Holding hands to change minds

Cassandra Keyse

The Cal Poly Pride Center celebrated Same Gender Handholding Day Sunday by sponsoring the seventh-annual March for Equality, along with various speakers and in-person presentations during the seventh-annual March for Equality, along with various speakers and in-person presentations.

More than 100 students and faculty members met on Dexter Lawn at 11 a.m. and marched through campus to the UU while holding hands with someone of the same gender.

Associated Students Inc. President Angela Kramer, who has been involved with the event for the last four years, led the march. For Kramer, the event was especially important this year in the aftermath of last year’s passage of Proposition 8.

“This march... is very important because one, it brings the community together — gay, straight, and everything in between — but two, it also brings an awareness of how decisions like that really affect people and how it affects our lives,” Kramer said. “You can kind of tell that regardless of how often we’ve put down and treated as second-class citizens, we are still fully capable of coming together for a common good and a greater purpose.”

Participants held a variety of signs during the march that included messages such as “Hate is not a Cal Poly value,” “It’s only love” and “No on Prop. 8” signs.

As they marched they chanted, “What do we want? Equality! When do we want it? Now!”

Business junior Megan O’Sullivan thinks the march is a way to spread awareness of the gay community on campus and offers an easy way for allies to show support.

“It’s a mark of visibility,” she said. “For the gay community, it’s really important to have visibility within the campus community because sometimes you’re hidden. I think it’s a good event that allies can come out and show support.”

Cal Poly faculty explore military robotics issues

Omar Sanchez

Although the “Terminator” robots of the future are far away from those in the science fiction movies people enjoy in theaters, researchers around the world and at Cal Poly are looking into issues that may arise from using these types of robots.

Due to its current involvement in two ways, the U.S. military’s interest in using armed robots has grown but as with all new technology, unforeseen issues often arise.

For example, in October 2007, a semi-autonomous robotic cannon deployed by the South African army malfunctioned, killing nine “friendly” soldiers and wounding 14 others.

“To whom would we assign blame — and punishment — for improper conduct and malfunctioned harming caused by an autonomous robot (whether by error or intentional): the designers, robot manufacturer procurement officer, robot controller supervisor, field commander, president of the United States... or the robot itself?”

This question is the premise of the preliminary report, “Autonomous Military Robotics: Risks Ethics and Design,” written by researchers of the Ethics and Emerging Technologies Group at Cal Poly.

“There are significant driving forces towards this trend,” said Patrick Lim, one of the authors of the report.

"Congress actually mandated that by 2010, supposedly one-third of aerial vehicles need to be unmanned," Lim said. "These deadlines apply increasing pressure to develop and deploy robotics, including autonomous vehicles, yet a "rush to market" increases the risk for inadequate design or programming," the report said.

The report was funded by a U.S. Department of Navy Office of Naval Research grant to select few faculty in the College of Liberal Arts who proposed the study. Lim and fellow author Keith Abney are Cal Poly philosophy lecturers. They teamed up with George Bekey, a special consultant in the College of Engineering and emeritus professor and founder of the University of Southern California robotics.

The predator, left, and the crusher, right, are semi-autonomous robots being used by the U.S. military today.

Israel: election too close to call, both claim win

Israeli Foreign Minister and Kadima party candidate Tzipi Livni, left, casts her ballot at a polling station in Tel Aviv on Tuesday.

Steven Gutkin

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni and hard-line rival Benjamin Netanyahu both claimed victory Tuesday in Israel’s parliamentary election but official results suggested the race was too close to call.

Right-wing parties — including Netanyahu’s Likud Party — appear to have won a clear majority of 64 seats in the 120-seat parliament, which would give Netanyahu the upper hand in forming the next government.

However, with more than two-thirds of the votes counted, Livni’s centrist Kadima Party had 29 seats, while Likud had 28.

Those results could change by a seat or two when soldiers’ votes are tallied Thursday evening.

The winner of the election won’t be clear in part because Livni could try to form a coalition with hawkish parties. It appeared one ultranationalist candidate, Avigdor Lieberman, could single-handedly determine the country’s next leader with his decision of whom to join.

