Being black on a white campus

Bridget Verti

A unique location will have its challenges... even if it was just walking into a classroom.

"You enter assuming that you will be the only African American student in the class," she said. "And when you see another black student it's like Christmas, like finding out that someone else speaks English in a foreign country."

But outside of Stafford's niche, the reality of being a minority on a predominately white campus had it challenges — men adjust to college life. For fun she and her friends would have movie and game nights.

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Thanks to the recent racially charged incident at the crop house, the lack of diversity at Cal Poly has become an unavoidable topic. The protest and subsequent forums about this incident sparked a campus-wide discussion about diversity and campus awareness of the issue.

There were 4,554 non-white students out of 18,842 undergraduate students that attended Cal Poly in the fall of 2007, according to the Cal Poly Institutional Planning and Analysis facebook undergraduate enrollment profile.

As of last fall, Cal Poly was 64.7 percent white, 11.4 percent Asian-American, 10.8 percent Hispanic/Latino, 1.2 percent African American, and 0.8 percent Native American.

But the college has limited options to combat its lack of diversity.

In 1996, California passed Proposition 209, an amendment to the state constitution that essentially banned affirmative action. A portion of the proposition said that the state cannot give preferential treatment to, or discriminate against, any person or group based upon their sex, race or ethnicity. The freshmen class of 1998 was the first to be affected by the proposition.

"Cal Poly cannot give any preferential treatment to women or underrepresented groups for admissions to the university," said director admissions, recruitment and financial aid.

Walter Harris said, "Everyone has to compete on the same playing field whether they had the same opportunities for preparation or not; it's horrible but we cannot break the law."

Harris said that before Proposition 209 passed, underrepresented students at Cal Poly received bonus points during selection. He said Cal Poly was the only school in the state of California affected by the proposition for two main reasons:

the year prior to the passing of 209, the Board of Regents for the UC system had already eliminated race, gender, and ethnicity from their selection process, and because as a selective CSU, Cal Poly turns down qualified students who apply. Those with the lowest test scores are rejected first, and historically it is minorities who have lower test scores. Harris said, "It would seem to make sense to him to level the playing field for people applying to college. However, not everyone applying to college received the same level of preparation at the high school level, leaving them at a disadvantage, he said.

Admisitnance to Cal Poly is based only upon test scores and grade point average. Renoda Campbell, recreation science graduate, said that changing the admittance process would help diversify the school.

"A lot of people say that the situation is reflective of the reality it is minorities who have lower test scores, Harris said. "It would seem to make sense to him to level the playing field for people applying to college. However, not everyone applying to college received the same level of preparation at the high school level, leaving them at a disadvantage, he said.

Economic meltdown doesn't affect SLO's sweet tooth

Jennifer Ticcomb

As the economy worsens, residents of San Luis Obispo can still enjoy a sweet, yet economical treat: frozen yogurt. With three downtown locations, another on Foothill Boulevard and a new one opening in the Laguna Village Shopping Center, frozen yogurt shops appear to be thriving.

Frozen yogurt is a family friendly attraction. Various flavors of yogurt and a wide variety of toppings are available. It doesn't hurt that it is one of the cheapest treats around.

Country Culture Yogurt opened the city's frozen yogurt freency 28 years ago when it set up shop. Owner Norma Haynes said she wanted to open a yogurt store during the 1980s because it was the no. 1 entrepreneur business in California. "It was a very hot trend back then," she said.

Since then, Bali's, Yogurt Creations and soon to open Snofari have created their own versions catering to San Luis Obispo's sweet tooth.

"I've seen six yogurt shops open and close downtown over the years," Haynes said. "We have seen a drop (in business) over the past year. All of the other business owners in the mall have noticed the same thing. The economy is down and the city has noticed a drop because we aren't seeing as many tourists. Although we are seeing a few more Europeans than normal because the dollar is so low."

Haynes isn't worried about her shop because it has a rich history over the years at its creek side Higuera Street location.

Country Culture Yogurt offers the only full service frozen yogurt shop in town, along with fresh waffle cones made daily and homemade yogurt.

Bali's has also seen a decrease in customers, said Bali's employee and Cuesta College fashion freshman Nick Threets. "Bali's has seen a big hit. I think because it (the economic decline) hit students the..."
WASHINGTON — Urgently shifting course, the Bush administration is abandoning the centerpiece of its massive $700 billion economic rescue plan and exploring new ways to dole out not only banks but credit card, auto-loan and other huge nonbank businesses. Democrats are pressing hard to include a multibillion-dollar bailout for faltering automakers, too — over administration objections. Unimpressed by any of the talk on Wednesday, Wall Street once more lowered.

“The facts changed and the situation worsened,” Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said at a news briefing, explaining the administration’s switch from its original plan to help financial institutions by buying up troubled assets, primarily securities backed by bad home loans. Despite its new flexibility, the administration remained opposed to using the rescue fund to bail out the auto industry or to provide guarantees for home loans, an idea that supporters contend offers the greatest hope for helping legions of Americans who are facing foreclosure.

Congressional Democrats felt otherwise on autos, and seemingly. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid were pressing for quick passage of a major package for automakers during a postelection session that begins next Tuesday, and one key House Democrat was putting together legislation that would enable $25 billion in emergency loans to the beleaguered industry in exchange for a government ownership stake in the Big Three car companies.

Not all the news was bad, Paulson suggested. He said the rescue program approved by Congress a month ago has already had an impact in dealing with the most severe financial crisis in decades, a credit squeeze that is threatening to push the country into a deep and prolonged recession.

