness. It's even possible to wish them success — so long as it is in keeping with the best traditions of American liberty, virtue and prosperity.''

And while Sarah Palin may not have won the vice presidential spot, she was popular as a doll. Out of the four of sound Cabbage Patch Dolls crafted to look like the presidential and vice presidential candidates, her doll nabbed a $19,000 bid when the auction closed Tuesday. The 111 Obama, McCain and Palin dolls earned offers of $8,418, $11,018 and $1,500, respectively.

Three blocks from Grant Park in Chicago's post-election area was "Five blocks from Grant Park in Chicago's post-election area. It's crazy down here." Even Obama himself, whose campaign embraced the power of online networking going back to his primary race against Hillary Clinton, needed to his tech savvy supporters in the very moments before he took the stage in Chicago for his acceptance speech. Supporters who had signed up on his campaign Web site received an e-mail thanking them.

"We lost, who logged on at that moment got this message: "I'm about to head to Grant Park to talk to everyone gathered there, but I wanted to write to you first. We just made history, and I don't want you to forget how we did it. You made history every single day during this campaign — every day you knocked on doors, made a donation, or talked to your friends, family and neighbors about why you believe it's time for change."

Bloggers who had been posting about the election result immediately rushed to their Web sites to post updates. For more information on the graduate programs, visit azusa.edu/apsy.

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Barack Obama is the 44th President of the United States. As an American, I am proud for what this historic election means for our country. It’s a wonder if the electorate really knows what they voted for.

Like many of you, I flipped through the cable networks watching the returns come in on Tuesday night. While I was expecting Obama to win, when it came down to the wire, I had “hope” for a “change” in the results towards McCain. All this was not the case. Barack Obama, congratulations on winning the race, congratulations on being the first minority president, congratulations on progressing this nation further socially.

With that said, where do we go from here? We all know, it’s just more than 1450 days until the next election, so I suggest we make the most of it. I do not believe that Obama’s election is by any means a mandate for liberal-socialistic values, even though this is what people will be getting with Obama.

No people of reason for Obama because conservatives didn’t make their case strongly enough on how to run the country. It didn’t help that our candidate was John McCain. It also didn’t help that McCain ran a softball campaign. I have great respect for him, and I know that he would do a better job than Obama. However, this could have been a much different story if the Republican candidate was Mitt Romney or Fred Thompson.

People elected a socialist liberal. He believes in universal healthcare and taking what you rightfully earn and give it to people who do nothing. He has surrounded himself with establishment liberals, which is not really “change,” is it? Obama is practically no solid policy, because he has frequently changed his position on the issues. He is the closest thing to a Marxist we have ever had in our country and we will see the effects of the next four years.

Our government is now controlled by the liberal Democrats. They control the House, Senate and the White House. The conservative filibuster option in the senate is now nearly nonexistent. We practically have no power as conservatives, or do we?

What do we now have? Is the opportunity to turn the tables on the liberals. We will get to write books calling our president a traitor. We will get to yell and moan every time our “rights” are taken away. We now have the opportunity to act like liberals.

But I do worry we will seriously turn the tables and act like liberals. Unlike them, conservatives can carry on a rational discussion without bashing, libel, character assassination, or worse.

So I ask again, what do we do now? We need to take this time to rebuild. We need to let the country we how dismally a government controlled by liberal socialists is. We need to have new leaders emerge to carry the conservative banner, and to tell people that it is better to keep what you make rather than allow the government to redistribute it. We need to spread the word that it is better to have private health care because it increases competition and decreases price. We need to promote charter school systems to promote more competition and education, so students actually learn rather than students just being taught. We need to promote these and other conservative issues.

Once people get the message, and re-elect conservative leaders, we need to hold true to our values and do what is right, not what will supposedly get us re-elected.

Conservatives lost this election because they lost their values, they lost their issues and became the same-power-shoving, corrupt, pork-barrel spenders they said they were not prior to entering office.