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The preliminary report concentrates on the existing semi-autonomous (unmanned) robots used in K  s  lab.

surrounding the possible risks of using fully autonomous combat robots that would have to make decisions a human would usually make.

According to the report, thousands of robots are being used today in Iraq and Afghanistan to replace human soldiers in “dull, dirty, and dangerous” jobs. The known military robots being used, the report said, are all semi-autonomous. This means that robots such as the unmanned Predator drone air combat vehicle can go on reconnaissance missions, but needs human authority to fire missles.

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The report suggests that not only would these robots be beneficial in saving American soldiers’ lives, but saving civilian lives from human sol­

diers that commit atrocities.

“To the extent that military ro­

bots can considerably reduce un­

ethical conduct on the battlefield — greatly reducing human and po­

litical costs — there is a compelling reason to pursue their development as well as to study their capacity to act ethically,” it read.

“Think of us who work as ro­

bots, now that we are becoming aware of all the ethical issues in ad­

dition to the technology, should take it seriously and try to make sure that our students also take seriously,” Bekey said. “No that robots are used for the good of humanity.”

The group is currently working on the second edition of the report and waiting on feedback from the Office of Naval Research for their initial report. The Association of Practical and Professional Ethics in Gaming and International Confer­

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tional campaign," a reference to other hard-liners opposed to peace con­

The partial results marked a decisive slide for Netanyu, who held a solid lead in opinion polls heading into the election. Israelis vote for parties, not indi­

ividuals. Since no party won a parliamentary majority, the leader of one of the major parties must try to put together a coalition with other factions — a process that can take up to six weeks.

In coming days, President Shimi­

no Piers will ask the leader who he believes is most capable of forming a coalition to try to put together a government.

If Livni’s projected victory holds, it is likely due to a strong showing by Lieberman, who ap­

pears to have taken a sizable chunk of votes that would have otherwise gone to Netanyu.

The partial results gave Lie­

berman’s Yisrael Betuyot Party 16 seats, placing it in third place behind Kadima and Likud — and ahead of Labor, the party that ruled Israel for most of the last decade. Lieberman, who based his campaign on denying citizenship to Israeli Arabs he considers disloyal, a key role in coalition building.

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Katliina lawmaker Haim Ilai predicted the party would lead the next government.

"We are the only party that can approach both the right wing and the left," he told Channel 2 TV. But he acknowledged the results would make it difficult for anyone to govern.

Israel's Palestinian peace partners in the West Bank said the election results would have to stop building settlements in the West Bank before talks could resume.

"We now have clear conditions for whoever heads the Israeli government," said Rafiq Husseini, a senior aide to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. "The conditions for negotiations to resume begin with the immediate halt of settlement activities."

Peace talks have not included the Gaza Strip's Hamas rulers, who do not recognize Israel's right to exist and recently were the target of a devastating Israeli military offensive.

In Gaza, Hamas spokesman Faw'zi Harboum said the election results don't make a difference in the lives of Palestinians because Israel "is still working to eliminate the Palestinian existence."

"Anyone who thinks that new faces might bring change is mistaken," Harboum said, before the exit polls were released.

"Our campus is really diversely split. Some people accept it and some people don't. There are different majors that accept it more than others."

-David Pearson, architecture senior
CHELSEA BLEKER  
Mustang Daily

Get into the spirit of love by supporting Call Poly's literary journal Byzantium at Lovers Speak, the annual Valentine's Day-themed poetry reading. The event on Wednesday evening will display poet's talent featuring professors David Kann and Carl Wooton, as well as love-themed student work.

The Steynberg Gallery will host the romantic evening, offering complimentary beverages and snacks, as well as the artistic ambiance that only a gallery could provide.

English professor James Cushing will head the ceremonies. He promises to be clad in Valentine's Day attire, including red pants that he purchased on Hollywood Boulevard. "I have been associated with Lovers Speak since it started about three years ago," he said. "It's a delightful annual custom."

Cushing, Van Luis Ojeda poet laureate for 2009, is not sure whether he will be reading any of his own work at the event, but said that the journal is the main focus.