“Our system is stronger and more stable than just a few weeks ago,” he said. But he cautioned that much more needs to be done before the economy can turn the corner.

To accomplish those goals, Paulson said the administration would continue to use $500 billion of the $700 billion rescue fund to make direct purchases of bank stock as a way of supplying hundreds and potentially thousands of banks with extra capital in hopes that they will resume more normal lending.

But Paulson said the administration had decided that the original focus of the bailout program — the purchase of distressed mortgage-backed securities and other troubled assets on the books of banks — would not be employed. He said the administration had changed the emphasis because of a need to get money into the financial system much more quickly because of a worsening credit crunch. Setting up a purchase program for the bad assets was taking too much time, officials said.

It was another tough day on Wall Street as investors received more bad news on corporate earnings and were also disappointed by Paulson’s decision not to mop up bad assets of financial institutions. The Dow Jones industrial average fell for the third straight session, plunging 411.30 points to close at 8,282.66, the lowest close since it hit a 5 1/2-year low on Oct. 27.

But lawmakers applauded Paulson’s switch, saying the administration was finally recognizing that its initial plan was flawed.

“I am glad that Secretary Paulson and the rest of the Treasury team have finally seen the light,” said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. He said he would still like to see more strings attached to make sure banks use their bailout money to increase loans.

Paulson also said the administration was exploring the possibility of setting up a program in conjunction with the Federal Reserve that would provide support for the $1 trillion market in securities that fund such vital consumer products as credit cards, auto loans and student loans. About 40 percent of consumer credit is supplied through the sale of these securities that are backed by payments consumers make on their credit cards and other loans.

“The market, which is vital for lending and growth, has for all practical purposes ground to a halt,” Paulson said. In response to a question, he said it would take weeks to design a program, which officials suggested might involve having the Federal Reserve provide loans.

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Animal science senior Kara Hargraves thinks that the lack of diversity at Cal Poly and the community of San Luis Obispo is part of the reason why it continues to be an issue. "I think that it is the biggest deterrent because there aren't very many minorities here and people don't want to be the only person," she said. "You become a representative for your race and that gets tiring; everything you do is attributed to your race."

Nutrition senior Jens Bookslt said it is impossible to truly empathize with minority students. "I can be sympathetic but I don't know," she said. "Until you are put in that position you can't know; you don't know how people feel until you live it."

Events like the recent crop science incident have brought concerns about the lack of diversity to the forefront of campus discussion.

"The student clubs are really working hard on trying to bring awareness to their culture and nationality," Campbell said. "But students have to be interested in it."

"When you get acts like what happened at the crop science house...It hurts us and makes us ask why are we trying so hard to help heal diversity at this school," DeSantis said. "We can't punish people for what they don't really know...but we can wait and enlighten." Harris has faith that Cal Poly is aware of the diversity issue. "I believe that the university has a strong commitment to helping with diversity on campus; the attitude on campus gets to be a whole other thing," he said.

But nutrition senior Elizabeth Herrmann doesn't think Cal Poly is taking a serious stance on the issue. "I feel like Cal Poly's attempts to diversify the campus are shallow and on the surface," she said.

Halsky thinks that the lack of diversity at Cal Poly could potentially detract from the college experience here. "I think we short-change people for the world when they believe they are unable to enter worlds that are different than their own," Halisky explained. "It is important to realize that diversity is more than ethnicity, you learn so much when you see things from a perspective different than the one you are comfortable with."

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The administration has already spoken for all the $60 billion of the initial $350 billion bills supported by Congress, including the $20 billion for direct stock purchases from banks and $40 billion for a new loan supplied on Monday to help stabilize troubled insurance giant American International Group.

Paulson said he believed the $700 billion would be sufficient to stabilize the financial system. He would not give an estimate on when Congress would need to authorize the second $350 billion. With the Bush administration leaving on Jan. 20, decisions on the second $350 installment could well be made by the incoming Obama administration.

Paulson said he had met Monday with officials from President-elect Obama's economic transition team.

On the issue of the bailout package to help failing auto companies, Paulson said the administration preferred an approach that would accelerate distribution of the $25 billion Congress approved in separate legislation this fall. Obama had praised the auto companies' case in his own meeting with Presi­dent Bush on Monday.

Some banks and brokers could be used to support efforts to keep homes­owners from losing their homes because of scoring default levels, he said, but he rejected tapping the fund to provide partial guarantees to financial institu­tions for mortgages they agree to renew.

This approach is being pushed by Sheila Bair, head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., who has said the government guarantees would provide an attractive incentive to banks to modify mortgages to more affordable levels.

Paulson praised a new set of guidelines issued Wednesday by the Federal Reserve and other bank regulators, saying they addressed crucial issues such as making sure that banks use the rescue assistance for its intended purpose of increasing lending.

Critics have charged that some banks may be tempted to buy the money or use it to pay out dividends to shareholders or boost compensation for their executives unless regulators tighten standards.

Yogurt

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handicapped," Threats said.

However, the economy hasn't stopped biore­source and agricultural engineering freshman Kyle Jackson from going to Bali's. Jackson said the price of yogurt does not affect his decision. "I love Bali's. I've been going there for years," he said.

Threats said Bali's is busiest on Thursday nights during Farmer's Market and bike night, as well as weekend nights.

Yogurt Creations, which opened last spring, hasn't seen a decline in business according to em­ployee Eric Hoversten. He attributes this to the quality of the shop.

"We have better yogurt and better toppings," he said.

Sarah Komnas, a Yogurt Creations patron, said she visits the shop four or five times a week. The self proclaimed "yogurtaholic" said frozen yogurt is so popular because "it's healthier than ice cream; it's cheap and sweet and flavorful."

