Being black on a white campus

Bridget Veltri

When Cortney Stafford came to Cal Poly on a track-and-field scholarship, she didn’t know what she was getting into as an African American student.

Her team became her support system along with other athletes. She worked on campus and mentored the Allen-African American student.

So, when you see another black student it’s like Christmas, like finding out that you have an African American student in the class,” she said. “And when you see a minority on a predominately white campus had it challenges — administrative, social, ethnic. She worked on campus and mentored the Allen-African American student.

But Stafford's niche, the reality of being a minority on a predominately white campus had 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.”

Stafford graduated in 2005 in political science and continues to take classes at Cal Poly.

In the fall of 2007, Cal Poly was the third whitest of the 23 campuses in the CSU system and the least black, with 237 African American students out of 19,842 total enrolled, according to the California State University System fact book 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.

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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.

Harris said that 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.

Admissions to Cal Poly is based only upon test scores and grade point average. Renoda Campbell, recreation science grad student and coordinator of multicultural programs and services, thinks that changing the admissions process would help diversify the school.

“Lots of people say that the situation is reflective of the diversity on campus series.

Economic meltdown doesn’t affect SLO’s sweet tooth

Bryan Beilke

Thanks to frozen yogurt’s popularity, it continues to be a popular dessert with San Luis Obispo residents, despite difficult economic times.

Old favorites like Bali’s and Country Culture continue to be popular, as well as the new competition, Yogurt Creations. Snofari, which opens in January, hopes its unique location will help it gain business.

Jennifer Titcomb

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 began the city’s frozen yogurt frenzy 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 entrepreneurship 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.

“Vield 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
Chevrolet salesman Philip Jordan, center, assists Charlotte Olson, right, who's looking to buy a car for her 18-year-old daughter, Kari Olson, left, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, in downtown Los Angeles. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson called autos a "critical industry" Wednesday but said a $700 billion financial rescue program wasn't designed to shore up 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 dove ever lower. "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 ailing 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 foreclosures. Congressional Democrats felt otherwise on autos, and strongly. 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 add $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 pull 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 $750 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 the purchase program for the bad assets was taking much too long, officials said. It was another rough 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 5.5-year low on Oct. 27. But lawmakers appalled 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 he would take weeks to design a program, which officials suggested might involve having the Federal Reserve provide loans.

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To be eligible for this study, you must:
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community here; I personally think the ad-
mission process needs to change," she said.

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 vote on the second $350 billion installment. With the Bush administration leaving office on Jan. 20, decisions on spending the second $350 installment could be pre-requisite for the selection process.

There is a diverse student body like a treat, she said. "I feel that everybody wants to eat and it's not expensive because in all of these communities for the worlds they can enter worlds that are different from their own. (dialing college)" she 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."

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 minority here and people don't want to be the only person," she said. "You become a representative for your race and that gets tiresome; everything you do is attributed to your race." Nutrition senior Jenna Bookit 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 crops science inci-
dent 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," DeSantiago said. "We can't punish people for what they don't really know...but we can assist and enlighten."

Harris says 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. They are not able to enter worlds that are different than their own, (dialing college)" she explained. "It is important to realize that the 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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hedan," Threats said. However, the economy hasn't stopped biore-
source 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 em-
ployee Eric Howerton. He attributes this to the quality of the shop. "We have better yogurt and better toppings," he said.

Sarah Konnainis, a Yogurt Creations patron, said she visits the shop four or five times a week. The self proclaimed "yogurt-aholic" said frozen yogurt is so popular because "it's healthier than ice cream; it's cheap and sweet and flavorful." Scooter 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 in all of these communities for the worlds they can enter worlds that are different from their own. (dialing college)" she 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."
"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.'"

- Erick Serrano, mechanical engineering sophomore

"A German Shepherd 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

Advocates say rhetoric fuels anti-Hispanic crime

Deepli Hajras and Frank Eltman

Association Press

It was meant to be a short jaunt to a friend's home to watch a movie. Marcello Lucero never made it. He was killed and his body, found at a hospital in Tucson, was labeled a hate crime by authorities, but it's not an unusual story. 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 anti-immigrant debate," 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 595 incidents of anti-Hispanic bias in 2007, with 330 reported hate crimes to law enforcement agencies. That's a 40 percent rise from 2003, when there were 426 incidents involving 595 victims.