"Byzantium is really, really good depending on who enters the contest," he said. "A good time is always had, it will be exciting. Everyone will be reading love poems."

English senior and Byzantium editor Emily Anderson helped organize the event and hopes people will see the reading as an opportunity to have a unique Valentine's Day experience while helping the journal raise money for publishing costs.

"There is a huge need for donations," she said. "No one is willing to donate because the economy is so bad right now and we usually make all of our money from advertisements and getting donations from the English department."

The journal depends on donations because it is distributed for free. Anderson said that they need about $5,000 to meet publishing costs. They haven't collected much money so far, she added. "We are really hoping that a lot of people come," Anderson said. "It's a social event, and if people aren't necessarily into poetry, there is food. It will be a great place to bring a date because it is all Valentine's poetry."

She said the event has been held at Cal Poly in the past, but will be at the Steynberg gallery this year to attract more guests and provide a more fitting backdrop. "We decided it would be a better venue to have it at the gallery because it artistic and it is a coffee shop," she said. "It will be a really romantic."

Anderson predicts about five professors and five students will be reading, but said that it may conclude with an open-mic segment. The raffle will feature a variety of prizes and one larger prize, she said. Raffle ticket will be sold for $3 at the event in hopes to get the community involved. Byzantium starts at 7 p.m. today at Steynberg Gallery on Monterey Street.

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Poets pour love into Byzantium

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Health Center Fee Increase

To support an increase in the number of health professionals and improve the delivery of services at the Health Center, a proposal has been submitted by Health and Counseling Services to increase the Health Center fee by $30 per quarter effective Fall Quarter 2008.

President Baker has authorized the use of alternative consultation, rather that direct referendum, to determine the level of student support for the fee increase. Nine forums have been scheduled to serve as the venues in which written student input will be gathered. All nine forums are open to the entire student body regardless of college affiliation.

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Where to eat when you’re THINKING GREEN

Veggie food in San Luis Obispo

The Central Coast is known for its wine, beaches and rocky coastline, but also its produce. And just as the health-conscious culture of San Luis Obispo takes advantage of these local farms, many restaurants in the city cater to the vegetarian lifestyle.

Big Sky Cafe and Natural Cafe have been the staples for vegetarians and vegans in San Luis Obispo for years. However, newcomers like Smiling Dog Cafe, Pizza Fusion and Evos are proving there is a demand for variety.

For those wanting to enjoy the restaurant-like atmosphere while eating a meat-free meal, Big Sky Cafe at 1121 Broad St. is the place to go. Offering a wide variety of foods from American to Asian, it provides many options for the vegetarian as well as the omnivore.

Whether you’re coming in for breakfast, lunch, dinner or dessert, Big Sky uses organic, locally-grown fruits and vegetables to provide a healthy meal for everyone, manager Ana Vega said.

“We try to accommodate our customers,” she said of their service. “Whatever they want or need, we try to do as much as we can to make sure they’re happy.”

For a restaurant with more of a cafe atmosphere, you could head over to the Natural Cafe on the corner of Higuera and Broad streets. Order at the counter where you can review the menu, which has just as many vegetarian dishes as it does non-vegetarian.

“The restaurant encompasses all sorts of different angles of hot foods and cold foods for vegetarians,” manager Jennifer Snavely said.

Steering away from the downtown area to a more nestled location near the corner of Archer and Higuera streets is the relatively new Smiling Dog Cafe, which opened for business in June 2008.

The cafe complements the Smiling Dog Yoga studio, which offers five to six daily yoga classes covering many different styles.

Tucked away between the studio and the little boutique store is the cafe’s courtyard. Appealing to those wanting to experience a natural, vegan meal in a soothing atmosphere, Smiling Dog Cafe offers food that is straight from the earth. Everything the cafe serves is organic, locally-grown food that is usually picked up each Thursday during Farmers’ Market, said chef Brandy Michelle, who runs the cafe.

“Because they work mostly with local produce, Smiling Dog Cafe has an ever-changing menu that features three to four items a day.”

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“It depends what season it is. However, the super-fool greens are the staple every day. They are among the most popular of the chalkboard menu.”