Seofoori owner Terry Williams said she is not worried about opening a new frozen yogurt shop in San Luis Obispo with the current economic situation. "I feel that everybody wants to eat and it's not expensive because it is all done by weight so you can get pretty much what you can afford. Everybody likes a treat," she said.

Seofoori's location makes it unique. "It gives everyone an opportunity to get a yogurt without having to go downtown," she said.

The shop is expected to open in late January in the Laguna Village Shopping Center.

NETWORKING FOR CAREER SUCCESS

The 2006-2007 Career Services Graduate Status Report states that 25% of students responding to the survey found their job through networking and personal contacts. People in your network may be able to give you job leads, offer you advice and information about a particular company or industry, and introduce you to others so that you can expand your network.

Here are some tips to help you get started with your network:

• Make a list of everyone you know and people they know.
• Develop a one minute speech to showcase your skills when needed.
• Join an academic club related to your major to hear guest speakers and network with other students.
• Schedule informational interviews with people who can tell you about their careers.
• Ask for a business card when you speak to professionals at a job fair, in line at the movies or at any social event.
• Stay in touch with your network, which you can easily do by phone, mail or email.
• Don't be afraid to ask for their help.
• Join professional networking sites like LinkedIn or those related to your field of interest.
WORD ON THE STREET

"What kind of dog should Obama and his family get for the White House?"

"I think they should get Pomeranians. I have one and they are smart, clean and small enough to carry."—Yvonne Kong, nutrition senior

"For some reason I think they should get a Golden Retriever like Comet from 'Full House.'"—Eric Serrano, mechanical engineering sophomore

"A German Shepard because they are smart, loyal and protective."—Jessica Sullivan, electrical engineering sophomore

"A black Lab, because that is what I have and they are smart and good with children."—Michael Masuda, electrical engineering sophomore

LOUIS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson has given up title to his Neverland ranch, transferring the deed to a company he partly controls.

The singer filed a grant deed on the ranch Monday that makes the new owner an entity called the Sycamore Valley Ranch Co. LLC. Tom Pearsons of the Santa Barbara County clerk-recorder's office said Wednesday...

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, seeking to influence a United Nations conference on climate change next month, is convening a global summit on greenhouse gas emissions next week in Los Angeles.

His conference, announced several weeks ago, will be a stable source of the gases blamed for contributing to global climate change, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

The AP obtained a list of the more than 1,400 invitees through a California Public Records Act request. If all of them made the trip, their airfare would alone would discharge more than 2,534 metric tons of carbon dioxide — a so-called carbon footprint equivalent to that produced from 424 cars driven for a year. Lisa Pogo, a spokeswoman for Schwarzenegger, said the administration expects 700 invitees and staff to attend the summit.

"We've got to do this because the cost of inaction is so high to communities, to workers, to companies," said Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Democrat from Ohio.

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — An Oklahoma woman who lived over the Internet to take part in a Ku Klux Klan initiation was shot and killed after the ritual went awry, and the group tried to cover it up by dumping her body on a rural roadside and setting her belongings afame, authorities said.

But the plan failed. By Tuesday, local police were joined in a second-degree murder charge, and seven others were charged with trying to help conceal the crime.

Advocates say rhetoric fuels anti-Hispanic crime

Deepi Hajela and Frank Eltman

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It was meant to be a short jaunt to a friend's house to watch a movie. Marcello Lucem never made it.

His walk, and his life, came to a brutal end when the Ecuadoran native was allegedly beaten and stabbed by a group of teenagers who police said wanted "to beat up some Mexicans."

Lucem's death Saturday night on Long Island was quickly labeled a hate crime by authorities, and it's not an anomaly. Figures recently released by the FBI show hate crimes motivated by anti-Hispanic bias have been on the upswing since 2003.

Observers and Hispanic advocates blame a climate of harsh rhetoric surrounding the national immigration debate.

"I don't think it's merely coincidence that these hate crimes are going up at the same time there's a violent at times debate over immigration," said Kevin Brown, dean of the law school at the University of California-Davis.

"We talk about immigration, we're not particularly careful in the terminology," he said. "Inflammatory terminology is frequently used, that helps to sort of rile people up."

According to FBI statistics released last month, there were 395 incidents of anti-Hispanic bias in 2007, with 330 reports received by law enforcement agencies. That's a 40 percent rise from 2003, when there were 246 incidents involving 359 victims.
After Calif. loss, gays get right to wed in Conn.

Lead plaintiffs Beth Kerrigan, left, and Jody Mock, right, of the Kerrigan & Mock v. Department of Public Health same-sex lawsuit, shed tears outside, after obtaining a marriage license at the Town Hall in West Hartford, Conn. on Wednesday.

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Same-sex couples exchanged vows Wednesday for the first time in Connecticut amid cheers and tears of joy, while gay activists planned protests across the country over the vote that took away their right to marry in California.

Surrounded by red roses and smiles, Jody Mock and Elizabeth Kerrigan, who led the lawsuit that overturned the state law, emerged from West Hartford's town hall to the cheers of about 150 people and waved their marriage license high.

"We feel very fortunate to live in the state of Connecticut, where marriage equality is valued, and hopefully other states will also do what is fair," Kerrigan said.

The Connecticut Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on Oct. 30 that same-sex couples have the right to wed rather than accept a 2005 civil union law designed to give them the same rights as married couples. A lower-court judge entered a final order permitting same-sex marriage Wednesday morning. Massachusetts is the only other state that allows gay marriages.

