Due to student and community protests, a forum will be held tonight to discuss diversity issues on campus.

Cassandra J. Carlson and Rachel Glas

A forum will be hosted tonight to address concerns and questions stemming from the Cal Poly crops house incident that happened two weeks ago. Associated Students Inc. members, Cal Poly President Warren Baker and student leaders have collaborated to provide a place students can discuss the incident, the ramifications for those involved and future issues regarding campus diversity.

"The main purpose of the forum is to give students input on how to change the campus climate at Cal Poly," graphic communication senior Brad Purpura, an organizer of the event, said.

The free forum will be held in Harmon Hall in the Performing Arts Building at 7 p.m.

Peter Wade, chapter president for the Society of Black Engineers and a city and regional planning senior who is also involved in organizing the forum, said he thinks the campus doesn't support minority students and hopes this forum will create a system to help the administration improve campus diversity.

Kramer agreed.

"We want students to have the opportunity to voice their opinion and feelings and concerns not only about the incident at the crop house but the future of Cal Poly in regards to its diversity policy," she said.

The incident, which involved a noose and Confederate flag hung in close proximity over a balcony of the house, sparked a massive on-campus protest Oct. 30, when New Times printed an article and photo about the incident.

Since then, the residents of the crop house have moved out of the house and it appears they no longer work at the crops unit.

"To be the best of my knowledge, the students are not longer hired at the Crops Unit since their living arrangement was linked to their working there," said John Peterson, head of the horticulture and crops science department.

When the incident was first reported, many people said that the students involved should be expelled. However, the Cal Poly administration has maintained that the students are protected under the First Amendment. This is not the first time Cal Poly has dealt with a student's right to free speech.

In 2003, Steve Hinkle, a member of the Cal Poly College Republicans, was charged with "disruption" for posting a flier on the Multicultural Center's bulletin board announcing a College Republicans-sponsored speech by a black social critic. According to a May 2004 report by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, Hinkle fought back and won, and Cal Poly was forced to strike the disciplinary action from Hinkle's record, and to pay significant attorney fees in a settlement of $40,000.

When reporters from the Mustang Daily attempted to discuss these issues with the school's attorney, Leah Kofl, the director of Public Affairs, told them that the administration's discussion with its attorney, Carlos Cordova, was protected under attorney-client privilege.

Some in the campus community are unsatisfied with the university's actions.

"My wish is that the initial response from Provost Koob had been more," said Camille O'Bryant, associate professor and department chair of kinesiology.

She said that she would have preferred that Cal Poly had investigated the incident further with respect to freedom of speech, while still disciplining the students.

O'Bryant did offer some positive insight on what Cal Poly can learn from the incident.

"Faculty members have to respect and be more assertive in their commitment to diversity through their curriculum," she said.

Since The New Times' initial report of the incident from Hinkle fighting back and winning, many others have praised the administration's response and have called for the school to continue to support diversity.

"We lost in the Great Suburban Migration," Suarez wrote about people who abandoned the urban cities because of cultural differences and the pursuit of a better education for their children.

He has worked as a Los Angeles correspondent for CNN, a producer for the ABC Radio Network in New York, a reporter for CBS Radio in Rome and a reporter for various American and British news services in London. Suarez has an inside look on how the media plays a role in shaping policy. He will also discuss the most pertinent news stories of the day.

PBS journalist comes to Poly to discuss media and election

Omar Sanchez

Award-winning journalist and senior correspondent for PBS' "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," Ray Suarez, will speak on campus as part of Cal Poly's Provocative Perspective this Thursday morning during Journalism Week.

A respected journalist with over 30 years of experience, Suarez will discuss how the media plays a role in shaping policy. He will also discuss the most pertinent news stories of the day.

Suarez was selected to bring his expert analysis of the media's coverage from the recent presidential election, said Anita Wickers, the administrative coordinator for the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

"We wanted someone who has an inside look on how the media influences policy, and Ray Suarez has a unique perspective on Washington politics which he has shown on the Jim Lehrer show," Wickers said.

Following his presentation, Suarez will hold an informal discussion at the University Union student lounge from 10-11 a.m. to discuss the media's role in influencing policy.

Before joining "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" in 1999, Suarez was host of the national call-in news program, "Talk of the Nation," which was broadcast on National Public Radio. Throughout his career he has reported, anchored and reported many documentaries for PBS and public radio.

Author of the book "The Old Neighborhood: What We Lost in the Great Suburban Migration," Suarez wrote about people who abandoned the urban cities because of cultural differences and the pursuit of a better education for their children.

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dent, several variations of the story have come to light. Though the article stated that in addition to the noose and Confederate flag, a sign was posted a month earlier that said, “No N-gers, No Fags, No Hippies,” the crops house students and other students who attended the event where the sign was placed, have said this is untrue. They maintain that the sign said, “No liberals, no drugs, no hippies, no Obama.”

The students moved out of the house the week after the incident was reported, a move that was voluntary, according to the administration. Furthermore, the students confirmed to the Mustang Daily that the crops house was already scheduled to be torn down before the incident occurred, and that its demolition has nothing to do with the incident.

The controversy is not an isolated incident; there have been both reactions and other incidents of racial tension throughout the campus and community.

Two signs posted by Jane Lehr, an ethnic studies and women’s and gender studies professor at Cal Poly — one stating “Hate is not a Cal Poly value” and the other “Fear of difference is not a Cal Poly value” — were defaced in thick black marker with the words “Sic Semper tyrannis,” or “Death to tyrants.” Lehr was unaware of the motives of the defacer, but speculated that “some people maybe are against the Cal Poly community being against this, the tyranny of ‘anti-hate,’” she said.

