Samantha MacConnell

For most, college is the time to acquire a higher education, make life-long friends, discover oneself and date different people while obtaining a degree. But sometimes life can take an unexpected turn and for some female students, this can mean pregnancy.

The Cal Poly Health Center offers help to students who are pregnant, or suspect that they may be pregnant, including free and confidential consultations to help them weigh their options and find the right off-campus resource.

"They don't have to choose exactly which option became obviously pregnancy is a big deal," said Mischa Davies, a psychology senior and the Educational Resources on Sexuality (EROS) team coordinator at the Health Center.

"We don't refer them to any specific place," she continued. "That is for them to choose."

PULSE, which stands for Peers, Understanding, Listening, Speaking, Educating, consists of three teams in the Health Center: HEAT, TLC, and EROS. These teams are made up of students in all majors ready to provide information and support to students about a variety of health concerns.

EROS covers a plethora of topics concerning sexuality, including information on abstinence and contraception methods. It also provides free condoms, lubricants and latex dental dams to students.

Additionally, students can obtain information about sexually transmitted infections, relationship issues and communication between partners.

A student in this situation can expect to be asked questions about her use of contraceptives, feelings about pregnancy, partner history, support from a partner or family and personal morals.

"You can't push your own beliefs on them, especially since it's such a hard thing being pregnant," said Davies. "It's definitely important to see what they want to do and what is viable for them depending on their situation."

EROS presents the options the pregnant student has — whether to continue with or terminate the pregnancy in the event of birth, whether to keep the baby or put it up for adoption.

"It's definitely better that they don't have some negative influence on them, and push you in the wrong direction because all three of these options can have psychological effects if you don't feel right with it," Davies said.

The Health Center, located in building 27 next to the Recreation Center, is a good starting point for students with pregnancy or sexual health concerns. Services include pregnancy tests, Pap tests, sexually transmitted infection tests and pelvic exams. Tests will be performed by a female doctor upon request.

The Health Center does not make referrals but it provides students the information about different clinics and the services they provide. It also offers resources for abortion or post-abortion counseling, prenatal services, sexual health and adoption.

"We feel that that is a personal choice, so we don't take a position one way or another, unless it's a health issue," Davies said. "Our role as the Health Center is to be nonjudgmental in those situations and provide the resources for the student to make their own beliefs."

Poly anti-hazing advocates honored

Chris Jagger

In the wake of controversy surrounding Cal Poly's Greek system, three students in fraternities have recently been awarded for their anti-hazing efforts.

Social sciences senior Jacob Lopez, materials engineering junior Andrew Righter and soil science senior Daniel Kim have all been officially recognized by hazingsurvivor.org for the actions they have taken to eliminate hazing from their respective fraternities. Lopez, Righter and Kim are among the recipients of the 2008 Anti-Hazing Hero Award.

The organization des­ fines hazing as any action taken, or situation intentionally created, that causes embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. This year, all six recipients were affiliated with greek life.

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What now? Students facing pregnancy have options

Internationally-acclaimed architect kicks off winter lecture series

Genevieve Loggins

World-renowned for his contemporary and environmental designs, New York architect Joel Sanders will kick off the first lecture of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design's winter lecture series Friday.

Sanders, of Joel Sanders Architects, is an associate professor at Yale University School of Architecture and has completed numerous residential, commercial and interior design projects with sustainable environmental design firms.

The lecture is meant to inform students about the development of innovative books and articles on international postmodern culture, Philips said. It will also delve into the value of architectural research and design.

"Sanders always engages conversation in regards to his style and ex-
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and know the process of being a building practitioner," Phillips said. "The best lecturers know how to relate to modern and Sanders is one of them."
Sanders' architectural designs have been recognized by contemporary design, and the ability to recognize what is important when studying architectural design, Phillips added.
Architecture department head Henri de Hallan said the Hearst Lecture series, established about fifteen years ago, is made possible by grants from the Hearst Foundation.
"Students need to know what's happening in the outside world along with always thinking and building different options with the patient, it is anti-abortion and encourages women to abstain from sex. "We do not judge anybody about their choices, but we are here to help them with whatever they decide," said Maria Estrada, director at Choices.
"Choices is a non-profit Christian-based pregnancy resource center that receives money from community efforts, fundraising and donations from churches. It is not a clinic, but is currently in the process of getting funding, approval and licensing and hopes to become one," According to Davies, there was only one pregnancy scare last year at EPON, which signifies that unplanned pregnancy is not a major problem at Cal Poly.
"Making Tau Kappa Epsilon a hazing-free organization was not a walk in the park. Initially, many members who were opposed to changing the fraternity. However, Righter's leadership ultimately prevailed. He helped his house double in membership and assisted Lopez in educating new members in a hazing-free environment. "The reason I was chosen for this award is because I was the president during a time of transition," Righter said. "I helped lead my fraternity through a tough time and ensured that we didn't slip back into old habits." Kim, a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, won the anti-hazing hero award for his stand against hazing within his fraternity.
"As a new member education chair, I had a lot of control over what the associate members did," Kim said. "I also had a hard stance against some of the things we used to do. Kim joined the fall of 2004 and underwent a new member education program that involved hazing. He ran into opposition while attempting to get rid of these traditions by approaching various brothers and discussing the pros and cons of hazing.
"A lot of people were really opposite what I was trying to do," Kim said. Kim decided to address his entire fraternity in a speech about why hazing was hurting the fraternity. "I gave this speech and presentation to the chapter about the negative aspects of hazing and people really listened," Kim said. He eventually compromised with Delta Chi by designing a new member education program that he thought was more healthy and safe for members but also retained some traditions.