The increase mirrors greater activity in the immigration debate, with news stories, attempts at reform legislation, increased government crackdowns and efforts by states and municipalities to pass their own immigration laws. Census estimates of the population of Hispanics in the United States have increased from 39.2 million to 45.4 million, a rise of 16 percent.

And the rhetoric around the topic, in the media and elsewhere, has been divisive, advocates say, sometimes portraying immigrants as threatening jobs and gobbling up resources. "The debate about immigration has been damaged by anti-Latino, anti-immigrant sentiment that's been hijacked by extremists and that some politicians have been cheaply using for whatever reasons," said Luis Valenzuela, executive director of Long Island Immigrant Alliance. "The point at which policy debate goes beyond what's appropriate in our public discourse is the point where you're demonizing an entire community," said Peter Zamora, Washington, D.C., counsel for the Los Angeles-based Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

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"The point at which policy debate goes beyond what's appropriate in our public discourse is the point where you're demonizing an entire community," said Peter Zamora, Washington, D.C., counsel for the Los Angeles-based Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. Not everyone agrees with the connection. Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, a co-founder of a national group called Mayors and Executives for Immigration Reform, rejected suggestions that the killing on Long Island was related in any way to the immigration debate.
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. Stephanie Reitz

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 demonstraters 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 H8."

"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 Otterson, 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," Otterson 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 Oliveira and Jennifer Vickery.

Despite the murmuring traffic and clicking cameras, "It was surprisingly quiet," Oliveira said. "After the brief ceremony, 'Everything was dissolved, and it was just the two of us. It was so much more personal and powerful in us committing to one another, and so much less about the people around us.'"

According to the state public health department, 2,032 civil union licenses were issued in Connecticut between October 2005 and July 2008. But there was no comparison between civil unions and marriage for Robin Levine-Ritterman and Barbara Levine-Ritterman, who obtained a civil union in 2005 and were among eight same-sex couples who sued for the right to marry.

"We didn't do it with pride or joy," Barbara Levine-Ritterman said of getting the civil-union license. "It felt grainy to be in a separate line."

On Wednesday, however, she proudly held up the first same-sex marriage license issued in New Haven as about 100 people applauded outside City Hall. She and her betrothed, who held red roses, plan to marry in May.

"It's thrilling today," Barbara Levine-Ritterman said. "We are all in one line for one form. Love is love, and the state recognizes it."

Manchester Town Clerk Joseph Capeoese, 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 changes. Instead of putting one name under "bride" and the other under "groom," couples will see two boxes marked "bride/groom/spouse."

As historians, we have a professional responsibility to teach members of our community about symbols and ideas that summon the worst moments in the history of our country and other parts of the world. The artifacts of cruelty and spit exhibited at the Crops House are not funny or "rebellious." They constitute threatening reminders of murder, intimidation and exclusion that unfortunately remain a part of our national culture.

We pledge, as historians, to work harder to educate members of our community about America's unfinished mission to provide equality for all and about the real scars that past acts of hatred and brutality leave upon all of us.

We call on all members of the Cal Poly community to move beyond momentary expressions of "shock" and to begin working on lasting ways to instill in every member of our community a true respect for the inherent worth and dignity of all human beings.

We charge our colleagues in university administration to move beyond abstract learning objectives and initiatives to help us devise concrete, ongoing measures to ensure that every member of our community, regardless of ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender or beliefs, is equally valued here. Programs like PREFACE, campus conferences, dormitory activities, student clubs, and guest speaker series, in addition to class instruction, must be reoriented and utilized to accomplish these goals now.

We must find ways to educate our students about these crucial issues, and teach them to embrace diversity in all of its forms, to hunger for knowledge about cultures beyond their own, and to be courageous in seeking out social justice. These are the values that will make them leaders in this new century.

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Vote for your favorite in each category.
The results will be published in our Best For Cal Poly Edition in February.
A float program member works on last year's Rose Parade float. NOW is the time to get involved in Cal Poly's floral masterpiece: the Rose Parade float. Students and community members of all interests and backgrounds are encouraged to help Cal Poly build its 156 ft. float which will be displayed on Jan. 1 in Pasadena.

Assistant program leader Katie Ford said she wants to promote more student interest in the float, especially for those involved in "Deco Week" (Dec 25 to Dec 31), the week before the parade where all of the decorating happens.

"We'll really like to invite students to vol­unteer and get involved because it's such a cool thing to be a part of." Ford said. "It's really awesome to see this thing go from nothing to this amazing piece of floral beautification."