As for the other issues on the ballot, I cannot believe that Propos 8 passed here in California. I was frankly surprised that in a state so “liberal” and “progressive” people would vote FOR marriage being exclusively between a man and a woman. I personally voted for Prop 8 because I want marriage to be just between a man and a woman. I have no problem with gay marriage being recognized as a religious institution between a man and a woman. This is the problem that government co-sponsored marriage. The same legal rights are currently available to same-sex couples, but it is a civil-union, not a marriage. People are essentially fighting over a title, not over basic freedoms. I contend that if you really want same-sex marriage, fight for government to get out of the marriage business entirely, not the other way around. I am glad Prop 8 passed, because it sends a clear message to activist judges who were legislating from the bench to begin with.

As Californians, we added several new statewide bonds. I contended prior to the election that many of these bonds were great in theory, but had in practice. California does not have the money! We will be forced now to increase our taxes. Thank you voters. Thank you for screwing this state even more.

As a state we also voted yes on Proposition 2. To thank you, I will ask you to buy your $1000 dozen eggs from China, Mexico and Arizona. We just lost a battle in the war of politics. It is frustrating to see that people still have no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn’t mind who gets the credit.” Let’s move forward and take back the shining beacon on the hill.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Harassment still unacceptable during a game

I was disgusted to read comments from people condemning the behavior of some of the students at the Cal Poly vs. UCSB soccer game on Nov. 17. I was right in the middle of the group of students responsible.

Throughout the game, I heard a group of guys shouting homophobic and racist slurs geared towards UCSB. One person in particular shouted that a black player on the UCSB team should be lynched. To me, this behavior is not “passionate,” it’s harassment and it is unacceptable.

Sussannah Bonn
Business administration senior

Shake it up, Mustang Daily political columnists

Oh, how the tables have turned! I can’t wait for everything to flip around. Really? It will be the conservative option being run by a world and pushing his vastly horrible liberal agenda while the liberal column proclaims his good works and provides absolutely no well-formed arguments to defend any of their points.

Can’t you feel the change already? Yes we can! Yes we can! Please do! Be a breath of fresh air this coming Jan. 20. Don’t give us the same old pointless drivel you’ve been spewing since anyone of us here at Cal Poly could remember. Engage us, the readers. Give us things to argue about with our friends. We don’t sound as uninformative as D.L. Hughley is bound to be on his new CNN show.

If you want to make a point that won’t alienate the conformist population of a heavily liberal yet astoundingly conservative agriculture-based set of humans at one of the worlds most revered and decorated state colleges (admit attempt to use big words intended), then stop just using big words to try to sound awesome! Use smaller words that make sense and say it a lot smarter.

Possible side affect: you will find that the second graders come trying to talk about Barack Obama. Newsflash: You currently sound like second graders trying to talk about Barack Obama.

John Turner
Electrical engineering sophomore
Less book for your buck

Rising education costs don’t help during economic downturn

The United States is really the land of opportunity. Anyone can study what they are passionate about and build a career. However, to have a real opportunity to land that dream job, earning a college degree is more important than ever. It is not to say that one cannot be successful without a college degree because they can, but the chances of being hired for a coveted position over competition in the same field and earning a higher salary are far greater with one.

The cost of higher education continues to rise substantially each year and it should be the other way around. Education should be affordable for everyone so each individual can have the same opportunity to attend college. All colleges should be made more affordable, but I would like to emphasize the need to lower public school costs, since these have risen faster than private schools and community colleges.

With rising costs, lower-income students may not have the chance to go to college. It would be disappointing to see higher education only go to those who can afford it when every person deserves to expand their minds.

The median income for students with only a high school diploma compared to the median annual income for a student with a bachelor’s degree is 80 percent lower, according to The College Board’s annual report. Students who are able to complete college deserve a high salary for the hard work they put in, but if the cost of education was more affordable, an even larger amount of people could attend college after high school and earn just as high of a salary. More people attending college would be positive because less people would struggle financially, the unemployment rate would be lowered, and there would be more educated, productive members of the community.

Incoming college students should not have to take out student loans just to pay for an overpriced education that may not get them jobs they expected. If higher education costs were lower, there would be fewer students taking out these loans and fewer in debt immediately out of college.