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going to make," said Franciscus Peterson, EOC Health Services clinic manager. "We just try and give them resources." Services provided at EOC are free to low cost depending on family size and income. FPACT (Family, Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment) is a program that assists students in receiving all services at no cost.
"Most students have a very limited income, so based on an income and family size, a vast majority of students we see get their services here for free and it's paid for by the state program," said Peterson. "We would love to see more and more students here," she added.
Planned Parenthood of San Luis Obispo is another resource where students can go if they are pregnant or think they may be pregnant.
Located downtown on Piico Street, Planned Parenthood offers pregnancy tests and an counseling session where options such as parenting and adoption are discussed with the patient. They are also the only facility in the county that provides abortion services.
"Planned Parenthood allows patients to become a part of a state funding program, which charges on a sliding fee scale based on income and family size.
"Choices Pregnancy Resource Center is another center where students and members of the community can obtain pregnancy information and counseling. Services include pregnancy tests, abstinence education and counseling for women who are pregnant. Though the center will discuss

Legacy March
In Honor of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Cornel Morton, Vice President for Student Affairs, invites students, faculty and staff to join him and others by participating in the Cal Poly Legacy March, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2009
Time: 11:00am—11:40am
Where: Dexter Lawn to University Union Plaza

Participants will meet on Dexter lawn at 11:00am for a short program with the march commencing by 11:40am, at the "Red Handprint" monument in the University Union Sandwich Factory Plaza.

Sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Persons with disabilities may contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs for assistance with accommodations.

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organization. Lopez helped eliminate hazing within his fraternity by reaching out to his brothers on an individual basis. "What I really tried to do was show people how much their problems with our organization matched up with the problems associated with hazing," Lopez said. "I guess I really tried to spearhead the logical aspect of our argument against hazing. Lopez served as new member Educator for a year. During this time, he developed a hazing-free program that focused on positive fraternity ideals. Lopez is the current president of Tau Kappa Epsilon.
Righter pledged Tau Kappa Epsilon before Lopez, in the fall of 2006, and served as president during the fraternity's transitional period in 2007. He shared the same ideals as many of the members who were standing up against hazing at the time.
"I believe that no matter how mild or severe any hazing is, it should not be a part of a Greek organization because it completely contradicts the values we pledge to uphold as a member," Righter said. "I was part of a new member class that got hazed." Making Tau Kappa Epsilon a hazing-free organization was not a walk in the park. Initially, many members who were opposed to change quit the fraternity. However, Righter's leadership ultimately prevailed. He helped his house double in membership and assisted Lopez in educating new members in a hazing-free environment. "The reason I was chosen for this award is because I was the president during a time of transition," Righter said. "I helped lead my fraternity through a tough time and ensured that we didn't slip back into old habits." Kim, a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, won the anti-hazing hero award for his stand against hazing within his fraternity.
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State

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A former transit police officer has been charged with murder for the fatal shooting of an unarmed and allegedly intoxicated black man in a raidly charged case that has outraged residents and community leaders and set off violent protests. Newly released court documents allege that Johannes Mehserle, who was charged Tuesday, shot 22-year-old Oscar Grant while Grant had his hands behind his back and another officer was kneeling on his neck.

SALINAS, Calif. (AP) — Salinas police are hunting a recent spate of violence that’s killed at least five people in separate incidents over three days.

Investigators suspect all of the shootings are gang-related. Sgt. Chris Lane says each victim was either connected to the Norteños gang or its rival, the Sureños. Among those killed are two Alisal High School students, including a 19-year-old boy who was fatally shot behind the school Monday.

No arrests have been made in the five shootings. Police say gang violence is an ongoing problem in the city. Gangs were blamed for 23 of the 25 homicides in Salinas last year.