A sign in Los Osos spray-painted with “Skinheads rule OK! Hippies out!” was discovered by a Cal Poly student, who was unavailable for comment.

The sign was originally used as a place for local politicians to campaign with signs, and thus, the message could’ve been there for months, since the sign has been covered due to election season. No community member who spoke with the Mustang Daily knew how long the message had been there or if it is connected to the Crop House incident.

Whether the students eventually face repercussions, Kramer hopes that students will learn from the incident, and take action. “This will generate momentum — students will help the university to create action plans for change that we can articulate our feeling and goals a little bit better,” she said.

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of Public Policy honored him with the 2005 Distinguished Policy Leadership Award. He earned his master’s degree in social sciences from the University of Chicago and prior to that he earned his bachelor’s degree in African history from New York University.

Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania has recently awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Suarez is a life member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and a founding member of the Chicago Association of Hispanic Journalists.

The Brooklyn, N.Y., native now lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife and three children.

The free event will begin with a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by a lecture in mode Sage Restaurant, formerly Vista Grande Cafe, at 8 a.m. Reservations for the event are required and can be made by phone or e-mail at 805-756-0327 and lacef@calpoly.edu.

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**Comparative Ethnic Studies Department**

Women’s and Gender Studies Department

Cal Poly Crops House Incident

Some social behaviors are considered to be legal, and some are not. Some social behaviors are considered to be just and humane, and some are not. Justice and humanity do not necessarily coincide with legality. The purported behaviors of the residents of the University’s Crops House may be considered to be legal, but they are neither just nor humane. Ostracism and disrespect that does psychological and emotional damage to its victims—including the entire Cal Poly community—cannot be condoned, especially in a nation that champions equality and whose strength comes from its very diversity.

We, the faculty of the Comparative Ethnic Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies Departments believe that the majority of students in the Agriculture and Crop Science Department, students in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, and students throughout the university do not condone the behaviors that were reported to have taken place at the Crops House. The perpetrators themselves may not have fully understood the seriousness of their actions. Still, the actions of a very few have brought embarrassment and shame to their department, to their college, and to Cal Poly. In some small way they have made our community and this great nation something less than it could and should be.

We must do better. And we must not forget what happened on this campus. It must change us as individuals and as a community. In this regard, we lead the many students who have gone to rallies, written letters, and attended meetings in order both to protest this incident and to provide direct support for students of color, GLBTQ students, and other members of our community impacted by these alleged behaviors. We must treat each other with more decency, dignity and humanity and we must work to change the practices and beliefs that contribute to these incidents. The faculty and staff of Comparative Ethnic Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies are some of the many individuals at Cal Poly deeply committed on a personal and academic level to inclusivity, respectful behavior and efforts to create a more just and equitable world. Scholarship in our fields suggests that it is only through understanding and knowledge, not ignorance and misinformation, that we will be able to create a university-wide atmosphere that promotes what the President has called “Inclusive Excellence.” However, to meet fully the goal of inclusive excellence at Cal Poly we need the kinds of systemic solutions that come from sustained efforts, not a temporary solution aimed at a single incident, a single department, or a single college. Curricular enhancements and university policies that humanize a polytechnic education may be a starting point.

To conclude, we would like to extend our support and encouragement to every student, faculty and staff member, as well as San Luis Obispo community members, who have felt harmed, threatened, and/or angered by the incident. In all of this, you are not alone. Indeed, faculty and staff in both the Comparative Ethnic Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies Departments have felt on a deeply personal, as well as professional level, the anger and fear you feel. We cannot say that the atmosphere of Cal Poly will change to be more inclusive overnight, but we hope that the Comparative Ethnic Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies Department, our faculty, and our classes will be a resource in your efforts to find support, empowerment, hope and a voice. We stand beside you. You are not alone.

Sincerely,
Faculty and Staff,
Comparative Ethnic Studies Department
Women’s and Gender Studies Department

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A racially charged message was found on a sign in Los Osos earlier this week. A police officer was called to the scene, and the sign was removed.

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Iraq veteran wrestles invisible battle wounds

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On the plus side, David McLee has a fiancee who stuck by him, a 2-year-old son who loves him. They've helped him persevere through dark times — blackouts, anger, confusion — as he struggles with the invisible wounds of his combat duty in Iraq.

As a Marine, McLee engaged in the initial assault on Iraq from Kuwait in 2003 and the often-chaotic battle of Fallujah in late 2004.

He returned to the United States in 2005, worked for a time with the postal service and got engaged. His fiancee, Audra Chirdoza, gave birth to a son in 2006.

About a year after his return, McLee began to notice a change in his personality, including what he describes as "blackouts" — periods of time he couldn't account for.

"One day, me and my buddies and fiancee, we went out and started drinking," he said. "I had a meltdown... All this stuff that was in my head that I'd never said to anybody started coming out. I couldn't stop crying."

The "stuff" included images of Fallujah residents, children among them, killed by his own unit as it swept through neighborhoods that were supposed to have been evacuated.

"We search houses. We see people in there — they're not supposed to be there. They're considered hostile. We just opened fire," he said.

"We saw a little kid in the middle road. There was no stopping the convoy. We ran him over."

McLee's condition worsened in June, after a friend and fellow veteran committed suicide. He checked into a veterans homeless shelter in Leeds, Miss., and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder as well as alcohol dependence.

He has suffered migraines, hearing loss, various back and shoulder problems.

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"Will you be attending tonight's Campus Diversity forum?"

"I have class at that time, but I would be interested to hear why the house is being demolished. I don't really think that's a valid consequence; they are adults and should know better than to say those things."

