In addition to Associated Students Inc., presidential elections, students will vote on Board of Directors candidates on Wednesday and Thursday.

Each college has several representatives on the board that represent the college's interests within ASI. Students only vote for representatives from their own college. Elections are through each student’s My Cal Poly portal and electronic polls are open from 7 a.m. Wednesday to 7 p.m. Thursday.

The following directory offers a brief description of each candidate and his or her qualifications.

College of Business

Joe Jurkovich
business administration junior
Jurkovich decided to run for the position after talking to current board members. "I'm personable and driven," Jurkovich said. "I really enjoy getting things done."

As a board member, Jurkovich said his main priority would be to give back to Cal Poly in his last year and making the day to day easier for all of the students in the OOCB.

Megan Cleary
business junior
Cleary has been on the executive board for the American Marketing Association chapter at Cal Poly for two years and a member for three. She also holds a junior executive position for her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega. Last year Cleary was also involved with a direct study abroad exchange through OCB and co-represented Cal Poly in France.

Cleary's biggest priority would be being able to make all planning and decision making transparent to the student body of the OCB.

"I think the most important thing is to be communicative to ASI from the students and to the students from ASI," Cleary said.

Nicole Varvitiotis
business freshman
Having been active in student government in high school as well as a head coach for her swim team, Varvitiotis wants to dive into ASI in her second year at Cal Poly.

Varvitiotis' main priority next year will be to research how to get students the most out of Cal Poly in the best amount of time, which entails getting students the classes they need to graduate on time by helping to oversee the distribution of possible money from College

ASI Board of Directors

Candidates

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Lauren Babek
English junior
Babek is passionate about her school and wants to be a liaison between the students and their government. Formerly a Week of Welcome leader, Babek is currently a Poly Rep, a college of liberal arts ambassador and vice president of the Cal Poly English club.

Her platform includes making the CAL more visible. "Being a polytechnic university I feel that often times liberal arts is underscored whereas it's one of the biggest colleges on campus." Babek believes that it's important for students to have a voice especially with the CBPs still being in question.

Joe Ciesinski
communications senior
Ciesinski is running for board of directors in hopes of putting his previous experience at Cal Poly to a greater role. Last year he was president of the communications studies club. This year he is currently the CLA representative and vice-chair on the University Union Advisory Board. His main priority is to be an outlet for all students "I want to bring more visibility to our college and I also want to be seen as a resource for any student out there ... and represent our college in a whole new way."
Jessica Patton
education senior
Patterson is currently on the CLA board of directors. She believes that the overall program is moving to the college of science and mathematics. Patterson is running for the position of ASI president. She is working toward her teaching credential and has been involved with Greek life on campus in the past. As a member of the Women's Coalition, Patterson is currently working with the ASI A&M draws to make college a smooth one. Patton said she wants to look into lowering textbook prices and making the student outreach program more effective.

Russell Noe
kinesiology junior
Noe is currently the Social Chair for the Delta Chi fraternity. There are 30 Delta Chi members, Noe said, "I'm trained to decide what is good for a large group of people." Noe said that his main priority would be to focus on the allocation of the CBFs. Class冈stands on professor ratios and other factors, Noe said he would be good at listening and communicating their needs to administration and the rest of ASI.

Katie Berger
biological science junior
Berger has been involved with Poly Reps since her freshman year and is also the vice president of her sorority. Berger says that as a board member it would be her job to maintain the "up and coming" reputation of the COSAM. She wants to be a strong advocate for the students. "I have no problem standing up to administration and asking them to come down and really explain everything to the students," Berger said.

Spencer Chin
mechanical engineering sophomore
Chin wants to represent the Civil Poly student government and fellow students on how they can get involved. He says he is not afraid to voice his opinions and will make sure that his presence is heard and addressed by the school. Due to the recent budget cuts, he thinks the main priority is making sure that student fees are used effectively. If the fee increase passes, he says he will be ready to learn, but at the same time he doesn't know everything.