National

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — A peanut better maker that sells bulk supplies to institutions issued a nationwide recall as officials on Wednesday reported two more deaths associated with a salmonella outbreak. Its client Kellogg Co. later asked stores to stop selling a variety of peanut better crackers.

Lynchburg-based Peanut Corp. of America issued the recall late Tuesday for 21 lots of peanut butter made since July 1 at its plant in Blakesly, Ga., because of possible salmonella contamination.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Barack Obama’s train trip Saturday from Philadelphia to Washington offers people who can’t make it for the inauguration to catch a glimpse of the next president.

The Presidential Inaugural Committee announced Wednesday that Obama, his family and the group of “everyday Americans” accompanying them on the train plan to gather at the 39th Street Station in Philadelphia that morning. Tickets for the event where Obama will speak have been distributed.

The train stops in Wilmington, Del., to pick up Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his family.

International

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israel’s fierce assault on Gaza’s Hamas rulers has destroyed at least $1.4 billion worth of buildings, roads, pipes, power lines and other infrastructure in already impoverished territory, Palestinian surveyors estimate.

Arab and Western countries will be called on to foot much of the bill to rebuild — which Palestinian economists say could take five years or more.

BEIJING (AP) — China’s economy grew to the world’s third-largest in 2007, new data showed Wednesday, another milestone in the country’s stunning ascent in the global pecking order that puts it behind only Japan and the United States.

China has grown tenfold in the past 30 years, and the revised data leapfrogged it ahead of Germany that overtaking the United States is another matter.

“I think it will take only three to four years for China to overtake Japan as the second-largest economy in the world,” said Merrill Lynch economist Ting Lu. Catching up with the United States could take decades, he added.

UC regents vote to shrink undergraduate enrollment

Terence Chea

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The University of California’s governing board voted Wednesday to cut undergraduate enrollment and freeze pay for top administrators in response to the state’s worsening budget crisis.

WORD ON THE STREET

“What role do you think Cal Poly should take in educating students about safe sex practices?”

“I’d say there’s a lack of education... there is never any talk about safe sex practices.”

— Brian Synder, aerospace engineering sophomore

“There should be somewhere students should go if they need answers.”

— Ashley Madding, business marketing senior

“I think they should be available to people who want info but there are other organizations already off-campus.”

— Jana Black, animal science senior
Government makes decision on gray wolf protection

Matthew Brown
and John Fleisher
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The Bush administration on Wednesday announced plans to remove gray wolves from the western Great Lakes and northern Rocky Mountains regions from the federal endangered species list. But wolves in Wyoming will remain under federal jurisdiction because that state has not done enough to assure their survival, Deputy Interior Secretary Lynn Scarlett said.

Court overruled previous attempts by the federal government to remove wolves in both regions from the endangered list and return management authority to the states. In the northern Rockies, the Fish and Wildlife Service tried to address the court's concerns by excluding Wyoming, where officials had sought a "predator zone" covering 80 percent of the state where the animals could be shot on sight. Federal officials said Wyoming law would have no change before wolves there could be taken off the list, and Wyoming Attorney General Bruce Salburg said Wednesday that it was "probable" that the state would challenge the latest federal plan in court.

In the western Great Lakes region, the federal government made no policy changes. The Fish and Wildlife Service disagreed with the judge's ruling and vowed to appeal.

The wolves will be removed from the endangered species list 30 days after the decision is published in the Federal Register, which officials said could happen within the next two weeks. A small population of Mexican Gray wolves in the Southwest was not affected by Wednesday's announcement.

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"We would hope the next administration would not turn around and go in a different direction, but of course that certainly is their choice and opportunity," Scarlett said.

Scarlet also said that the decision was based on science independently of policy considerations and that it was a watershed moment for a species first listed as endangered in 1974.

"Returning this essential part of our national heritage to so much of our natural landscape ranks among our greatest conservation achievements," Scarlett said.

David Mech, a leading wolf expert and senior research scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey, supported the assertion that the wolf population had rebounded.

"I'm satisfied, and most wolf biologists I know are satisfied, that wolf populations in both regions have been biologically recovered for the last five years," Mech said.

Environmental and animal rights groups, deriding the move as a last-minute effort by the Bush administration to strip protections, promised Wednesday to return to court with another round of lawsuits.

"These guys have been trying for eight years to explain how it could be possible for them to delist the wolves," said Jonathan Lovvorn, a vice president of the Humane Society of the United States. "It's time for them to throw in the towel."

About 1,500 wolves in the Northern Rockies were taken off the list in February 2008. But a federal judge ruled the move in July, saying state management plans could not guarantee their recovery was sustainable.