Not only is it difficult for parents to come up with the funds to help put their child or children through college, it can be difficult for the student as well. I cannot imagine having to pay for tuition, along with rent, car payments, gas, cellular telephone bills, and countless other expenses that need to be paid on a monthly basis. College as a whole is far too expensive.

Textbooks, which are most likely not read in their entirety, cost a fortune, but can only be sold back for a small portion of what was initially paid, or nothing at all. Book buybacks should not be called book buybacks because a lot of the time, I am not able to return the book because a new edition is being used. Paying $150 for a textbook I will probably never open again is not affordable for the average college student.

To actually lower the cost of college, tax cuts would be fine if they were not given to the wealthier class, since they are most likely not having as much difficulty paying as the lower and middle-classes. Instead of tax cuts, however, which is one reason for the substantial budget deficits, I think students should be given an education without the high costs — similar to high school and all schooling before that. Also, financial aid should only be given to students who really need it. Instead of loans, they should be given grants or scholarships so repayment is not necessary. If they must receive a loan to go to college, subsidized loans are better so they do not have to worry about interest until after graduation.

For a more affordable college education, it should only take four years to earn a bachelor’s degree. I often hear about fifth or sixth-year students, which is understandable at Cal Poly, especially if you switch majors, but it should be able to be completed in four years to save students from having to pay for an additional year of school.

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MARGARET SCOTT | NEWSART
Economy makes free-agent signings even more risky

Sports agent Scott Boras is the center of attention upon his arrival at Major League Baseball’s general managers meetings Tuesday in Dana Point.

Tim Dahlberg
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A.J. Burnett must be hopelessly underpaid because he didn’t think twice about telling the Toronto Blue Jays that his current contract guaranteeing him $12 million a year just wasn’t going to cut it anymore.

Hard to blame him, because fellow pitcher CC Sabathia figures to make double that by the time he reports to spring training a few months from now. Besides, there’s always the nagging worry that a new administration taking office soon just might be coming after some of his fortune.

Some teams, perhaps even the Blue Jays, will pay Burnett what he wants. They will because this is baseball and, as super agent Scott Boras points out, the economic rules that govern normal civilized society don’t apply.

“In our myopic world,” Boras said, “there’s a lot of fixed elements that frankly are not applicable to the outside world.”

It was mere coincidence that Boras made his comments the other day at the same seaside resort where AIG executives partied after taking billions in a government bailout. But a lot of people in baseball seem to have the same disconnect with reality as the people who took big gambles and lost for one of the biggest companies in the world.

They may listen and nod approvingly when Bud Selig says times are tough and that teams should watch what they do with their money, as he did in a video call to general managers meeting this week in Dana Point, Calif. But too a top starting pitcher in front of them, and even the mid-market teams start salivating and begging their bankers for a loan.

The economy is tanking, Americans are worried about their jobs and their houses, and no one can tell you how things will be even six months from now.

Yet the Milwaukee Brewers reportedly offered $100 million over five years to Sabathia and not only was the baseball business, so they either know what their free-agent wish lists was more than just significant, especially since any attempt to reduce spending could be viewed as collusion by the players’ union.

Selig worries, but the union doesn’t have to. There will be of-

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Basketball

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7-foot recruit Anthony DiMello was arrested for allegedly participating in a robbery just weeks before he was to arrive on campus.

"The front line is very talented and quick -- so we just don't have a lot of depth," Bromley said. "Woods can't come off with another 6-foot-8 guy and another 6-foot-8 guy. So the games that we do have to play stellar minutes, and those games are not hurt.

Cal Poly plays a myriad of teams from around the nation this year, from conferences such as the Atlantic Sun and USA.

The Mustangs will host Notre Dame de Namur at Motl Gym in an exhibition at 7 p.m. tomorrow, then open officially their season against Bell College Conference foe Arkansas-Little Rock at 7 p.m. Nov. 14.

At the BYU Tournament from Nov. 20 to Nov. 22, they play Rice, North Florida and the host Cougars. Cal Poly will host Fresno State Dec. 29 in a return of a bracket-buster game from last season. It's one of 15 home contests for the Mustangs -- three more than last year.