- Antonio Chavez computer science senior

"Probably not because I have class (but) I think it's a good idea to get it out there and open it up."

- Brian McPhee kinesiology freshmen

" Probably not, I just think the whole thing got blown out of proportion. I don't think it's good that it happened but I think they were too quick to judge before getting the whole story."

- Brent Summers environmental management and protection

Compiled and photographed by Bridget Veltri
Pakistan: Militants seize convoy for U.S.-led forces

Riaz Khan

Suspected Taliban fighters hijacked trucks carrying Humvees and other supplies for U.S.-led troops in Afghanistan, authorities said Tuesday after a brazen attack near the Khyber Pass that underscored the militants’ grip across key mountain strongholds.

The assault highlighted the vulnerability of a vital supply route for the 65,000 U.S. and NATO forces battling a resurgent Taliban in landlocked Afghanistan. A significant amount of supplies for the Western forces go through Pakistan.

Attacks on convoys carrying food, fuel and other supplies are common on the road. But Monday’s raid was especially large and well-organized. It also could further strain U.S.-Pakistani relations over rooting out Taliban and Al-Qaida militants along the border, which remain entrenched despite military offensives and U.S. missile strikes.

Some 60 masked militants blocked the convoy at several points before overpowering the convoy, said Fazal Mahmood, a government official in Khyber tribal region. He identified the attackers as members of the Pakistani Taliban movement.

Security forces fired trade with the gunmen, but were forced to retreat, he said. The militants took about 13 trucks along with the drivers, who were believed to be Pakistani.

Briefs

State

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — Police say two churches in the San Luis Obispo area have been vandalized.

San Luis Obispo police say an 83-year-old man was found dead on a keypad, doornail and window at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Football Boulevard on Saturday morning.

Officers also received a report that morning that eggs and toilet paper were thrown at the San Luis Obispo Assembly of God church on Cermo Romualdo Avenue.

Sgt. Janice Goodwin says officers do not know whether the two acts are related. No suspects had been identified by Monday morning.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — Bad checks totaling $3,000,000 from the San Luis Obispo Blues baseball team and its owner Stephen Markison have been referred to the San Luis Obispo district attorney’s office.

Chief Deputy Jerret Gran of the DA’s office says the checks include $11,012 sent to the city of San Luis Obispo, $4,500 to City Parks and Recreation Department director Betsy Kiser, that amount was to cover rent at San Luis Obispo Baseball Stadium in Schoenherr Park, where the Blues play.

In the past, U.S. and NATO officials have played down their losses along the pass.

But earlier this year, NATO said it was trying to reduce its dependence on the route by negotiating with Russia and other nations to let truck “non-lethal” supplies to Afghanistan through Central Asia.

Security forces, backed by helicopter gunships, hunted for the missing trucks and drivers. The military said late Tuesday it had recovered some of the stolen materials but would not specify what.

International

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Witnesses said a man and his former wife shot to death over an argument about the Alabama-Louisiana State University football game, though a spokesman for the slain man’s family disputed that Monday.

“Being in on this ball game is totally false,” said Shumon O’don, the half brother of Dennis James Smith.

Smith, 41, and Donna Kay Hall Smith, 39, were shot to death about 7 p.m. Saturday in the rural community of Owassa in southern Alabama, the Conecuh County sheriff’s office said. The two divorced about five years ago but had recently gotten back together and were planning to remarry, O’don said.

NEW YORK (AP) — Dispute overafari national elections in eastern Congo, ripping women and pillaging homes as they pulled back ahead of a feared rebel advance, the U.N. reported Tuesday.

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4,300-year-old pyramid discovered in Egypt

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — Police say a woman’s husband died on the way to a cemetery when a traffic accident hurled her husband’s coffin against the back of her neck.

Police say 67-year-old Marcus Silva Barcelos was in the front passenger seat of the hearse when the accident occurred Monday in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul.

Barcelos died instantly. Her 76-year-old husband Jose Silveira Coimbra died Sunday of a heart attack while dancing at a party.

The driver of hearse and Barcelos’ son suffered minor injuries.

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Gov't discontinue forest experiments; scientists upset

Jeff Barnard

For more than a decade, the federal government has spent millions of dollars pumping elevated levels of carbon dioxide into small groups of trees to test how forests will respond to global warming in the next 50 years. Some scientists believe they are on the cusp of receiving key results from the time-consuming experiments.

The U.S. Department of Energy, however, which is funding the project, has told the scientists to chop down the trees, collect the data and move on to new research. That plan has upset some researchers who have spent years trying to understand how forests may help counter climate change.

But the Energy Department, following the advice of a specially convened panel of experts, believes there is no question that one of the experimental forests is located. "There is no question that ultimately we want to cut the trees down and analyze the will. The question is whether now is the time to do it," Ronald Nelson, a U.S. Forest Service bio-climatologist in Corvallis, Ore., said the experiments should continue because they still have potential to answer key questions about how rainfall and fertility affect how much carbon a forest will store long-term — essential to understanding how forests may soften the blow of climate change.

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Obama marks Veteran's Day with wreath-laying

President-elect Obama honored fallen troops Tuesday by placing a wreath at a memorial and making a Veteran's Day pledge to the men Americans who have served in the military.

"Let us rededicate ourselves to keep a sacred trust with all who have worn the uniform of the United States of America that America will serve you as you have served your country," Obama said in a statement. "As your next commander in chief, I promise to work every single day to keep that sacred trust with all who have served.