According to San Luis Obispo organic and natural food store, Smiling Dog, it’s different every day. It’s fresh, organic, non-mental, raw, which is made up of fresh, nutrient-rich foods, which is made up of fresh, nutrient-rich foods, which is made up of fresh, nutrient-rich foods.

Although Pizzini grows locally where its produce is grown, it’s grown outside state lines.

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When Borene expanded in 2008, they were unable to meet the demand. “It’s hard to use so much in the vegetables that farms can’t keep up.”

In 2008, Pizzini made its home in America. "In America," Borene said, "everybody can feel comfortable and everybody can feel relaxed in the body." Borene explains why his expansion was successful. "In America," Borene said, "everybody can feel comfortable and everybody can feel relaxed in the body." Borene explains why his expansion was successful. "In America," Borene said, "everybody can feel comfortable and everybody can feel relaxed in the body." Borene explains why his expansion was successful. "In America," Borene said, "everybody can feel comfortable and everybody can feel relaxed in the body." Borene explains why his expansion was successful. "In America," Borene said, "everybody can feel comfortable and everybody can feel relaxed in the body."
on what I can get from Farmers’ Market, "Michelle said of choosing the menu. The Peaceful Plate, which consists of fresh served with a selection of pâtes and crackers, and smoothie and green juice are served all day. "Pizza of the Day, enchiladas and nori rolls are few that often make an appearance on the menu."

To Michelle, the café opened in 2007 because was "needing a good place to eat that is all that is wanting a desire to support local farmers." Café serves lunch and dinner 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. through Friday and branch from 9 a.m. until Saturdays.

gap Street for about another two or three you get to the Trader Joe’s parking lot, where at Street and Tank Farm Road intersect. The there welcomed the two newest members run scene just a little over three months ago, and Evos.

on it, you guessed it, a pizza place. However, than most because its pizzas are made with ingredients and the business practices environmentally. Everything from the insulation, from recycled blue jeans, to the counter tops, from recycled glass bottles, to the artwork, recycled plastic bottle material, is eco-friendly. Everything from the insulation, recycled blue jeans, to the counter tops, from recycled glass bottles, to the artwork, recycled plastic bottle material, is eco-friendly.

Pizza Fusion practice sustainability, but all for everyone, including meat eaters, vegans with wheat allergies. the community needed something like this, "need. "Not only do we offer vegetarian, but we non-free products, for people with wheat allergies. organic food, which is good for everybody." Pizza Fusion does not use products that are on the county level, it keeps close tabs on doing business are coming from and doesn’t venture to or us to buy on a very local basis because we in the way of organisms that some of these small ep up with what we are doing," Borene said. and his wife, Susan, opened this in San Luis Obispo in December wanted to provide a place "where ev helps welcome, and not isolated."

to have something here for every- say. "ETA voted Pizza Fusion into its Friendly Restaurants and Co-Op it’s "one of the greener businesses ever from Pizza Fusion, Evos has. Evos is a healthy alternative to fast food restaurants that offers the same types of food, but with 50 to 70 percent less fat.

Evos selects only organic and natural foods and there are no hormones and no additives in its products. The restaurant only purchases free-range beet that it can track from birth to production in their stores, owner Tom Maupin said. In Evos’ kitchen, no fryers or grills can be found. It only has convention-bake ovens and air bakes everything that it serves. By preparing the food this way, it prevents any unwanted greases and oils from getting into the foods.

Evos has many options for the vegetarian or the vegan. Vegetarians can get anything from the Champion Burger, which uses a soy patty, to the Vegan Chili, any of the Fruit-shakes or Airfries. And if those don’t work for the customer, Evos can mix and match anything to satisfy their needs, Maupin said.

"You can take a primary item and move it to another, and we’ll accommodate you," Maupin explained.

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For a healthy mind, take a good dose of skepticism

"The assumption of incorruptibility in government is a naive, dangerous one that history has amply discredited."

There's been a shortage of cheery news stories lately. Wall Street's slumping, our country's still pursuing entangling foreign engagements with schol and socialization prowess anew in all its foolish glory. Yet, in a small sense, the bad news is actually good news, the tragedies are really just well-played comedies, and, for some, the joke is finally being understood.