The northern Rocky Mountain wolf segment includes all of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, the eastern third of Washington and Oregon, and a small part of northern Utah.

Idaho and Montana already have crafted plans for public hunts to keep wolf populations in check. There were no immediate plans for hunts in the western Great Lakes.

"We're the people that have to live with it," said Eric Svenson of Red Butte, Mont., where officials said wolves have killed two dozen sheep and goats on the Svenson Ranch.

"Maybe hunting will keep their population in check," Svenson said.

Last September, a federal judge sided with animal-rights groups that accused the government of misap­plying the law in which it lifted pro­tections for about 4,000 wolves in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin in 2007.

Gray wolves previously were listed as endangered in the lower 48 states, except in Minnesota, where they were listed as threatened.

To offset the freshmen enrollment cut and boost campus diversity, the number of community college stu­dents transferring to UC campuses will increase by 500 students. Gradu­ate student slots will remain roughly the same.

UC officials still expect to find spots for all California residents who meet its academic standards, but those spots might be at campuses to which the students didn't apply.

The other proposal approved Wednesday would freeze compensa­tion for 285 top administrators for the remainder of this academic year, as well as the coming year. That group includes 85 university chancellors, vice chancellors and other senior ex­ecutives, said Yudof.

"It sends the right signal in this economic environment," he said. "I really feel it's the time for sacrifice. I think to exert moral leadership, we need to cut. We need to make sure our salaries are under control."

Students also should expect to pay more in the coming academic year because the governor's proposed bud­get would increase UC student fees by 9.3 percent. The regents are expected to vote on proposed fee increases in the next few months.

The state budget crisis is also for­cing the 23-campus California State University system to cut back. Last week the CSU announced it would sus­pend most hiring, freeze salaries for top administrators and suspend state­ funded construction projects for at least 90 days.
All Girl Summer Fun Band releases sixth-year surprise

Chelsea Bieker

The Performing Arts Center will play jungle gym to the world-renowned acrobatic troupe the National Acrobats of China at 7 tonight. Cal Poly Arts is proud to present this traveling 35-member group that has mesmerized audiences since 1965 in more than 30 countries. The performance will be a kaleidoscope of talent, featuring martial arts, illusion, stunts, contortionism, cycling and comedic repertoires.

Founded over 50 years ago, the award-winning performers have maintained a reputation of excellence around the world in countries like Canada, Japan, Italy, England, France and many more. Attendees of the show can expect to see an array of acts such as biker juggling with feet, cycling stunts, handstands on chairs placed on turntables and the crowd-pleasing plates spinning routine. All segments of the performance will come alive to traditional Chinese music as well as vibrant, colorful and authentic costumes.

Steve Lerian, director of Cal Poly Arts, said this performance will mark the first time the National Acrobats grace Cal Poly with their talents and said that the show will include "spectacular feats of daring." "They do a bit where they stack 12 to 14 chairs on top of each other and do handstands and balancing on top of the chairs," he said. "They do a lot of flying, acrobatics on ropes on the stage. They do a lot of amazing tumbling things and they do balancing where one person will balance multiple canisters while doing contortionist sort of activities."

Lerian said that the show will contain the seemingly impossible feat of operating a bicycle with 15 people abroad the single bike. He summed up the show by saying that it would be "fun on a lot of different levels," because along with the high-flying gymnastics and illusion, there is comedic value to the show. "It's all kinds of great fun," Lerian said. "It's a whole-family type of thing, with lots of 'oohs' and 'ahhs' from the audience."

Lerian said that the main aspect of the show is the fact that it's "really fun to watch; it's not brain surgery." He thinks that the physical aspects of the performance and the level of times the acrobats have attained to achieve these feats will be a prominent reason college-age viewers in particular will be interested.

Peter Wilt, interim director of Cal Poly Arts said that acrobatic performances have been extremely popular at Cal Poly and judging by ticket sales thus far, this show looks to be no different. "They have always been tremendously popular," he said. "They are well priced and they allow us to offer a price that a family can afford to have this type of entertainment."

Wilt added that the contortionist performance is sure to be a favorite. "The Chinese are famous for this," he said. "It's amazing to see the feats of strength they do."

The show is for all ages except infants. Student rush tickets will be available one hour before curtain priced at $10 each, or at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Today is the last day to order tickets. For more information call 805-756-6777.

Evocative and real, 'Notorious' is a B.I.G. winner

Jesse Washington

You love to hear the story, again and again: Young boy trapped in poverty, chooses crime over the classroom, rises to incredible heights only to be gunned down at the apex of success.