One week after winning the presidential election, Obama took a brief break from his primary tasks of mapping out his administration and monitoring the economic crisis to mark Veteran's Day at the bronze soldiers memorial between the Field Museum and Soldier Field in Chicago.

The Illinois senator, who will inherit wars from President Bush, was accompanied by Tammy Duckworth, an Iraq war veteran who lost her legs in combat. She later ran unsuccessfully for Congress and now is the Illinois governor's veterans affairs director.

"Since '91, a new generation of American heroes has borne a hero's load in leading down the threats of the 21st century, and their families have been asked to bear the painful absence of a loved one. These Americans are the best and bravest among us, and they are all in our thoughts and prayers," he added.

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At the shelter, McBee befriended Army Spc. Andrew Cotrel, also suffering PTSD linked to Iraq combat duty in 2003.

"My first day, Andrew was there. Two different parts of Iraq; two different things going on, and we had so many similarities," McBee said. "As a vet, you can just sit down and talk. You have something in common, doesn't matter where you were, what you did. You know you both served.

They're among about 1,500 veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, identified by the Department of Veterans Affairs as experiencing homelessness now. The 120-bed Leeds shelter, run by a nonprofit called Soldier On, serves a handful of veterans who fought in those two wars, mixed with dozens who served in Vietnam.

The mission, says Soldier On, is to assist veterans "by picking up the pieces of their lives." In August, McBee, now 24, moved in with Cardinals and their sons, Adam, in a small apartment in nearby Champaign. He plans to enroll soon in six-week VA inpatient PTSD treatment program,Adams, says McBee, is the "best thing ever.

For a while, I didn't think anybody really cared for me — I didn't care about myself, so why would anybody else," he said. "To see him running up; his arms out, big smile; Daddy, Daddy, Daddy, It's great!"
Cal State student bailed out of Iranian jail

The father of a graduate student at California State University, Northridge says his daughter has been freed on bail after spending nearly a month in an Iranian jail.

Reza Momeni told the Los Angeles Times that his 28-year-old daughter, Esha Moment, was released on Monday but isn’t allowed to leave the country.

She was visiting Tehran to research a master’s thesis on the women’s rights movement in Iran when she was arrested Oct. 15 on a traffic violation.

She was later charged with acting against national security and propagating against the system, which could carry lengthy prison terms.

Reza Momeni says he put up the deed to his family’s Tehran apartment to cover her $200,000 bail.

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that chopping down the trees and digging up the soil will allow the first real measurements of how much carbon the leaves, branches, trunks and roots have been storing, said J. Michael Kuperberg, a program manager with the agency.

Ending the experiments will also allow the funding to be devoted to new research that will look at the effects of higher temperatures, changes in rainfall, and variations in soil fertility, Kuperberg said.

"What we are trying to do here is balance the time to get optimal results out of the existing experiment with our desire for a new generation of experiments that we feel is more likely to realistically represent future climate scenarios," Kuperberg said.

Some scientists, though, believe ending the long-term research may be a mistake.

"If we stop these experiments now, it could cost many years to get back to this point, time we may not have," Kevin Lee Griffin, associate professor of environmental sciences at Columbia University, wrote in an e-mail.

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Los Osos landmark unites community through music

The Red Barn in Los Osos has become a venue for the community's music.

Once or twice a month, something magical happens in a drafty little building next to the South Bay Community Center in Los Osos. A community that has often been keenly divided on issues of growth, development and waste management puts aside its differences and enjoys eclectic old-time acoustic music at the Red Barn.

Now in its third year as a musical scene, the barn, at the Corner of Los Osos Valley Road and Palisades Drive, makes the perfect venue for bluegrass, blues, swing and Celtic roots. It is also among the few places where other traditional acoustic art forms such as the oral traditions of the Native American band Soldier Creek found an outlet in an intimate gathering on Nov. 1.

The concert series is the brain-child of local musician and owner of Zap Gardening, Jonas Richardson.

"A lot of what I like to do is traditional music, old time Irish; we've had Russian music out here before, just traditional American music, but that could really be anything," Richardson said.

"We always have a potluck beforehand and it's always a very intimate setting. It gets very crowded at times though."

Camas Frank
Bumps on the head

equal fun times in bed

Sex has the ability to be hot... sweaty... passionate... mind-blowing. But it also carries with it the unavoidable possibility of being awkward, strange or even downright comical.

Put yourself in this scenario: you're with this special someone for the very first time, on top of their place and feeling yourself getting caught up in the heat of the moment. You start to play twenty questions with yourself: Should I pull it condom out of my purse or wait to see if they have one? What position will they want to do? Did I shave my legs today? Where should I put my hands? Am I flexible enough? While I'm kissing them, should my head do the left tilt, the right tilt, or a mix of both? Can they taste what I ate for dinner? I hope I had done my laundry and put my sexy panties on...

Forget the first time, because the 10th, 20th or even sixty-millionth time can result in the same level of awkwardness as when it all began.

Something that we all must realize, however, is that awkward is not entirely a bad thing; sometimes the awkward and clumsy situations are the ones that we remember the most.

Now, I would like for you to brace yourselves for a personal story of awkward proportions. In one said sexual encounter, while on top and in the heat of the moment, I guess I was riding a little too excitedly when I heard a loud thud and at the same time felt a sharp pain run through the top of my head. I was so into it that I didn't realize how close I was to the wall, and subconsciously decided that, mid-sex, it would be a good idea to try to knock it down with my head.

Needless to say, my head lost the battle with the wall. But want to know something? It was probably one of my favorite moments (though I've had many), because instead of ruining the moment, I looked down and we both started laughing. Laughing rather hard.