Across the country and in blissful ignorance of political party orientations, the realization that the emperor has no clothes is beginning to sweep the nation. I note, as one of many examples, the recent uproar over some of Obama's appointees' failures to pay previous taxes. Isn't it ironically humorous that the very gentlemen who inspire and support the overthrow of government themselves negligently fail to contribute to the pot? Perhaps they know something we don't.

Contrary to what our dear leaders and their devoted minions would have us believe, suspicion and doubt towards our government is actually a very healthy state for the American mind. Our Founding Fathers would have wished it so. The assumption of incorruptibility in government is a naïve, dangerous one that history has amply discredited. Eternal vigilance is what our Founders advised, and for a very simple reason, a reason which seems to have only recently been remembered: government tends towards corruption and tyranny.

It is in this light that many have rediscovered patriotism. Patriotism is not the willingness to glibly and submissively surrender to anything the government touts as truth. Even as little as a few months ago, one might have heard vocal members of the Left broadcasting this timeless message when it concerned the past president's unconstitutional war-making. It is disturbing to see the president, the one of hope, the one who inspire and support the overthrow of government, stooping to the same tactic employed by his predecessor. Last time, it was "They [insert axis of evil member] will kill our women and children, so let us go to war!" This time it's, "Our economy is in the ditch, we're all screwed, unless you allow for massive government spending."

Economic fear us all bear. In- able asset every now Admittedly, it is true that our government houses a large population of rascals and villains, and this is regrettable. But let us not attempt to gloss over this unfortunate result of human nature. Let us instead denounce the false faith that would have use place our trust in any one man, group of men or system of government. Even our flat money system does not endorse such an inevitably disapproving prospect. Examine the words inscribed on a penny sometime.

While many are awakening to the fact that Washington, D.C. is not a spotless arena swelling with individuals determined to do right on our behalf, that's just a start. Many are also growing disgruntled over the wayward spending habits of our government. Take the stimulus package, approaching a staggering trillion dollars.

Some have dubiously accepted the words of our leaders that all this money (coming from our paychecks and those of our children) is to be spent for our own good, somehow effecting a magnificent change in the economy that we could not have accomplished by spending the money ourselves.

But the more discerning among us have realized that the "economic stimulus" is really just a mislabeled cover for a government stimulus. Since the New Deal, there has been not such a sweeping expansion of federal powers. It is disturbing to see the president, the one of hope, stooping to the same tactic employed by his predecessor. Last time, it was "They [insert axis of evil member] will kill our women and children, so let us go to war!" This time it's, "Our economy is in the ditch, we're all screwed, unless you allow for massive government spending."

Fear is the common catalyst, and crises are always optimal periods of government growth. Economic fear us all bear. In- able asset every now and then as the comedy unfolds.

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What a texting president means for a stalker society

Barack Obama just wouldn’t back down. They told him it simply couldn’t be done, but he said he would find a way. That’s just how multitaskers roll.

No, I’m not talking about the presidential election — that would be very cheery. I’m talking about Obama’s decision to do what a president in this age simply must do: stay connected. After winning the election, Obama was told his texting days were over. Citing security concerns and the Presidential Records Act — which theoretically prescribes correspondence subject to public review (eventually) — commentators were pretty certain that Obama would be handing in his BlackBerry.

Bucking that expectation, Obama has become the first e-mailing president, though he’s movie (“What don’t you f@#kin’ understand?”), his BlackBerry, the Laugh Factory to Christian Bale’s psychotic meltdown on the set of the new Terminator inception. From Michael Richards’ racist tirade at his Blackberry. The popular opinion is that this is a great thing. After all, all the encryption in the world, the only thing that will truly protect the vital, core intimacy of a functional government is making public things that otherwise would have remained private.

While there hopefully won’t be any wild parties or illegal firings for Obama’s White House staff to test about, there will be plenty of important information being exchanged. Obama himself might have a James Bond-esque device that is presumably safe from hackers and wiretappers, but his top staffers almost certainly won’t. In one form or another, these texts will get out.