Gay marriage advocates said they were planning nationwide demonstrations this weekend in more than 175 cities and outside the U.S. Capitol. A Seattle blogger was trying to organize simultaneous protests outside statehouses and city halls in every state Saturday.

In New York City, several hundred demonstrators gathered Wednesday outside a Mormon Temple to protest the church's endorsement of the same-sex marriage ban in California. Several people held signs asking "Did you cast a ballot or a stone?" while other signs read "Love not hate."

"I'm fed up and disgusted with religious institutions taking political stances and calling them moral when it's nothing but politics," said Dennis Williams, 36, of New York. "Meanwhile they enjoy tax-free status while trying to deny me rights that should be mine at the state and federal level."

Michael Otnerson, a spokesman for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said while citizens have the right to protest, he was "puzzled" and "disturbed" by the gathering given that the majority of California's voters had approved the amendment.

"This was a very broad-based coalition that defended traditional marriage in a free and democratic election," Otnerson said.

Outside City Hall in New Haven, bubbles and white balloons bounced in the chilly autumn air as well-wishers cheered the marriage of Peg Olivera and Jennifer Vickery.

"I'm fed up and disgusted with religious institutions that summon the worst moments in the history of our country and other parts of the world. The artifacts of cruelty and segregation are not optional in the U.S. It is not just the black and the white who have been excluded from these basic rights," Olivera said.

Manchester Town Clerk Joseph Caneposse, president of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, said clerks in the state's 169 communities were advised by e-mail shortly after 9:30 a.m. that they could begin issuing marriage licenses to gay couples.

The health department had new marriage applications printed that reflect the change. Instead of putting one name under "bride" and the other under "groom," couples will see two boxes marked "bride/groom/spouse."

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We charge our colleagues in university administration to move beyond abstract learning objectives and initiatives that proclaim the worth and dignity of all human beings.

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A float program member works on last year's Rose Parade float.

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A float program member works on last year's Rose Parade float.

Nurse in Times Square war photo reunites with Navy

Richard Pyle
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NEW YORK — A 90-year-old who says she's the woman being kissed by a sailor in Times Square in one of World War II's most famous photographs reunited in town with the Navy on Sunday — days before she is to serve as grand marshal of the city's World War II parade.

Edith Shain of Los Angeles, donning a white nurse's uniform like the one she wore back in 1945, went to see the musical revival of "South Pacific" and posed for pictures, being hoisted off her feet on stage by five of the actors in their Navy whites.

On Tuesday, she'll ride in the parade at the head of a contingent of World War II veterans.

The "South Pacific" event was a touching reminder of history, but very different from Aug. 15, 1945, the day Shain recalled that she joined thousands of people whooping it up after Japan surrendered. Right there on Broadway and 45th Street, a sailor suddenly grabbed and kissed her — and the moment was caught by Alfred Eisenstaedt, a Life magazine photographer.

His picture from V-J Day became one of the 20th century's most iconic images. But Eisenstaedt didn't get the names of either party, and efforts years later by Life to identify them produced a number of claimants, says Bobbi Baker Burrows, a Life editor with deep knowledge of the subject.

"Shain was the woman in the photo," Burrows said. "And this guy grabbed her."

"I went from Doctors Hospital to Times Square to The Smiths," she said. "And this guy grabbed her."

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The best of the best-ofs for The Smiths

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Omar Sanchez

It could be the love for outdoor activities, the desire to conserve the beauty of natural habitats, to learn more about biology and the related careers or the challenge of taking on something greater like climate change. Whatever the reason might be, the Wildlife Club is there to help.

"It’s a really good forum for people who are interested in the environment, in global warming, in wildlife to exchange ideas, interact and communicate with each other to get stuff done," said liberal studies senior and Wildlife Club President Nicole Chrislock who is in the process of getting a double major in biology.

The Wildlife Club, an affiliate of the college of math and science, has been around for more than two decades and has served as a channel where people with an interest in wildlife can share ideas on how to help, and enjoy Mother Nature.

"The club is opened to everyone; not just math and science majors" stressed Chrislock,"We all learn from each other; some people are interested in botany, others in conservation," she added.

In fact she joined the Wildlife Club after taking a support course in biology and discovered that biology was a field of study she too wanted to major in. She said students shouldn’t be too intimidated to join the Wildlife Club simply because they are not biology majors.

She mentioned that for non-biology majors, the club is there to explain more about the environment, wildlife and biology in general. "We have fun recreational activities: hiking, camping, canoeing and kayaking. All that fun stuff," added Chrislock.

Liberal studies senior Wendy Hurtado said she joined the club three years ago to learn more about plants and animals while also taking part in outdoor activities. She also emphasized that the club is open to all majors, but that she would like to see more biology majors join because they could bring projects and ideas to the club from the biology department.

Rebecca Nuffer, a biology junior, joined this year to see if her biology concentration in field and wildlife was something she really wanted to do.

"We really try to help people that are in the major find people that can mentor them who are already professionals in their field, so that they can get advice on what they should be doing in their undergrad and what they need to do for grad school," Chrislock said.

The club often brings in guest speakers from the biology department to their meetings to speak with members about pertinent topics in the field.

The club, which has been around for more than two decades, has worked with other groups and organizations in the past who share similar interests. However in recent years, the club has strayed away from that, which is something Chrislock wants to change. It is now looking at ways to partner with other clubs on campus that share similar goals.

"In previous years the Wildlife Club was actually associated with the Wildlife Society and that kind of deteriorated over the last couple of years," said Chrislock. The Wildlife Society is an international non-profit organization that focuses on wildlife conservation around the world. The Wildlife Club has partnered with the Central Coast chapter of The Wildlife Society in the past.