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Richardson rents the barn from the county for every con­cert, paying the out of pocket expenses. He pays the bands with donations from attendees. If enough people show up, he will get his money back. All set-up and clean-up work is on a volun­teer basis. The effort and time it takes Richardson and his fam­ily goes uncompensated.

"I just wanted to do something here with the community, so I just started it," Richardson said. "The barn had been here. John Adam put it together a long time ago and it was moved here from Los Osos Valley Road. It's just a little barn, that's all it really is. It's what you do with the place. I wanted to do it here because of the feel. It's traditional just like the music is."

The events are often held on Saturdays and the music usually starts at 7 p.m., preceded by a 6 p.m. potluck. The evening carries a suggested donation of $10 but more will not be refused. The potluck dinners are unique in their lack of the usual Safeway Deli fare, not that those aren't devoured by the end of the night. Garden salads and produce put to sleep finally trailing into a whisper. It was a very fitting coupling of time and place in the Valley of the Bears. The turn out, a very nice crowd. This kind of gather­ing brings family together, just gives people a chance to be to­gether."

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Moving on from this little opening treat, Sedaris offers a wide variety of the uncomfortable normcy in his life and, although horrible, you cannot help but laugh when he recalls his genuine grief having a few of Sedaris's little secrets, while the zephyrs of Soldier Creek said."

In front of the 40 attendees, the Zepeda explained that "sto­ries in Native Culture emphasize the interrelationships in the ani­mal world between people and animals. In the old stories all the animals talk to each other. This is one of the problems that soci­ety has. We've stopped talking to people in other cultures."

Perhaps the lackluster turnout of the evening was perfect for the band's brand of cultural ex­change with haunting vocals and deep base drum that penetrated the thin walls into the damp night.

Those that braved the chill witnessed something unique and spine tingling as the group ended the per­formance with a last minute addition of the "beer song," first calling up the animal's mighty spirit in a visceral sense and then putting it to sleep finally trailling off into a whisper. It was a very fitting coupling of time and place in the Valley of the Bears. The turn out, a very nice crowd. This kind of gather­ing brings family together, just gives people a chance to be to­gether."

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Red Barn music organizer

Sedaris keeps readers close in new collection

Reading a David Sedaris book is like winning some sort of con­test. You know that while you are reading it, the guy next to you isn't, and that makes you a win­ner. The winner of what exactly, I don't know. But nonetheless, it is a great feeling of superiority know­ing that in that exact moment of time, you are being let in on a few of Sedars' s little secrets, while Neglected Nancy over there, well, isn't.

Okay, let me explain: Sedaris is the kind of writer who can through his text, can somehow convince you that you are his best friend and therefore worthy of getting to know how he really feels about things. The best part is that you might feel the same way, but have never been brave enough to say it out loud.

Author of, "Drew Your Family in Condor and Denim" and "Naked," to name a few, Sedars latest collection of personal essays, "When you are Engulfed in Flames," more or less captures his psyche in mid-life crisis mode.

In this collection Sedars gives us the usual rundown of ordinary life situations made monumental with humor and a twist of desperation. He really is an artist of words, and on a level with his other masterpieces, "Denim" and "Naked," to name a few, Sedaris's latest collection of personal essays, "When you are Engulfed in Flames," more or less captures his psyche in mid-life crisis mode.

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But what makes his work unique and refreshing is his ability to handle all of the cleaning and laborious tasks while she stays with them.

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New Yorkers trying to save historic Tin Pan Alley

Verena Dobnik
March 17, 2008

NEW YORK — A group of New Yorkers is fighting to save Tin Pan Alley, the half-known row houses where iconic American songs were born.

The four-story, 19th-century buildings on Manhattan’s West 28th Street were home to publishers of some of the catchiest American tunes and lyrics from “God Bless America” and “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” to “Give My Regards to Broadway.”

The music of Irving Berlin, Scott Joplin, Fats Waller, George M. Cohan and other greats was born in Tin Pan Alley.

The buildings were put up for sale earlier this fall for $44 million, with plans to replace them with a high-rise. The construction plan fell through amid the turmoil in the economy, but the possibility of losing the historic, block-hammered efforts to push for landmark status for Tin Pan Alley.

“The fear of these buildings being sold for development crystallized their importance, and the need to preserve them,” said Simeon Bankoff, executive director of the Historic District Council, a nonprofit preservation organization aiming to secure city landmark status for the buildings, which would protect them from being destroyed.

The Landmarks Commission is “researching the history of the buildings and reviewing whether they’ll be eligible for landmark designation,” said Liz de Bourbon, a spokeswoman for New York’s Landmarks Preservation Commission.

No date has been set for a decision, which she said depends on “a combination of historical, cultural and architectural significance.”

The block is sacred to Tin Schreier, a great-grandson of Jerome H. Remick, whose music publishing company occupied one of the homes and employed a young sheet music peddler named George Gershwin.

“I’m not opposed to development in New York, but we have to balance development with history and this is definitely America’s cultural history,” said Schreier.

From the late 1880s to the mid-1950s, the careers of songwriters who are still popular today were launched from the buildings at 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53 and 55 West 28th.

Nearby, high-rise condominiums have pushed out old brownstones. The four-story Tin Pan Alley buildings house street-level wholesale stores selling clothing, jewelry and fabrics; eight apartment units fill the upper floors.

It’s a noisy neighborhood, with trucks beeping as they back up amid street hawkers selling bootleg movies and knockoff paraphernalia. A century ago, the windows of music companies broadcast a cacophony of competing piano sounds that earned the area the nickname “Tin Pan Alley,” to describe what one journalist said sounded like pounding on tin pans.