Perhaps you’re among the majority that see nothing wrong with that. After all, all the examples I have provided are of technology uncovering wrongs that otherwise would have slipped under the radar. But may I suggest that there is a limit to how much we should know about the detailed, day-to-day inner workings of our government? Or is that a hopeless argument for all you Facebook stalkers out there?

Fortunately, I recently read commentary suggesting that a texting presidency will be bad for our country for reasons entirely unrelated to personal human privacy. In a post titled “Obama’s BlackBerry threatens history,” blogger Mark Evertt Hall lamented the fact that so much of Obama’s correspondence will be digital, deatable and inaccessible to historians. While I fear for what might be revealed, Hall fears for what might not.

In a way, our opposing viewpoints don’t disagree, but just show that we’re talking past each other. For example, I agree that much of Obama’s correspondence will be worthy of documentation for historical purposes, but I doubt very much that any of his texts or e-mails might be so important.

As a society, we’re quite probably no longer the work of bloggers, stringers, eye-reporters and YouTubers is crucial to an open, functional democracy in the digital age. But with that must come the grounding revelation that government is still government and there are things that must not be known. I know most readers will greet those words with a scoff of virtue and disapproval and that’s why I am afraid.

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 Opposition to the idea of a texting president was not without its critics, however. A cartoon by artist Rachel Newman depicted a stalker standing before a mirror, looking at himself in the reflection. The caption read: “What a texting president means for a stalker society.”

The cartoon was part of a series of weekly political cartoons by Newman, which were published in the Mustang Daily, a university newspaper at the University of Michigan. The series was called “She Said,” and Newman was the author.

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Dome's unique relationship at Arroyo Grande High School, where he finished third in place in the Pac-7 three out of the four years he was there. He received the 2007 and 2008 High School All-American and was a four-time all-Pac-7 First Team member.

The strong passion for tennis runs in the Dome family. His father used to play tennis when he was younger and has served as his personal coach since his son's first time with a racquet.

"He's one of the only people who really know my game that I could ask about, if I had any problems," Dome said of his influential father.

Dome was fortunate enough to
play a pivotal role in Dome's tennis career as a personal coach.

"The most memorable thing for me about Andre is just the process of watching him grow up," Dome said. "It's neat to watch a student from a very young age as a kid grow through the high school years then be here at Cal Poly and win for my wife and I to still see him play."

Dome isn't the only one who has high hopes for Dome and his tennis career as a Mustang. Cal Poly men's tennis head coach Justin McGrath felt optimistic about Dome and the team.

"Every year I think we've gotten a little bit better and I think this year we have the makings of a really good team," McGrath said. "Obviously Andre's a great player. He's talented.
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Straight off the Dome

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As a freshman, the transition into college can be tough. But when you're the men's No. 1 singles tennis player at Cal Poly true freshman, there is no time for complaints or regrets. You're living part of your dream. Enter the life of business student and Cal Poly tennis player Andre Dome.

"The biggest challenge for me is seeing how busy it is in college," Dome said. "This is especially true when playing a sport because you have to structure your day so well. It's all over the place."

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Andre Dome
Cal Poly tennis recruit

Early 8 a.m. business law classes usually kick-start his days that don't end until 9 or 10 p.m. when he passes out from exhaustion.

"I don't have time for anything else. It's just school, tennis, studying. That's like my whole day," he said.

But just because his schedule seems rough, doesn't mean he doesn't enjoy being at Cal Poly. Dome received other tennis offers from many top schools across the nation such as Pepperdine, San Diego State University, UCLA, Notre Dame and USC, where he had the honor of meeting football head coach Pete Carroll.

"I was with five other tennis recruits," he recalled. "Pete Carroll introduced himself to me and told us about all the perks of going to USC. It was hard to pass up. You see a guy like Pete Carroll, a big guy in sports. I was star-struck. That was a pretty cool experience."

But ultimately, he decided to play for Cal Poly instead.

"It's a great opportunity to play for the local college. I've always supported Cal Poly," Dome said. "College is so much different than junior tennis. Everyone is good. The level of play here is amazing."