"Our focus for this year is to become more involved in the community; to really get out there and connect with the Wildlife Society," she added.

A barbeque put on by the Wildlife Society last weekend was a first step in resurrecting that relationship, said Chrislock.

So far they have partnered with ECCSLO, a local, non-profit membership organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, for a beach cleanup planned for Nov. 15.

The club is currently in the process of filling in officer positions with people who are interested in publicity and organizing events. "There are only three of us right now and the more the merrier," she said.

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"Our generation is definitely active, but I think we can be more active," she said. "There are a lot of people that have great ideas, but don’t have an outlet in which they can express those ideas and I feel like this club can definitely be that outlet."

For more information on the Wildlife Club, attend one of their meetings which are held every other Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Their next meeting will be in the science building, room E-46 on Nov. 18th.
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dried and live plants and flowers. "Every single live flower that you see on (the float) is either part of a basket...or it's stuck in its own individual vial with water," Thoebald said.

Cal Poly's float is entirely student-operated. San Luis Obispo and Pomona switch off driving every year, and this year, it is Pomona's turn. Ford is the observer for the driver meaning she will look to see if anyone accidentally gets in front of the float as it moves.

"Basically I make sure that no little children get run over," Ford said. "The driver doesn't usually have amazing visibility."

Normally, Ford said, the driver and observer are on the inside of the float, but this year they will be visible on top in the bumper cars which is something she thinks Cal Poly has never done before. Each university has an engine operator and there will also be two satellite floats in the form of bumper cars, one driven by each school. The rest of the team will sit on their own bleachers on Colorado Boulevard, the street the parade takes place on.

"Anybody that wants to get involved should send us an e-mail," Thoebald said. "Even if clubs or fraternities and sororities want to help, we'll see what we can do for them because we need as much help as we can get."

For more information on how to get involved, email the Rose Float program at rosefloat@asu.calpoly.edu or stop by UU 220 this Thursday at 8 p.m.

"It's an amazing experience; it's something that's really incredible to be involved with," Ford said. "I'd love to see more Cal Poly students out at Deco/Work or hanging out with us at labs. It's a really neat tradition that Cal Poly has."

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me and we kissed, and then I turned one way and he turned the other. There was no way to know who he was, but I didn't mind because he was someone who had fought for me."

At least three veterans still lay claim to being the kissing sailor, and at least one other woman has claimed to be the nurse. But Shain, who left nursing to become a kindergarten teacher in Los Angeles for 30 years, appears to hold the edge — by virtue of persistence, an effervescent charm and unabashed patriotism.

"As for the picture," she says, "it says so many things — hope, love, peace and tomorrow. The end of the war was a wonderful experience, and that photo represents all those feelings."

Edith Shain, foreground right, the nurse in the famous photograph taken by Alfred Eisenstaedt of a sailor kissing a nurse in New York's Times Square on V-J Day, tries to imitate the photo's embrace with Nick Mayo, foreground left, a member of the cast of the musical South Pacific as they pose with other South Pacific cast members at the Vivian Beaumont Theater in New York, Sunday Nov. 9, 2008. Shain, 90, is in New York to serve as the grand marshal of the 2008 New York City Veterans Day parade.

"Changeling" offers dark look into true story

Brianna McClane

THE LATEST (TUESDAY, 11)

After leaving Clint Eastwood's new movie, "Changeling," I needed a hug.

This is more than just the story of a woman whose son is missing — it's disturbing, dark and political.

"Changeling" is the true story of Christine see Changeling, page 10
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Collins, her missing son and the Wineville Chicken Coop Murders of 1928.

Angelina Jolie portrays the distraught mother who denies that the boy returned to her by the Los Angeles police is her son. Walter, the corrupt police department, afraid of bad publicity, has Collins sent to a mental institute when she threatens to go to the police.

The first hour drags with Collins encountering obstacles set by the police and her constant screaming of "Where's my son? I want my son!" It's hard to feel empathy for Collins, since the few scenes she does share with Walter are lacking in motherly love, instead she seems more like a babysitter. She also leaves him — the boy she says is her life — alone against the police.

But just when the audience thought this movie wasn't going to progress just past Jolie having only two lines, the audience is introduced to police corruption and murder.

Jeffrey Donovan plays Captain J.J. Jones and is Collins' main antagonist. He forces Collins to take the replacement boy home and attempts to silence her by forcing her into a mental institute.

Michael Kelly steals the movie away from Jolie with his portrayal of Detective Lester Ybarra, the detective who uncovers the murder.

Kelly portrays emotion perfectly when he learns of the amateurs and is a likable character that should have had more screen time than the better known actor.

Reverend Gustav Briegleb is a minister and radio personality who supports Collins in her fight. John Malkovich plays the larger-than-life activist who pushes the envelope with his brash public statements against the police.

For history buffs, "Changeling" is a winner. It brings to light a lesser-known tale of the vanished side of Tinseltown. It also serves as a commentary on the treatment of women in the 1920s as fragile and dependent creatures.

Fans of "Law and Order" will also enjoy it for its suspenseful unfolding of the disturbing murders in Wineville.

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dark.

"Changeling" manages to redeem itself after a slow start and is worth seeing.

Don't see this movie if you are looking for a light-hearted outing. Bring along a friend to hold your hand and make sure to call your mom after the credits roll.