But the film "Notorious," a biography of the rapper Notorious B.I.G., transcends gangsta chic; this is because of the talented casts of the artist and the actor who portrays him: B.L.G., aka Biggie Smalls, was an artist of unique skill and charisma — all of which is captured in a pitch-perfect, and at times, even moving performance by the obscure rapper Ja'Mal "Grey" Woodard.

This story begins in the late 1980s, when a young Christopher Wallace (played by Biggie's real son, Christopher Jr.) is reduced by the easy money being made by crack dealers in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. When his mother (Angela Bassett) discovers what the white stuff under his bed really is, she kicks the teenage hustler out, accelerating his criminal exploits. Wallace does a quick jail bid and returns home with an assortment of potent new rhymes and a new B.I.G. His direction begins to end up in the hands of a brazen record exec named Sean "Puffy" Combs (Derek Luke), and a rap phenomenon is born.

Unlike recent music biopics such as "Ray" or "Walk the Line," whose audiences may have been unfamiliar with some of the biographical events, most "Notorious" viewers will know exactly what comes next: The classic hit, the blood-filled beef with Tupac Shakur, birthing the West Coast feud, the twin killings of these gifted storytellers. But "Notorious" manages to add something new to Biggie's exhaustively chronicled story.

The interwoven stories of the women in his life give fresh insight into Biggie's music and personality. No matter how bad his behavior, they always gave him one more chance: his mother Voletta his baby's mother, the girl who Biggie plucked off the corner and Sergeant Kathy Foster of The Thermals.

As expected, the song set is more diverse than those of their other records. "Rewind" is a gentle number that might evoke member Jen Sbrigua's former work with The Softies. Put it on to lull children to sleep. But only cute children. My personal favorite at the moment is "trajectory," which plosh along with a lifting melody, and reminds me of Weezer for no absolutely no reason.

Woodard, who hails from Biggie's old neighborhood, could have coasted on his physical likeness and Brooklyn swagger, but director George Tillman Jr. ("School Food;" "Rushmore") wrings struggle, charm and triumph from Woodard's expressive face. The film drips with authenticity, from the Casper sweaters to the actual Fulton Street corner where Biggie sold his dope. And the script, written by Cheo Hodrat Coker and Reggie Rock Blythwood, has laughs for days — just like Biggie did.
A new festival is coming to town and it is safe to say that with 19 live concert events planned, there may just be a little folk for everyone. The Central Coast Folk Festival, presented by the Boutique Hotel Collection, will make its debut Jan. 15 to 18 at five locations around the county: The Clifts Resort, Apple Farm Inn, The Inn at Morro Bay, SeaVenture Resort and Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort. There will be classic Americana cuisine and live music with genres spanning contemporary and traditional folk, swing, bluegrass and more. The best part: nearly all of the events are free.

Charles Crellin, Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort general manager said that planning for the first-ever event has been underway for about five months. He and others involved hope the event will become an annual festival and a folk music staple for the Central Coast.

“We thought the long weekend of the Martin Luther King holiday would be a really good time to present this first Central Coast Folk Festival. We hope it will become a signature event.” Crellin said.

There will be classic Americana cuisine and a folk music staple for the Central Coast. While planning the festival, Crellin said that he received all kinds of feedback from the community. “Everybody is excited about it because we haven’t ever done anything like this on the Central Coast before.” With food, art, wine and music, it would seem the festival has thought of everything.

Crellin described folk music as “often times acoustic, the songs of everyday life, politics and just having fun. With such a wide range definition, we can provide people on the Central Coast with a wide range of music and people will be able to experience this all during a four-day festival.”

Jack Poulis, Cal Poly marketing graduate and lead vocals acoustic guitar for three man band, Jack and the Lion, said the Folk Festival “sounds like a really cool gathering of people and bands.” He is excited for Jack and the Lion to be able to showcase a new sort of sound at the event.

“We feel like we don’t fit into one genre,” he said. “But we definitely have our folk side, country side and rock side. We like to call ourselves front porch rock.”

Poulis wasn’t sure exactly when he started being “folky” but said that with his “kind of country style singing” paired with his acoustic guitar, “somehow folk came out.”

“I think it is kind of a mature type of music and I feel like it is starting to become more mainstream,” Poulis said. “A lot of the acoustic stuff, like Bright Eyes, is becoming more known, and I think that is because it is a mature type of music: college students can really grasp it and enjoy it.”

Jack and the Lion will be performing during sunset at The Cliffs.

“It will be beautiful out, and really help with the vibe. It’s an ideal place to play,” Poulis said.

Casey Moss, events coordinator for the festival, said that because there are so many events to choose from throughout the four days, there should be something to interest everyone.

“Since there is more than just folk, there is a band that will appeal to every person’s taste,” she said. “Most events are free and they are all around the county so it is easy to find a good location. I’d say it is a cheap, fun way to go and spend one of your nights. Get a group of friends together to see a band you’ve never seen before and eat some good food.”