The theme of the 2009 parade is "Hats Off to Entertainers" and the Polynesian float will be called "Seaside Amusement."

"Awards are made based on a number of typical top-bait, which I'm sure you'll be pretty on Jan. 1, (too) mo re of a Coney Island or Santa Monica Pier (where) it's a canvass on top of a boardwalk," said Public Relations Chair Jane Theobald.

A Ferris wheel, monitor coater and bumper cars are among the attractions on the carnival-like float which was designed by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's design chair Shawn Swanson. The design was picked unanimously by committees at both Cal Poly Pomona and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Cal Poly's float relies heavily on donations and volunteers because it has a small budget compared to many professionally built float that compete in the Rose Parade and cost millions of dollars, Ford said. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Pomona work together each year to build the flowers creation. This year Cal Poly San Luis Obispo built the back half of the float and the drive engine, which moves the float. It was taken down to Pasadena to be joined with Pomona's half of the float on Oct. 23.

The float is currently in the main construction phase of 60 percent of it needs to be built by Nov. 15 when the Tournament of Roses conducts its first inspection of all floats. Each part is built by students and other vol­unteers who travel to Pomona every Saturday to continue working once both halves of the float are connected. There is still work to be done including building various mechanisms like the Ferris wheel, foaming sections of the float for flowers and painting it.

"It's a lot of nitty-gritty work but the road trips make it so much fun," Theobald said.

Now is the time in several years, Cal Poly SLO is growing some of the flowers that will be used on the float. Kelsey Christofski is the flower field manager and has planted sun­flowers, mums, and asters in the field, which is seeded by volunteers on Saturdays. These flowers will only make up a small percentage of the total flowers used on "Seaside Amuse­ment" since it is only the first year they have been grown.

The rest of the flowers will come from local growers and the California Cut Flower Commission helps to get donations from all over the state. Every inch of the float must be covered in natural materials including both the flowers and plants.

The best of the best-ofs for The Smiths

"The Sound" is surprisingly successful. Unlike the previous "Best of" releases, it track order is a largely chronological and wholly sensible overview of the highpoints in The Smiths' career. But unlike 1995's "Singles," "The Sound of The Smiths" doesn't force itself to just the hits. With a 23-track second disc, sold as part of the "deluxe set," the album delivers freely into the band's rarities and hefty back-catalogue.

Much of what's good about "The Sound" is probably due to the in­volvement of vocalists Morrissey and guitarist Johnny Marr. This is the first compilation since the band's best-of in which the band's creative m a.s­pects had an active hand, and it shows. Between "Hand in Glove" and "Jean," the track selection gives the uninitiated all they need to fall in love with The Smiths' music, of course, is a big factor. Over The Smiths' short but productive career, he touched on everything from Afri­can highlife ("This Charming Man") to heavy-metal-esque guitar solos ("Shoplifters of the World Unite"). But perhaps a better question would be, what is this album intended to do? If it's meant to round out the faults of the band's music, then perhaps "The Sound of The Smiths" is surprisingly successful. Unlike the previous "Best of" releases, it track order is a largely chronological and wholly sensible overview of the highpoints in The Smiths' career. But unlike 1995's "Singles," "The Sound of The Smiths" doesn't force itself to just the hits. With a 23-track second disc, sold as part of the "deluxe set," the album delivers freely into the band's rarities and hefty back-catalogue.
Take a walk on the wild side with Cal Poly wildlife club

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 can 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 ECC SOLO, 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.

“We have enough young minds working together, we can definitely create a change to help the environment or other issues...and anyone can be a leader in an area they are passionate about,” Chrislock added.

“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.

“Check out some festivities downtown

Upward Call
(Main Stage on Nipomo)

Christopher Hawley
(Broad Street)

Shatazia (Garden Street)

Gold Coast Chorus
(Chorro Street)

Don Wallis
(Morro Street)
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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," Theobald 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 vision!"

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 car 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 bleacher on Colorado Boulevard, the street the parade takes place on.

"Anybody that wants to get involved should send us an e-mail," Theobald 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 flftrades@asi.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 Week or hanging out with us at labs. It’s a really neat tradition that Cal Poly has."
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Collins, her missing son and the Wineville Chicken Coop Murders of 1928.

Angeline 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 press.

The first hour drags with Collins encountering obstacles set by the police and her consistent 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 all day with the front door open. You begin to wonder if the police are right in calling her an unstable mother.

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

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

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

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.