Love is All stays young on new album

I just finished watching "My Date with Drew" with fellow columnist Jack LaForte. In the course of the movie, I cry. Drew's new boyfriend, Ryanmore stable Brian Her, zingerly breaks peo­ ple into two groups: those who love "Grease 2" and those who don't. That's a bunch of bullshit and as a creepy stalker of cute Swedish girls, I would like to erroneously separate people into two categories in honor of my upcoming "date" with Love is All. Josephine Olausson (that's me), but they are going to be here playing at the SLO Art Center on Nov. 19 with Vivian Girls and Noizezz and I might get to touch her hand or at least see her in her general proximity. There are people who make their beds before they go to bed on Saturday night just to case and there are people who do not. I would like to think that Love is All's "Queen" is dedicated to the people who do and view every Saturday night as a night to drink, dance and find love or at least someone to cry next to after having sex.

On her track "Last Choice" off their new album "A Hundred Things Keep Me Up at Night," Olausson paints the end of the party perfectly for the bed-making crowd as she describes "people leaving hand in hand as if they are going to some mysterious land." She follows this with a pitch-perfect description of a walk home as she describes "people leaving hand in hand as if they are going to some mysterious land." She follows this with a pitch-perfect description of a walk home as she describes "people leaving hand in hand as if they are going to some mysterious land." She follows this with a pitch-perfect description of a walk home as she describes "people leaving hand in hand as if they are going to some mysterious land." She follows this with a pitch-perfect description of a walk home as she describes "people leaving hand in hand as if they are going to some mysterious land." She follows this with a pitch-perfect description of a walk home as she describes "people leaving hand in hand as if they are going to some mysterious land." She follows this with a pitch-perfect description of a walk home as she describes "people leaving hand in hand as if they are going to some mysterious land." She follows this with a pitch-perfect description of a walk home as she describes "people leaving hand in hand as if they are going to some mysterious land." She follows this with a pitch-perfect description of a walk home as she describes "people leaving hand in hand as if they are going to some mysterious land." She follows this with a pitch-perfect description of a walk home as she describes "people leaving hand in hand as if they are going to some mysterious land."
Mr. Potatohead instantly knew that he had simultaneously ruined the chocolate fondue and opened the door to years of "brown noser" jokes.
Republican candidates are finding that reality bites

As President-elect Barack Obama sets up his administration's cabinet, and rightfully measures the changes in the Oval Office Democrats like myself relish these few victory weeks, and Republicans across the United States are suffering from Post-election Social and Political Vacuum Syndrome; yes, PSPV! And the symptoms are apparent in their rhetoric.

One reason Republicans lost this election in all three branches of government last week is that their dirty campaign tactics were too transparent to the American people. In the past, swiffoating and defamatory campaign lies have been the talent of the brute leading American consciousness through election cycles, and Republicans have had a successful history of de-Americanizing Democratic candidates. But this year, it just didn't work out for them. Even when the polls reflected that their negative tactics weren't working, like The Little Engine that Could, they kept towing the campaign line that Obama and Democrats are socialists and that Obama associates with terrorists. Chugging along slowly, sweat dripping from the weight of those lies, they collectively muttered, "I think I can. I think I can," only for their Straight Talk Express to be found rusted on the tracks. The congressmen and senators on for the ride were left wandering aimlessly.

No, the end of 2008 Republican story can not be found in any children's fairy tale. Rather, the truth of this year's Republican experience is being found in that old adage, "reality bites." And almost immediately after the election, they attempted to salvage what they could of their campaign line that the income tax rate for the wealthiest people pays less tax, while instead of the progressive tax system that Obama supports. A progressive tax is basically self-explanatory. As income increases, the income tax rate increases; therefore, poorer families pay a lower tax rate, while wealthier people pay higher taxes. I think we could all use trickle-up economics for a while, instead of the devastating trickle-down economics we've been experiencing for the past eight years.

Other Republican candidates are attempting to explain what happened Nov. 4. Republican Governor of South Carolina Mark Sanford wrote an opinion article for CNN on the results of the election. "Republicans have campaigned on the conservative themes of lower taxes, less government and more freedom — they just haven't governed that way," he said. "America didn't turn away from conservatism, they turned away from many who faked it."

He continued, "A political party works much like a brand. Companies like Caterpillar and John Deere own loyal customers by consistently delivering what they advertise — they walk the walk."

He's right that a political party works a lot like a brand, but for him the catch phrase for the Republican brand is "lower taxes, less government and more freedom." However, I don't think the Republican brand's problem is fake advertisement. I think the Republican brand simply doesn't work.

Stephanie England is an English junior and a Mustang Daily political columnist.
Can we just move forward?

During the past two weeks, much has been made of the display at the crops house and the subsequent administration and reaction. Several departments have filled the Mustang Daily with letters to the editor. I have added my two cents about their response to the situation. Numerous campus groups have hosted forums or protests. While I understand the varying reactions, I wonder if we can't just move on already.

As a student in the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences, I, like many of my peers, lay down at the release of the news. We were branded as guilty of intolerance by academic association alone; regardless of cultural background, social associations or acceptance of others. I want to make it very clear that I do not condone the reported displays. I do not want people to think I am defending the actions because I am not. However, as a campus community, we might have gone too far in our condemnation of the incident.

From a purely philosophical point of view, we should embrace this event. While it does not represent what we believe, it contributes to the marketplace of ideas. It shows us a differing point of view and develops discussion, hopefully a positive one. However, there could be times when the actions of the aggressor hurt the community more than the aggressor, where those involved are branded in a certain light, and practically called off campus. California passed a law that you must prevent what happened here at Cal Poly. And a well written proposal in such a serious manner, reading as "A Modest Proposal." I love the fact that he is in a position that has much responsibility, and I must now watch her do her column the actions that she and ASI are taking. Some of the things she mentioned are:

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Ian Nachreiner
agricultural science senior and a Mustang Daily Columnist.