The festival’s features will be going on simultaneously throughout the weekend, so be sure to check out the schedule of events. Visit www.centralcoastfolkfestival.com for more information.
Sundance is heavy on cautionary environmental stories, among them the dolphin tale "The Cove," the oil-pollution chronicle "Crude" and the earthy ecology study "Detth: The Movie.

"What you see is people going out and making stories not just identifying problems and documenting what that is, but trying to identify solutions," Gilmore said.

"The environmental work you see these days doesn't end with a description of the crisis we're in. It ends with a description of what you can do to help as get out of this crisis."

On the romantic side, Sundance offers quirky stories of passion and affection, including "Don't Let Me Drown," a teen love story set in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks; "Peter and Vandy," chronicling a couple's relationship from hopeful start through slow deterioration; and "Hump-day," a tale of old buddies who attempt a "work of art" or an amateur porn flick of straight guys having sex with each other.

Jim Carrey appears in his first Sundance film with one of those romances, "I Love You Phillip Morris," playing a gay con man who meets the love of his life (Ewan McGregor) in prison.

"It's just such a good-hearted, sweet, beautiful, really funny movie. It dares to be romantic," Carrey said, adding a dig at Utah's Proposition 8.

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read a letter

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The countdown clocks on every liberal Website are happily shedding their final hours as George W. Bush prepares to walk out of the Oval Office for the last time as president. On Monday, Bush held his last press conference and for the first time since we met him, he showed a reflective side that was almost endearing.

I remember Bush’s first press conference after the election in 2004 when he was asked if he had made any mistakes in the first half of his presidency. He couldn’t name one mistake. I had at least 10 mistakes written down before the question was even finished.

However, when confronted Monday regarding his decisions as president, Bush seemed very concerned about the uncertain legacy he will leave behind. He was defensive when he spoke about war — the last stand on our memories of him. He also attempted to explain his disconnect with reality during Hurricane Katrina, and he labeled not finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq a more “disappointing” moment.

When asked why he thought his critics held so much animosity toward him, his answer was surprisingly nonapologetic. He said that he always had to do what he felt was right because “if you don’t, then I don’t see how you can live with yourself.” I don’t think I’ll get back home in Texas and look in the mirror and be proud of what I see if I allowed the loud voices, the loud critics, to prevent me from doing what I thought was necessary to protect this country.”

Even though the critics ignored turned out to be correct, Bush conveyed something I think none of us on the left thought he had in him—self-awareness. I wonder if, when he gets back to his Texas ranch, Bush will sit down to write a reflection on his time in office and ponder how his presidency ended in such disarray.

As I reflected on the arc of his presidency, I couldn’t help thinking that the demise of Bush’s public life has been very tragic. He made a series of disastrous decisions to care for the rich, failing to fund the No Child Left Behind, misinforming the public about WMDs in Iraq, legitimizing torture as an interrogation procedure and deregulating business, to name a few.

But while these were all decisions Bush no doubt saw as tough choices he had to make for the welfare of the country, they were also decisions that caused America to be roundly torn back in on him and led to the ultimate ruin of his own political party.

I hope that when Bush settles into retirement in Texas and truly has the opportunity to reflect on his time in the White House that he is, in fact, able to look in the mirror and be proud of the (few) good things he accomplished, like working with Boni to increase America’s aid to Africa.

However, I think my voice is in chorus with the rest of the world and the majority of the United States when I say that I am so glad this nightmare is over. I wish the entire Bush family to lead quiet, private, long lives confined to Florida and Texas while the rest of us move on.

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How far we've come

A look at the Bush legacy

Ian Nachreiner

The past eight years have been witness to history in the making. America was attacked on home soil for the first time since Pearl Harbor, two wars were and continue to be waged, the economy has gone through two recessions and the government grew larger faster than any other time in history.

In recent years hate, animosity and anger towards President Bush has become a national pastime. People have been so blinded and paralyzed by their disagreements with Bush that it has bastardized facts in lieu of perception. I have been disappointed in recent years by President Bush’s reluctance to stand up in defense of his decisions. I respected his position that the office was greater than the man or the rhetoric used against that man. However, by not taking a stand he has let the other side set the stage and start writing their version of history. That started to change on Monday as Bush gave his last scheduled press conference. I felt proud about my support of him for the first time since Sept. 11. He was unapologetic and reinforced what he did, with the information provided, may not have been popular but was the right thing to do. As Americans we commonly have a short memory.

1. Ask, are we better off today than we were eight years ago? Is the country better?

International Policy

Sept. 11, 2001 was the second day in American history that will live in infamy. More than 3,000 lives were lost that fateful day and since then our country was irrevocably changed and went to war as a result of it.