There are 12 players on the Cal Poly men's tennis team, four of which are freshmen, three sophomores, one junior and four seniors, including Dome's doubles partner and previously No. 1 singles player, Andy Gent.

With such a small number and supportive environment, Dome knew he felt right at home with the team.

"The team is like a family, which is one of the reasons I came here," Dome said. "I was looking at a lot of other schools, but the team aspect wasn't really there. If the team's a family, when you win it means more and when you lose everybody's there to support you."

Dome's most memorable match for Cal Poly thus far was his first. In a season-opening dual against Concordia University, Dome rallied for a 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Concordia sophomore Andre Petikapin.

Dome played No. 2 doubles with Gent and came out with a 6-2 win. The Mustangs would win the dual 6-1. "I had the first-match jitters, I was pretty nervous. A lot of people from my hometown came and supported. We had a pretty good crowd. Andy and I won our doubles. They were pretty good wins for me. It was nice to get that off my back and just to get a good win," Dome said.

Cal Poly played No. 14 Pepperdine on Jan. 24 which had a 7-0 victory over the Mustangs. But even with the tough loss, Dome and Gent still rose up and had an 8-3 win at No. 2 doubles.

As a local kid, the Are noy Grande native has called the Central Coast home since he was five when his family first moved here from In donde sia. While most college students anxiously jet-set out the door in a d r o v e of m i l e s away from their parents with the first mention of the word "college," Dome saw the value of putting it.

"I'm pretty close with my family," Dome said. "My mom just loves to watch me. She always comes out to support me and every time I'm playing I look for her and she's always there."

Dome's mother grew up in Indonesia and his father was an immigrant from war-torn Hungary who didn't know any English when he came to America.

"Everything I've done I've worked hard for because that's how my parents are and how they grew up," Dome said. "They gave me the opportunity to come here because they knew in America you had all the opportunities you could get. It didn't matter if you were poor or rich or black or white, everybody had an opportunity. That's how they saw it."

Dome reached the finals of three national tournaments where he finished second out of the best 108 players in the nation. Last year, he reached the finals of the USTA Winter Nationals. He was rated as one of the Top 10 tennis recruits in 2008 recruiting class according to tennisrecruiting.net.

Hugh Bream, Cal Poly women's tennis head coach has known Dome since he was 10 and knows how close his family is.

"His parents put a lot of time and energy into helping Andre being able to have that opportunity to develop his tennis to the highest level," Bream recalled. His dad talked to me about what it would take for Andre to earn a college scholarship. They were really focused on 'How can our son get a great education? Could tennis be a vehicle for it?' We talked about the process that would have to happen in terms of practices, getting to the tournaments, etc.

Dome knew tennis was going to be an instrumental part of his future when he picked up his first racquet at the age of five.

"The first time I picked up a racquet it just stuck. I got a racquet from my parents on my birthday. I went out for the first day and played for three hours. I loved it right when I started," he recalled.

Dome was a four-year letter winner in tennis during his college career, coming here last time and they were physical; they were aggressive with us." Shelton has more become aggressive in recent games. The 6-foot-7 forward had 16 points and a career-high 12 rebounds in the Mustangs last outing a 75-72 win over Cal State Fullerton. With the win over the Titans, Cal Poly erased one of its two nation­ally-televised losses. The other loss was to the Matadors, and the Mustangs will relish the chance to repeat the process.

The Mustang head coach Kevin Bromley remembers the first game against the Matadors well.

"I don't like how we played against Northridge," he recalled. 

"We didn't play well on offense or defense. Despite what Bromley said was the team "not playing very well," the Mustangs trailed by only four points midway through the second half.

"We didn't play very hard and yet there we are, it's a four point basketball game," Bromley said. "We would have gone down and probably beaten Irvine had we beaten Northridge, and that's the frustrating thing." The Mustangs have shown marked improvement in recent weeks, having won three of their last five after losing seven straight.

"We have great character," Shelton said. "Our guys don't give up. If something happens, we don't get down when we get a loss — we fo

Bromley said it is due to the team's improved concentration from a lack of distractions on the court.

Shelton said that aside from not being able to follow their general