Dearest Nancy,

After reading your column I came to the realization that we have nothing in common and we will never be friends. Do you honestly think our new lord and savior Barack Obama is going to fly over to GM and Ford and deliver them with proprietary green technology and cash to make America strong? The American auto industry has fallen and can't get up.

Do you know what I would do if I was at the top of the American auto industry? I would wrack out the bailout money and spend the rest of my days in paradise while Toyota dominates all of the place. But as for now, I will spend the rest of my day just driving around, just because I can. I hope you typed your column on your solar powered computer.

— Mike Macoze
Response to "Green tripe: the key to Detroit's survival"

This guy is a stud. He seems like a real catch for any NFL team. He is an overall good player, plus he seems to have the brains as well. He is a smart guy. People are always all on point with his life. I have personally seen him play, and he is real strategic and overall team player. Not that I doubt his playing abilities, because I don't, but in the unfortunate event that he doesn't get drafted, I don't think it will be a problem — his drive and his intelligence will push him to succee in other areas. Good luck with everything Mr. Jonathan Dieker.

— Cee Response to "Jonathan Daily: The No. 1 option"

The ignorance and stupidity of some people is absolutely astounding. I know that we celebrate the freedom of press, but I would have left this one on the press room floor to spare yourself and your periodical the embarrassment of showing the world what kind of degrading nonsense flows through your mind.

— Mike Vraenel
Response to "Drop your pants! Prop 8 passed"

"Drop your pants!" is brilliant piece of political satire

I might go so far as to say that Doug Swanson is in the same realm as Jonathan Swift with "A Modest Proposal." I love the fact that he posed it in such a serious manner, reading as if he was telling it to you with a straight face. I only knew he was being sarcastic when those words came out of his mouth. "Country clerks should be ordered to penis-check all applicants," Imagine the horror that county clerks would go through if this passed. Here you are, in a position that has much responsibility, and then California passes a law that you must penis-check all people wanting to get married.

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Shotwell signs with Chiefs

Former Cal Poly star Kyle Shotwell has found a new NFL home.

The Kansas City Chiefs announced Wednesday they signed the linebacker to their practice squad. Terms of the agreement were not released.

Shotwell, a 6-foot, 232-pound Santa Barbara native, played for the Oakland Raiders in the preseason of 2007 before being among their last cuts. After a brief stint with the Philadelphia Eagles practice squad, he played for the Indianapolis Colts in this year's preseason before belonging to the Minnesota Vikings and Tampa Bay Buccaneers practice squads. The Buccaneers released him Nov. 4.

In 2006, as a senior at Cal Poly, Shotwell won the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the best defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division 1-AA). He holds school marks for tackles in a season (158, in 2005) and sacks in a game (four, at San Diego State in 2006).

Other former Mustangs in the NFL are Eagles linebacker Chris Coinece, Dallas Cowboys safety Cortney Brown and San Diego Chargers special teams ace Kassini Ogord.

Ogord has 34 tackles, two sacks, a forced fumble and a recovered fumble this season, while Brown has made four tackles, and Ogord nine (all solo).

Ogord, a two-time Pro Bowler, finished his college career at San Diego State, where he transferred in 2001.

Editor's note: For a preview of the Cal Poly football team's game against UC Davis on Saturday, see Friday's Mustang Daily.

Andrews leads Mustangs' Big West accolades

Carrie Andrews

Cal Poly junior defender Carrie Andrews was named to the All-Big West Conference First Team and was also selected as the conference's defensive player of the year on Wednesday.

Andrews, who was named to the all-conference team for the third consecutive year, led a tough Mustangs defense, which gave up an average of just 1.25 goals per game. She also contributed offensively, scoring three goals, including Cal Poly's lone goal in its playoff loss to UC Santa Barbara, and added a total of seven points.

Andrews was also named the 2006 Big West Freshman of the Year.

Conference champion Long Beach State claimed six spots on the all-conference first team, two on the second team and two on the honorable mention list. The 49ers also won three of the six individual conference awards, as Liz Ramos won Goalkeeper of the Year, Lindsay Bullock took Midfielder of the Year and Mauricio Ingrassia won Coach of the Year.

Joining Andrews on the all-conference second team were seniors Leah Morales and Ashley Vallis.

Morales collected conference honors for the first time in her career, as the holding midfielder collected a goal and four assists on the season.

Vallis, also earning her first all-conference honors, finished her career ninth on the all-time Cal Poly scoring list. She recorded a team-high five goals and 13 points this season.

Cal Poly accounted for five of the 10 all-conference honorable mention spots, as sophomore forward Morgan Miller joined senior midfielder Maggie O'Hagan, junior defenders Kristina Condon-Sherwood and Carissa Voegele and junior goalkeeper Coral Hoover.

The Mustangs' playoff loss to UC Santa Barbara closed out their season with a 10-9-1 record.
**Gauchos knock off Cal Poly in Big West semis**

**Sports designer: Kate Nickerson**

San Francisco 49ers head coach Mike Singletary shouts at officials during a loss to the Arizona Cardinals in Glendale, Ariz. on Monday.

**Jim Litke**

Everybody remembers the stare. Mike Singletary played his last down 16 years ago, but when he re-enters on in a target, Singletary still has a look that could peel paint off a helmet. Whether that kind of focus and intensity will translate into wins fast enough to save the coaching job he fell into little more than three weeks ago is another matter.

The way the 49ers operate, Singletary might be better served if that pair of eyes were located in the back of his head.