The War on Terror has been largely criticized due to the war in Iraq. Most had no reservations with going into Afghanistan because they felt like this was the fight to the enemy. But when an axis of evil was established, the American people wavered. Few understood why Iran, Iraq and North Korea were singled out as nations that supported or sponsored terrorism. This disconnect was primarily due to a lack of communication with the American people, rather than a lack of validity of the dangers posed by the identified nations.

Sept. 11 showed us that we could no longer look the other way when war was attacked. It showed us that at a nation we needed to remain proactive in reducing threats to our nation. If we did not fight them, they would fight us. We took the fight to the enemy; as a result the danger to our nation has decreased, but not been eliminated.

There are many of you in my readership who might believe that we should talk to our enemy, take the fight to them, they would fight us; we took the fight to the enemy, as a result the danger to our nation has decreased, but not been eliminated.

Where we are today

So are we off better today? Yes and no.

The economy is a mess (although the issue of whether Bush is to blame is another debate entirely). He also presided over the largest expansion in government spending in American history, but that would not have been possible without the help of Congress.

Yet his administration has maintained security in the face of adversity. Since Sept. 11 we have not been attacked on our own soil. Regardless of whether you agree with the reasons why or how we have gone after the enemy, it cannot be disputed that we are safer today than we were eight years ago.

As we transition to one administration to the next, I encourage you to remember how far we’ve come. We’re still one nation under God, free and democratic, despite efforts to change our great system into a socialistic welfare state. President Bush has generally made the right decisions as president, although they rarely were the popular decisions. Has he been the president we’ve always wanted? No. But he has been the president and the leader we’ve needed.

As he said in his own words on Monday, "Presidents can try to avoid hard decisions and therefore avoid controversy. That’s just not my nature. I’m the kind of person that is willing to take on hard tasks, and in times of war people get emotional. I understand that. I never really spent that much time worrying about the loud voices. I, of course hear them, but they didn’t affect my policy, nor did they affect...how I made decisions.”

Domestic Policy

I am much more critical of President Bush on matters of domestic policy. His administration’s handling of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina will remain in debate for years. Having a former director of a hostage show at the helm of FEMA at the time doesn’t help the debate.

“Could things have been done better? Absolutely. But when I hear people say the federal response was slow then what are they going to say to those chopper drivers, or the 30,000 that got pulled off the roof?" Bush said.

On Monday he also spoke about his handling of the economy. Tax cuts were the right thing to do. It helped stabilize the economy after Sept. 11 and spurred economic growth. Yet I fear that in the grand scheme of things, Bush will be blamed for recent economic conditions even though he had little, if anything, to do with creating the situation, the back ways with bas.

Arabs have been on that land since they were mere nomadic tribes. It has been their home for ours. True, Jews bought the land from Britain (under the false belief that it was," A land without people for a people without land"), but it was as much Britain's as America was when they murdered the native americans and taking the land, claiming it as their own. We don't see it as that way now; and the same applies to what happened over there. When the Jews first bought the land, the Arab population was at least 600,000. And Israel's economy was horrible until post-WWII when the U.S. started financially supporting them. Also, Arabs are a sensitive people, and Islam specifically states that Judaism and Christianity are "legitimate religions" and thus cannot be prosecuted on that basis alone (discrimination, yes, but not harm). Only when Jihad is declared, which can only be done when they feel some force is harming Islam or in people (this would even include drugs, or poverty), can they attack a Jew or Christian. And that cannot due to their religion alone. So if there is an "ideology of hate" in their culture, it's due to no other reason than that feeling that their homes were ripped out from between their fingers. It's clear that you need to do more research on the history over there. To quote a friend of mine who currently lives in Israel: "Both sides suck."

Response to letter to the editor "Knowing the main myths of the Israel/Palestine conflict?"

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This conflict is like any other colonial war of independence. It is less clear to outside observers. Europeans from Germany, Poland, Russia, etc. moved to Palestine. They claimed ownership of the land and began a war that has continued for four years. You tell me, who is at fault?

People have a right to defend their homeland. Palestine has been under hostile occupation since 1921, intensely hostile since 1948. Eventually the Palestinians eventually fail, the only difference is how long they take. After the end of the occupation, Palestinian and Palestinians Jews (Muslims and Christians) will be in peace.

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a funny way to get that message
across.

asked for comment about the
TV series dubbed "Survive and
Advance" and scheduled for the
Fox Sports Network. NCAA
spokesman Bob Williams said, "In
terms of geographic location, the
NCAA doesn't have a position
one way or another. However, our
position is clear and unchanged on
college sports wagering ... we op-
pose it in all forms."