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Mr. Potatohead instantly knew that he had simultaneously ruined the chocolate fondue and opened the door to years of "brown nose" jokes.
As President-elect Barack Obama sets up his administration’s cabinet, and rightfully measures the drapes in the Oval Office Democrats like myself reflect these few victory weeks, and dinners across the United States are suffering from post-election Social and Political Vacuum Syndrome; yes, PVS! And the campaign tactics 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, swiftboating and defamatory terms that Obama supports. A progressive tax is basically self-explanatory.

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I'm not a socialist or an economist, but I thought the focus of socialism was based on the government gaining control of property and businesses, and therefore controlling the supply and demand, as well as the workforce. I haven't heard Obama talk about annexing any property or businesses, or regulating supply and demand in America.

But I know what conservatives are referring to when they talk about Obama's supposed socialism. They're talking about 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 families 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 Republicans 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 theme 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 loyal customers by consistently delivering what they advertise — they walk the walk."

He's right that a political party works like a brand, and 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 false advertisement. I think the Republican brand simply doesn't work.

Stephanie England is an English junior and a Mustang Daily political columnist.
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As a student in the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences, I like many of my peers, laid low at the release of these actions because of the display at the crops house which was dubbed ignorant and doesn't represent the Cal Poly community. As conservatives, we are often branded as racist, bigots or homophobes. While there have been conservatives who have been demonized, there are also liberals who are racist, bigots or homophobes. Countless times I have been called a baby killer, warmonger, racist and a few sexual slurs as well. All of these are false, but illustrate a bigger problem with society today, which is how we perceive those around us.

There are consequences for our actions, and the former members of the crops house have paid the price in terms of their reputation and their living conditions. Tolerance is not something we should jump on a whim for fear of being branded that which we are not, but instead it is an opportunity for discussion. However, discussion has taken place. Opinions have been aired. Nothing more really needs to be done in response to six students who had a display at the crops house which was dumb, ignorant and doesn't represent the Cal Poly community.

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Ian Nachreiner is an agricultural science senior and a Mustang Daily Columnist.

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— Mike Macado
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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 I-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 Gocong, Dallas Cowboys safety Courtney Brown and San Diego Chargers special teams ace Kassini Osgood.

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

Osgood, 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

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 Maurice Inglass won Coach of the Year.

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

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

Valls, also earning her first all-conference honors, finished her career ninth on the all-time Cal Poly scoring list 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 Vogele and junior goalkeeper Coral Hoover.

The Mustangs’ playoff loss to UC Santa Barbara closed out their season with a 10-9-1 record.
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"We know he has the ability to go out and do some great things," Azevedo said.

"He was a kid that with improved
consistency, November could possibly win a Pac-10 title and be an All-American," said Coach Mitch Ferguson, at 125, and Eric Maldonado, at 149, are other returning starters. Both finished fifth in their respective weight classes as sophomores at the conference championships.

"Staying away from the hype of nationals at the end of the season should be an objective for the team right now," Piani said.

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

From 174 to heavyweight, Cal Poly is expected to rely heavily on freshmen. They looked "awesome" at the Green and Gold intrasquad scrimmage Nov. 5, Azevedo said.

One Azevedo is particularly excited about is 174-pounder Ryan Henry, a three-time Washington
state champion.

"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 Col-
lege 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 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, Piani said.

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

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Jennifer Titcomb

Washington native who was undefeated through two years in the Big Ten transferred to Cal Poly to be closer to home

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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.

Cal Poly women's tennis head coach Hugh Bream began recruiting her after taking notice of her USTA top-20 junior ranking and stellar career at Bellarmine Prep, which won four consecutive state titles while she was there.

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"That was a really cool feeling to be on a team like that," Matzenauer said.

Even with all the success, though, 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 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 Esparrza.

"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."

Malcolm started in his ninth year of coaching the Mustangs, was happy to have her.

"She loves to play aggressively, big-game, loves to rip the forehand," he said. "And she is extremely competitive."

That competitive spirit has only added to a squad on the rise, one that sent the doubles tandem of Brittany Balock and Steffi Wang to the NCAA Tournament a year ago when they were just sophomores.

"Suzie is coming in as a really strong tennis player with a real dominant presence on the court, and overall the whole team has picked up in level," Balock said. "She just brings great energy and almost a new freshness to the team."

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In her two years at Northwestern, Cal Poly junior Suzie Matzenauer was 62-12 overall in singles play, including a 15-0 mark in the Big Ten Conference.

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