Bromley said he's pleased with how the schedule turned out, especially in the latter part of the season, where Cal Poly will host six games in a row before the conference tournament.

"That's just huge," Bromley said. "You need momentum, and you need to be playing well going into the conference tournament. If you can get a top-four seed, you've got a very good chance of playing in the NCAA Tournament."

After being picked to finish no. 11 in the conference season this year, the Mustangs could be considered long since forced owners to acknowledge a shameful past and integrate teams in every sport AL's principal duty taught everyone that there was no turning back to the old ways. Then came Jordan, so clutch that winning against him was a waste of time, and showed enough as a timpaon to demand a share of the proftns from the boot-sell­ ing brand he built along the way.

There were too many others, be­ fore and since, in the evolution of the wearer sporting public to call any list comprehensi­ ve. But there's no question who occupies the top tier. To decide for yourself whether Woods' crossover appeal is considerable enough to have smoothed out a few of the bumps in Obama's path, read the Golf Digest article.

"Here's the big difference so far: Woods has achieved truly great things in his field, while Obama has yet to. But I'm convinced, for reasons mostly visceral but nonetheless real, Woods has helped people believe that Obama will run."
Heading into last season, the Cal Poly men's basketball team was filled with hope and promise. After a lackluster regular season and a humbling first-round exit in the Big West Conference Tournament, the Mustangs were forced to go back to the drawing board.

Eight months later, many of the players still feel the sting. "We have a bad taste in our mouth from last year," Mustangs senior power forward John Manley said. "We weren't happy." Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley wasn't, either. But a different diagram from past years, one that will rely heavily on team speed and guard play, now has Bromley thinking the Mustangs can compete for a Big West championship.

"Guard play is the key, because guards can control the tempo," he said. "They can push it, they can slow it up. They can break you down on penetration."

Bromley was quick to note that with offseason improvements made by senior point guards Trae Clark and Chaz Thomas, and the emergence of shooting guard Lorenzo Keeler as a primary scoring threat, Cal Poly has the backdrop necessary to compete in the conference.

"I think we have really good guard play," Bromley said. "I see that with my two seniors. I think Lorenzo has really improved his game over the summer. It's like having three really good quarterbacks. With good guard play, I think you're always in the hunt."

Clark and Keeler both averaged a team-high 10.3 points per game last year for the Mustangs, who finished 12-18 overall and 7-9 in the Big West.

The guards aren't the only ones expected to be quick this season.

"Forward Titus Shelton slimmed down over the summer and is expected to be a major contributor in the up-tempo offense."

"Defensively, he is quicker to the ball," Bromley said. "He's better off penetration now. He's got a little bit of drive game."

"Titus is going to be hard for big men to keep in front of themselves." Bromley said that Shelton, who was the conference's defensive player of the year two years ago, could be even better defensively.

"He's going to be quicker to the ball, quicker to jump," Bromley said. "Quicker to get up on the glass and fight around the post, being a good team defender."

Shelton, who has lost more than 30 pounds since beginning his Cal Poly career, noticed the results immediately upon returning from his summer-long workout regimen in Arizona.

"It helps offensively and defensively," Shelton said. "I've already seen the improvements as far as defensive rebounding and blocking shots. And offensively, it's pretty easy to see the difference in my quickness."

Cal Poly will need Shelton to stay on the court this year after several key cogs departed from the Mustangs' frontcourt.

Cal Poly opens postseason tonight

President-elect Barack Obama speaks to supporters in Chicago on Tuesday night.

Trust takes time to develop, and it's difficult to pinpoint the moment when those attitudes shifted from simply watching to active support.

But it's clear the current generation is already there. Changes are good they grew up rooting for a high school or college quarterback, point guard or first baseman whose skin color was different from their own.

Race will remain a divisive force for decades, that each advised him — let alone his father.

A level playing field has long been one of the few places that produces fair results. Competitors rise or fall on their merit. They become leaders or followers based on their ability to command. No one who saw Jesse Owens run, Muhammad Ali box, Michael Jordan soar, or Tiger Woods play golf — whether in grainy film clips, on HD or in person — could deny their successes or fail to admire clip.