Robert Welsh
biomedical engineering sophomore
Welsh, as the current president of Kenya Hall, says he will be willing to speak out against the administration using possible CBFs for anything besides student education. His main priorities as a board member would include awareness of activities and events for engineers and vote to keep class sizes down and the quality of our education high.

Cammy Schilmer
industrial engineering senior
Schilmer is on the Executive Board of the CENG Ambassadors and has been a member of the organization for two years. She is the current chair of the IME department student fee committee and has been a member for three years. She says her presence as a board member will be interacting with members of administration to reach feasible solutions, increasing efficiency and durability, and to be aware of the challenges the college is facing and to be a liaison between the students and administration and to strengthen the college and university.

College of Science & Math

Solenom Reda
industrial technology sophomore
Solenom Reda has been active in various clubs on campus including being a part of Week of Welcoming Service. As a member of the board of directors, Reda hopes to be able to make campus simpler for students ranging from more class availability to better wireless internet on campus during peak times.

Kody Kester
agricultural business senior
Kester has been very active during his years on campus. Besides his current position on the ASI A&M draws, Kester has also served as student council treasurer, Ag Council Rep for Ag Ambassadors and will serve as the Ag student council president.

College of Engineering

Kaitlin Spak
mechanical engineering senior
Spak is currently serving on the ASI Board of Directors and is a member of the women's group. As a board member, Spak is making sure students understand what is going on and voting "no" when proposals don't favor the students.

Kelsey Rugani
agricultural science sophomore
Rugani is currently a board member for Ag Ambassadors and has been the Bylaws and Policy Review Committee Chair. She is also a member of Alpha Zeta.

Robert Welsh
mechanical engineering sophomore
Welsh says he is responsible and eager to learn and will always keep a level head in stressful situations and will not be satisfied until he has found the strongest and most innovative solution to a problem. Spak claims he can solve a Rubik's cube in less than 30 seconds.

Garrett Offerman, mechanical engineering sophomore
Offerman says he enjoys taking on leadership positions and understands organization is key as an aspect he has applied since freshman year. Over the past quarter, he has been employed in addition to school, which he says taught him to budget his time wisely. "I want every engineer to be able to voice their opinions and want to represent the engineering student body," he said.

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Matthew Walker
Chemical engineering senior
Walker says his main priority would be to ensure our financial accountability and sustainability. Leveque thinks his experience on the engineering side will be important to students in architecture just because there's a lot of sustainability projects that can come out of that.

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College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

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construction management junior
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Tanner Bennett
sciences division junior
Tanner says he is a natural leader whose role as student advocates on issues affecting the students, administration and fellow students, "I want students to know I'm serious," he said.

Scott was class president and a member of the Engineering Department Student Association. He led the team to a third place finish in international builders exposition this past January in Las Vegas. DeHaan thinks that his numerous ventures into different clubs the CAAED gives him an advantage of interconnectivity that other candidates don't have. "I want to use my last year to give back and represent the student government. I want to be a part of DeHaan's primary goal is to improve financial accountability within the college.

Taylor Hartrich
city and regional planning senior
Hartrich is currently on the executive cabinet for the associated students as the sustainability officer. Also vice-president of the Empower Poly Coalition, Hartrich wants to make his efforts to make the campus more green. He is presently trying to secure green initiatives for his college. He says, "I have no problem standing up to administration and asking them to come down and really explain everything to the students," Berger said.

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Lindsey Newman
architecture sophomore
Newman thinks that despite being the youngest candidate, she will be able to best serve on the board of directors while understanding student's concerns. "The decision I would be making would directly influence me as a second year student . instead of being a fourth year student and graduating. I would be more interested and involved in decisions," Newman wants to improve the visibility of her college as well as the rest of the college at Cal Poly. "I want to increase the schools throughout Cal Poly so that people everywhere are hearing about other people... so they know about the great things that everybody is doing."