Leland Bobb, a 59-year-old photographer, has been renting his apartment at Remick’s old building since 1975. He says it’s important to salvage the buildings in a neighborhood “that has lost its uniqueness. It’s just an other symbol of what New York was and what it will no longer be.”

KATHY WILLENS / ASSOCIATED PRESS Simeon Bankoff, left, and Tin Pan Alley tenant Leland Bobb stand outside a group of Chelsea buildings that they hope won’t be destroyed.

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...cracked and anguished.” Horrible? Yes. Funny? Oh, God yes.

I can’t admit not liking any of these essays, but rather, not liking the stories I was receiving in public: for laughing out loud while reading:

What was quite possibly funnier was that the next time we were together, he looked at me and told me to watch my head... completely serious before cracking a smile.

True story. The most important thing to remember is that sex should be fun. So keep it simple, enjoy the fact that you’re young and amazing, and don’t forget to watch your head...

Next week’s read will be, Noble Prize winning author, Jose Saramago’s latest novel, “Death With Interruptions.”

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The Grand Old Party's death

The Right was dealt a crushing blow to the head recently. Every Republican by now has had to face the bitter news Obama is the President-elect. Many believe that because of Obama, the Republican Party lost. But is sometimes happens, the obvious is not the whole truth.

It is true that to note that the Republican Party's demise was in the works long before this election, even before Bush, if anyone remembers that far as it stands today, the party label is about the only aspect that has been left intact, thus, there was little left for the Republican Party to contest. The Republican Party has been sabotaged in recent years by a leadership that indulges little regard of or responsiveness to the Republican Party's grounding principles or in general recommendations.

Let's consider the Republican Party of the not-so-distant past. The Republican Party once embraced a humble foreign policy. That seemed hopeless now and almost totally incompatible with the Party, given the last eight years and the next four that McCain was promising. But it's true; this was one of the GOF ideals, it was such a salient point with the majority of Republican — indeed Americans generally — that it was enthusiasm that replaced Bush during his first campaign. Of course, the Republican Party also once excelled nation building, but I suppose that was before creating empires became such an inescapable and ongoing game.

In a bygone era, Republicans could also be trusted as the party that advocated a limited, constitutional government. That last part might have been expected to go out the window when the departing Republican president showed the nation into an international war, but that proved to be — what is limiting government generally? No medals can be earned in this respect, I am afraid.

This whole notion of maintaining a governmental expansion of governmental powers across the board, sometimes to make sure no child is left behind, other times to streamline the War on Terror by bypassing constitutional safeguards, or to go on any old war in the name of Bin Laden.

It is time to move on. Cal Poly and a few ignorant people did something they are begging our successors not to do. I might be sick.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political science department condemns crops house incident

We, the undesignated members of the political science department, are outraged by the racist display at the crops house and believe that it is equally destructive to accept the pretense that the students involved were unaware of the racist and threatening communications associated with the Confederate flag and a noose. Lynching was a primary tool used in the South after slavery and during the Jim Crow era to terrorize and intimidate blacks. Such symbols are not simply "questionable materials," or Halloween decorations but are code words for racial terror. Over racist acts and attendant efforts to cover up and excuse them are together hallmarks of institutionalized racism, and ensure that white privilege continues undisturbed. That is not the kind of place that Cal Poly should be.

Even when students have not broken a law by expressing racist views, what they have done is wrong, and the campus community makes no exception. The students involved need to take place ever again. There is no law that requires us to see others as our moral equals, to condemn racism, but that does not mean that we are not obligated to create a community on campus where racism has no place. The university must begin by not minimizing the seriousness of what occurred at the crops house, and that means that it ought to disclose its findings as to whether there also was a sign near the flag and noose containing epithets against particular racial and sexual minorities. Not only should the matter be investigated and prosecuted, but it is also crucial that the university provide a public forum so that it, as a community, can evaluate our performance in achieving the social and personal growth that we seek to foster.

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It was like the end of a Star Trek episode... but it was real.
Drop your pants, Prop 8 passed

The California electorate has approved Proposition 8, denouncing marriage to be legal only for couples of one man and one woman. However, a significant legal and procedural problem not addressed in the wording of Proposition 8 remains unsolved. Unless the secretary of state acts immediately to deal with this heretofore- unrecognized threat, the legal validity of Proposition 8 and the Constitution itself is at risk.

Proposition 8 passage means marriage will be legally institutionally excluded for couples of one man and one woman. That's easy enough to understand. However, the proposition wording contains no explicit provision for verification — leaving open the possibility that inappropriately penned couples (for non-penised persons) will float the loss of the benefit of marriage legally. We cannot risk the chance that a couple planning to wed in California could legally skirt the law (pun intended) by not having at least one penis, or more than one penis, in their marriage license.

After all, cross-dressing is not new. Marlene Dietrich did it in a tuxedo in Morocco in 1930. Tony CURTIS and Jack Lemmon did it in 1959 in "Some Like It Hot." Randy GUARD did it in a political review in the '90s — and he later ran as a Republican for president. For good reason. When even the most outstanding Republican attempts to distort the reality of what lies beneath his underwear, there’s no telling what liberal people might do. Thus, there is an obvious and immediate need to redefine marriage for all, and draft marriage licenses for the benefit of marriage legally. We cannot afford the chance that a non-penised or unpenised individual or couple planning to wed in California could legally skirt the law (pun intended) by not having at least one penis, or more than one penis, in their marriage license.

In the early 1990s, workers bocked to Detroit for the promise of 'the good life' that automobile manufacturing plants could offer. Today, one out of every ten Americans is employed by the auto industry. This is quickly changing as the current economic crisis hits the motor vehicle and parts industries the auto industry could come to a definitive crossroads. Will change include a future for domestic automakers?