Right but the funniest thing
about the shows — considering
the target audience — might be
the choice of the aging, fuddy-
daddy hosts.
Packer and Knight each devot-
ed a career to building painstaking
reputations as principled, indi-
pendent contributors to the game.
Both are members of college bas-
ketball's Hall of Fame.

Knight, the winningest coach
in Division 1 history, is already
enshrined in the Naismith Hall of
Fame; Packer, who broadcast
every Final Four since 1973 be-
fore departing from CBS after last
season, is on the latest nominating
ballot. And neither man needs the
money.
Packer long ago made a for-
tune by making deals on and off
the court, a few of which involved
accepting sponsorship from com-
panies or working with a few of
the coaches he covered.

But he proudly described him-
self as a "waking conflict of in-
terest" in an interview with the
Charlotte (N.C.) Observer only
last year, adding defiantly, "Now if
somebody could show me where
that conflict turned out to have a
negative impact on the game, then
I would be first of all embarrassed
by it and certainly make sure it
didn't happen again."

Get that?
Knight's involvement is stranger
still. After decades of railing against
the media, he joined ESPN at the
start of last season as an analyst
and re-upped for another season
— including NCAA tournament
duties — just this past November
for a handsome fee. But dismissing
a few scruples about working for
a rival was hardly the tough part
about signing on with Packer.

Years ago, when Knight was at
Indiana and always put the best
interests of the game ahead of his
own, he famously railed about
betting lines published every day
in the Bloomington paper. "Why
don't the newspapers run whom's
phone numbers?" he asked. "Is
betting on basketball, football or
basball less illegal than prostitu-
tion?"

The best reason to watch "Sur-
vive and Advance" is to see whether
Packer is as good as his word, or
whether Knight uses the new
platform to settle a few old scores
with the NCAA, since both often
do their best work off the page.

We'll have to wait until March
to find out whether Packer and
Knight are still contrarians.

What we've learned beyond a
doubt is that they're already hypo-
crites.

— Jim Linke is a national sports
columnist for The Associated Press

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Central Coast rivals clash again

Any Cal Poly student that has any inkling about what this rivalry is about gets pretty motivated.

—Faith Mimnaugh
Cal Poly head coach

The Cal Poly women's basketball team and UC Santa Barbara have been in a number of wars over the last few years.

The Mustangs (9-6, 2-2 Big West Conference) and Gauchos (9-6, 4-0) will get reacquainted on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Thunderdome.

Let the battle commence.

"Any Cal Poly student that has any inkling about what this rivalry is about gets pretty motivated," Mustangs head coach Faith Mimnaugh said. "We bleed green and hopefully you'll see a lot of green blood."

The teams met three times last season including in the Big West Tournament Semifinal, in which UC Santa Barbara ended the Mustang season, handing them a 77-57 defeat.

The Gauchos won all three meetings last year.

"We have nothing to lose," said senior guard Lisa McBride. "No one ever expects us to win that game and we always know that we can do it. We go in and give everything we have."

That mentality is a key to Cal Poly's reversal of fortune at the Thunderdome. The Mustangs went 23 years without a win in Santa Barbara, a streak that was ended in 2006.

Cal Poly has since won two of the last three meetings at the Thunderdome, their lone defeat coming in overtime last year.

Still, Mimnaugh said that the team is more focused on the overall outcome of the conference as opposed to the outcome of this game.

"Certainly for us it's a lot less about a statement and more about getting back into the (conference) race," Mimnaugh explained. "We're right in the middle of the pack and we want to be at the top and get some byes in the tournament."

The Mustangs have a long week to prepare for UC Santa Barbara, playing only one game this week, a fact that Mimnaugh said can be a positive or a negative.

"The players might tell you it's a bad thing, Mimnaugh said. "But we'll have more opportunities to work through their personnel. We'll be practicing very hard this week in preparation for the top team in the conference."

McBride sees some similarities between the two teams, which could contribute to the close games between them.

"We both are very aggressive teams," McBride said. "We battle to the end, it's never over when we play each other. No matter who's up or who's down, we can be down by 10 but we're still going to work our butts off to beat them."

Mimnaugh said that rebounding would be the key element to another Cal Poly upset bid.

"When we've had success there in the past, it's been because of our offensive production on the glass and so that's an area of emphasis as we're preparing this week," Mimnaugh said.

The Mustangs may be aided by the absence of two of UC Santa Barbara's most valuable post players in senior centers Jenna Green and Kat Suderman.

Suderman, a San Luis Obispo native who played her high school basketball at Mission Prep, has been hampered by injuries this season.

For a full recap of the Mustangs final home dual of the year go online to www.mustangdailysports.com.