A decade of inattention has turned one of the NFL's signature franchises into a stumbling, bumbling, consistently humiliated shell of its former self.

Owner John York made a mess of an already dysfunctional team he inherited in 2001 after a family power struggle left his wife, Denise, and Bartolo York, in control of the team. The final straw came last December when the team fired head coach Mike Nolan.

For Nolan, Singletary got into a very public, postgame rant after losing 1-0 to Arizona. San Francisco should have won, 3-2. The 49ers should have turned one of the Niner's late-game misfortunes into at least three, possibly four, tries to score the winning touchdown. Calling a play for fullback Michael Robinson — or anybody in a 49ers jersey not named Frank Gore — was stupid, plain and simple.

It was so obvious even Singletary's most prevaricating opponent could have predicted it.

He took the blame for the poor time management and the cracks on the sideline because that's what head coaches are supposed to do. The lion's share of the blame, though, belonged to the offensive coordinator Mike Martz, who didn't have the right personnel ready, didn't know until he talked to Nolan over the phone Tuesday what the correct use of scrimmage was — and, apparently, hadn't bothered to practice it.

The closest Singletary came to calling Martz out was to hang responsibility on his players for not taking a flier call on his offensive coordinator.

"He said there was a creativity inside," Singletary said, uncovering a truth so obvious he couldn't pretend otherwise. "We got to live with that result."

There was plenty more to say but little reason to say it.

Singletary was not the type of player to sell out a teammate, and that hasn't changed. But he was always truthful to a fault, and inside the locker room, the effect might be the same.

Two weeks ago, taking over for Nolan, Singletary got into a very public confrontation with tight end Vernon Davis after a fumble penalty, and was infuriated with Davis' non-chalant attitude and dismissed him from the game.

Then, he acknowledged postgame that Davis was the right player to not sell out a teammate, and that Davis was the right player to not sell out a teammate.

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"We know he has the ability to go out and do some great things," Azevedo said.

"He's had that with Improved consistency, Novachkov could possibly win a Pac-10 title and be an All-American," he said.

Micheal Ferguson, at 125, and Eric Maldonado, at 149, are other returning starters. Both finished fifth in their respective classes as sophomores at the conference championships.

"Nothing away from the hope of nationals at the end of the season should be an objective for the team right now," Panai said.

"The positive changes and keeping a positive mindset throughout the year are going to put us in a place where we want to come Pac-10 and come nationals," he said.

From 174 to heavyweight, Cal Poly is expected to rely heavily on freshman усилиors.

They looked "awesome" at the Green and Gold intrasquad scrimmage Nov. 5, Azevedo said.

One Azevedo is particularly excited about is 174-pounder Ryan D'Amario, a three-time Washington state champ.

"We excited about him as a competitor and being a catalyst for the upper weights," Azevedo said.

The Mustangs officially open the season by hosting Merced Col­lege and San Francisco State at 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

"We compete against them almost every year and they're very competitive," Azevedo said. "They go hard, and for them, it definitely would be a feather in their cap to come out and beat a Cal Poly guy or to beat us as a team. They come fired up and we're expecting a battle."

Setting the tone early will be especially important with such a young group, Panai said.

"There's something special going on here. It's not sure exactly what it's going to look like or how it's going to happen, but with the enthusiasm that we're seeing this year, it's going to be amazing to see where we are as individuals and as a team."

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Jennifer Tictcomb
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She still made the decision to move closer to home.

"I wasn't very happy at Northwestern," said Matzenauer, a 20-year-old junior. "It was a really hard process. I told my coach late in the year that I wanted to transfer and it was really stressful for everyone. In the end it worked out well for me, and for Northwestern and for Cal Poly." She was encouraged by Amy Markhoff and Brian McPhre — both Washington natives now playing at Cal Poly.

"I came to SLO and visited and I just fell in love," Matzenauer said. "Markhoff said, "I knew she would fit right in with our team and help us become a better team, also.""

California was quite a change from Illinois.

"The weather is so much nicer," Matzenauer said. "We get to practice outdoors here, which is pretty awesome."

Matzenauer wasn't worried about her new surroundings affecting her game.

"Our Cal Poly team works harder than the No. 2 team at Northwestern," she said.

The Mustangs will close their fall schedule by hosting UC Santa Barbara, San Francisco and Santa Clara at the three-day, round-robin Cal Poly Invitational, which begins at 10 a.m. Friday at the Cal Poly Tennis Courts.

In the spring, Cal Poly lost 4-3 three times over one stretch of six contests, and finished 12-12 overall.

"At the end of the season, we looked at six really close matches that we had lost and some of them we had even had match point for," Bream said. "If we had won four of those, we would have been in the top 40 nationally, playing in the NCAA Tournament.'"

This year's Mustangs returned everyone from a year ago.

Bream challenged the returners to come back 10 percent better by the start of the season.

"Everybody has improved," he said. "Everybody has found a way to get that 10 percent or more. I think all the players realize we are a much better team than we were a year ago. I really feel that this is the hardest-working group in the nine years that I have been here."

One of the reasons Matzenauer was so excited about Cal Poly was its coaching staff of Bream and assistant Paige Esparza.

"I heard such good things," she said. "They're both just trying to help me change my game, make it better, play more aggressively and then just keep working on my strengths and improving my weaknesses."

Jennifer Tictcomb
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Suzie Matzenauer may not want to finish with love on the tennis court, but she has nothing but love for Cal Poly after transferring from Northwestern before this season.

The Tacoma, Wash, native, whose parents were both ranked tennis players in the Czech Republic, developed a love for the sport at age 7.

"I was around courts my whole life," Matzenauer said.

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