We live in the American landscape, and you'll note that life isn't always easy without access to a personal vehicle. I have never driven; I have no car license and no desire to have one. But that has been my choice, because I have already availed public transportation, walking, biking and occasionally finding the needed ride. For most people, this lifestyle would not work without massively altering the way they live, work and play, nor is it reasonable to think of the additional infrastructure changes that would be required.

The power and privilege of automobiles has led to a legacy in America's growth patterns. Can overdriven roadway systems that once lined interstate streets and outpaced investment in train line expansions, have not weakened because of the growth in population, but has increased competitive edge in the global market. Foreign automobiles' fuel-efficient vehicles have dwindled the export potential for inefficient domestic vehicles. It was America who started this enterprise technology, and it is our opportunity to equip our country with proper infrastructure for alternative modes of transportation. For a time, Detroit could produce vehicles faster than concrete could be poured for freeways. The terminals of 'progress' have equated to massive expansions of urban development with little consideration for locally available public amenities. But Detroit's auto industries have been the backbone of the economy for decades. What is to come of a falling giant without long-term assistance to dodge total economic meltdown?

The Center for Automotive Research, in an article published Nov. 4, put forward two scenarios: one with the support of the federal government in providing $25 billion to $50 billion in aid through the bank plan and no support. Both scenarios outline a dramatic cut in jobs and production capability. So, even if America does subsidize the auto industry, it will never repair the significant damage that has been done.

President-elect Barack Obama has made a clear commitment to support the auto industries with guidelines for improving fuel-efficiency, and even those who will be out of work. However, nothing short of a massive civil works project will save America from economic and infrastructure collapse. In the spirit of change, we need to invest in leading-edge technology, rather than subsidizing people for unemployment. There is work to be done, and it's time to start envisioning innovative solutions to America's challenges.

Now is the time, during this lame-duck period, to influence the next presidential leader. The issue inspiring thing about Obama is that even in his position of power, he implores everyone to speak up. So, tell him what you think about the current auto industry crisis or any ideas you have at www.change.gov.

Nancy Cole is a city and regional planning senior and the former vice-president of the Emperor Polo Coalition.

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CAFES has more concerns than just the crops house

The efforts undertaken by University officials to mitigate damage done by the hateful behavior of some students are commendable. However, I believe this recent embarrassment is deserving of more serious concern about the nature of overarching concerns about the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences that speak directly to its educational mission. Such concerns are exemplified in the sudden and inadequately explained decision to end the Cal Poly Compost Project. This decision threatens the health and welfare of our planet in Sustainable Agriculture that has been built up over the last eight years through the unfailing volunteering of some students and a few faculty and staff. This decision is symptomatic of Cal Poly's neglect of Sustainable Agriculture, other than the small funding and large lip service accorded it. Also more embarrassing than the crops house incident is the fact that it took Proposition 2 to terminate the inhumane treatment of tens of thousands of hogs housed in Cal Poly's Poultry Unit, six to a tiny cage. The decision that released these birds also releases this nation from eight years of being penned up in the dark. Instead of teaching students rationales for such treatment of animals and for perpetuating an antiquated industrial food system based on consumption of fossil fuels, Cal Poly Agriculture should require that every administrator, instructor and student read the recent article by Michael Pollan entitled, "Fattier in Chico," addressed to the new President-elect http://www.nytimes.com/2008/10/12/magazine/12pollcy4.html?

Steven Marx
Elig provost

Don't 'hate hate'

After reading about a million different articles and letters to the editor about what horrible human beings the people in the Crops house are, I opened up the paper today to a giant paragraph containing the sentence, "Our 'Hate,'". Not to pick on whoever specifically bough that ad space, but it highlights one of the biggest problems we have to face as a society. It's response to the incident. I'm not going to defend the actions of the instigators, but I'm sick of everyone using this as an opportunity to loudly show off their open-minded and tolerant that they are by viciously demonizing the crops house residents. Responding to racist or bigoted actions with more vitriol will only drive more intolerance into the dark, it won't eliminate them. Only honest, open and civil discussions can bring these beliefs into the light and expose them for what they are: products of simple ignorance and fear of the unknown. I can almost hear the PC-brigade filling our ear and screaming with an all-knowing and righteous sneer at this letter, so before you hit 'send' on your hater-than-thou manifesto, please reconsider and take the higher road. Strive to be a tolerant member of society yourself and politely educate those around you who are ignorant of other cultures, creeds, ethnicities, or sexual preferences, and society will be continue to progress towards a more tolerant future.

Don Ford
Computer engineering senior

Forgive each other and move on

I would like to respond to everyone who has been going on recently with the crops house and Prop 8. First of all, I applaud Jacob Kony and Clara Smalls for standing up for our rights. It is wrong to wish that certain things would stay the same! And why do people automatically assume that proponents of Prop 8 are hetero? We don't have to conform to how one another. Conservatives are just as disgusted as anyone else at what the 'minorities' are. Second, I would like to comment on the crops house issue. Yes, the students made a very bad mistake, and all of Cal Poly and — thanks to the media — the whole country knows it and has made it very clear how unacceptable it was. Now that we've made a point, can't we just forgive them? Haven't we caused these students enough pain? Everybody makes stupid mistakes in their lives, including ones that may have deeply hurt or scared someone in the same way that the students have. And if you say you never make anyone feel that miserable, you already have. I can't imagine how much pain and pressure those students have been going through right now because of all these people hating and pointing fingers at them. Enough is enough. You all say you want a peaceful society. Well, that's not going to happen unless we learn to respect one another and to forgive one another for our trespasses.

Cynthia Kono
Environmental horticulture science freshman
The New York Times Crossword

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2 Color
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4 Keno
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7 1968 presidential candidates
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Barden, who was projected as a fifth-round pick by the NFL scouts simulator when he considered declaring his draft eligibility after his senior season, caught 89 passes for 999 yards and 13 touchdowns this season. With his first of two touchdowns catches Saturday, he tied Jerry Rice's Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) record of 17 consecutive games with a scoring reception.

After eight games, the Mustangs (7-1) cracked third in the NCAA coaches and media polls, are leading the subdivision in both points (45.9) and yards (490.1) per game.

Barden was surprised by his team's success this season, saying, "We have to know our situation." Mustangs head coach Jon Severson said, "The old cliché is apropos — our backs are against the wall. We must see our situation.

In defeat, the Mustangs (13-10, 8-411 out and overwhelmed the Hwy, and also called more acrobatic and assiduous.

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"We were crushed by that loss," Severson said. "It was just horrible."

Still, though, Severson said, there are scenarios through which the Mustangs could be an NCAA Tournament team even if they don't sweep the remainder of their schedule — which concludes with two matches at No. 6 Hawaii on Nov. 26 and Nov. 29.

"But that's obviously not how we're looking at it," Severson said.

The Mustangs upset UC Santa Barbara (10-13, 6-6) at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Senior night will be against UC Riverside (8-19, 3-9) at 7 p.m. Saturday in Mott Gym.

"It's absolutely feasible that they could go out with a huge surprise," Severson said. "They could do just as well as the champions that they've been by winning the next four matches and then doing a good job in Hawaii, defeating a top-ranked team, and then going into the tournament with a head of steam and playing the kind of volleyball we know we're capable of playing. That's all we can plan on doing."

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"There's no mingling now, he added. "We've all got games to look back at and try to pick adjustments or changes."

One such Hojoce seems to have made already is who will take the Mustangs' penalty kicks.

Senior midfielder Anton Piatek missed one in the 76th minute.

"You can never get too comfortable," Hojoce said of sending in the kicks. "I've been to frustrating."

Hojoce said that the Mustangs' struggles taking and defending late penalty kicks, "We could be 14-6 right now."

For the most part, though, Hojoce saw the way the Mustangs responded to the Gauchos.

"It's always great, he said, "But now, we still have to weather those storms."

As the course of the game went on, from about 30 minutes in. I thought we were the better team, creating the better chances."

"That was a great sign, because that really hasn't been the case in the first two years I was here," Hojoce added. "But now, you can legitimately say we were the better team over the course of that game."

The rivalry has even extended into the stands. On Oct. 7, fans were delayed for several minutes prior to the second overtime when bottles were thrown in the direction of Gauchos goalkeeper Kristopher Munton.

At UCSB, Gauchos fans reportedly threw tortillas at Cal Poly fans.

"It's not really a factor for us anymore," Hojoce said of playing in front of the audiences of record size.

No. 16 UC Irvine, the top seed, hosts No. 14 UC Davis, the fourth seed, in the other semifinal tonight.

If Cal Poly and UC Davis were to win, the Mustangs would host the Aggies in the title match, from which the winner earns an automatic trip to the College Cup, which begins Nov. 21.
Cal Poly hopes third time's a charm against UCSB

The Cal Poly men's soccer team probably shouldn't have to win the inaugural Big West Conference Tournament to make an appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

"We should get in either way," Mustangs head coach Paul Holocher said.

He has a case. If they reach the Big West title game, the Mustangs are likely to be seeded in the NCAA Tournament to make an appearance, Holocher said. "I think it's great that we're playing again." 

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Mustangs likely need to win out in Big West for postseason

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team had an opportunity to take back command of the Big West Conference when it entered Mont Gym on Saturday night.

The Mustangs had lost two conference contests in a row, but were just a match behind Big West-leading Long Beach State, the night's opponent.

But they lost in five sets to the 49ers for the second time this season, and fell two matches out of first place with four Big West opportunities left.

The loss left the Mustangs in danger of not winning the conference and perhaps missing the NCAA post season.

Barden T-shirts a student-section sensation

Thomas Reichert first made T-shirts in honor of Mustangs receiver Ramses Barden for himself and a few friends. He's gone on to sell dozens.

At Saturday night's Cal Poly football homecoming game, North Carolina Central University's Green T-shirts adorned with yellow lettering proclaiming "Throw it to Ramses" went to double overtime.

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Doing it exactly a week later could lead to some interesting gamesmanship, Holocher said.

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Mustangs forward David Zamora (10) dribbles against UC Santa Barbara at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Oct. 17.

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"We had about eight to 10 of us who were guaranteed to buy the shirts," said Nate Jones, a mechanical engineering senior and friend of Reichert. "But he figured since it was going to be the same price for 20 he might as well get them, and we just went to the game, and I think we got to the game an hour-and-a-half before, and within an hour before the game, he had sold off the remaining 10 or so."

Since then, Reichert has sold about 50 of the shirts. He's tried to get an extra-large for Mupr, the school's mascot, and has even been in tentative talks with El Corral Bookstore to sell the shirts there as well.

During the homecoming game, Reichert stopped cheering long enough to talk to several people who came by to ask for shirts. Although it's become a business of sorts for him, Reichert said profit wasn't the incentive for making the $15 apparel, "I now make $3 a shirt, but if it really wants to make money," he said. "It just started off to be for just me and my friends, just because it's fun and exciting to get out there and cheer for our football team."

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