Donald Nielsen
city and regional planning junior
Nielsen is also a part of Associated Students in Planning and currently serves as an officer. He is a characterized hard worker. Nielsen wants to serve as a direct link for students to access their government. Sanitall wants to prioritize college funding and student representation. "Considering the current state of the economy it's pretty self-evident why funding is an issue," he said. "For the college of the architecture. Sanitall stresses that if the CBFs do get approved he would work with the board and the ASI council to make sure that the administration stays accountable for the money.

Kody Kester
agricultural business senior
Kester is currently CAFES council representative for the Agriculture Ambassadors is also a member of the local Young Cattlemen's Club and a state officer on its committee. His main priority as board member is to try and improve Cal Poly for all students.

Benjamin Scott
agricultural communications sophomore
Scott was class president and a member of student government in high school for three years. He says he is willing to listen to all students and accept new ideas in order to improve transparency in government. "I'm not shy and will not be easily swayed but at the same time I don't know everything and I'll be ready to learn," he said.

Tuesday, May 5, 2009
State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lori Drew, a Missouri mother accused of deadly danger in a MySpace hoax on a 13-year-old neighbor girl who committed suicide, should be given probation and fined $5,000 after being convicted of three misdemeanor counts of trespassing computers without authorization.

Drew’s attorney Dean Steward said in court documents filed Sunday that probation officials recommended Drew be placed on one-year probation. Drew could face up to three years in prison and a $30,000 fine after being convicted in November of three misdemeanor counts of trespassing computers without authorization.

Steward has asked U.S. District Court Judge George Wu to throw out the conviction.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — A commuter train traveling through Mountain View hit and killed a woman who was trespassing on the tracks.

Caltrain spokeswoman Christine Dunn said the unidentified woman was struck by a southbound train at about 11:30 a.m. Monday. Authorities said she was sitting on the tracks and the incident — the first Caltrain fatality this year — was an apparent suicide.

Service was delayed in both directions following the accident.

National

WARRENT, R.I. (AP) — A medical student jailed in Boston on suspicion of killing a masseuse he met on Craigslist was charged Monday in an arrest warrant with pulling a gun on a stripper in a Rhode Island hotel.

The warrant accuses Philip Markoff of assault and weapons violations. Authorities had previously said Markoff was the suspect in the April 16 robbery attempt at a Holiday Inn Express in Warwick.

A Las Vegas stripper who offered lap dances told Rhode Island authorities that she was bound with cord and held at gunpoint by a man she met through the Craigslist classified advertising Web site.

DILLON, S.C. (AP) — Students who had grown resigned to "nasty" furnishings at their dilapidated middle school in rural South Carolina were elated Monday to find new furniture and a freshly painted cafeteria, thanks to a student's plea, a president's speech and a businesses' response.

"I was amazed. They changed the whole thing," said J.M. Martin junior High eighth-grader Jessica Manning. "It let me know somebody cares about us."

In his first address to Congress last February, President Barack Obama read a letter from eighth-grader Ty'Sheoma Bethea asking for help replacing her run-down school.

International

KABUL (AP) — President Hamid Karzai chose a powerful warlord accused of rights abuses as one of his vice presidential running mates on Monday, hours before leaving for meetings in Washington with President Barack Obama and Pakistan's president.

The selection of Mohammad Qasim Fahim, a top commander in the militant group Jamiat-e-Islami during Afghanistan's 1990s civil war, drew immediate criticism from human rights groups.

"A 2005 Human Rights Watch report, "Blood-Stained Hands," found "credible and consistent evidence of widespread and systematic human rights abuses and violations of international humanitarian law" were committed by Jamiat commanders, including Fahim.

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's government Monday ruled out allowing U.S. combat troops to remain in Iraqi cities after the June 30 deadline for their withdrawal, despite concerns that Iraqi forces cannot cope with the security challenge following a resurgence of bombings in recent weeks.

Asking U.S. forces to stay in the cities, including volatile Mosul in the north, would be embarrassing for Iraq's prime minister, who has staked his political future on claims that the country has turned the corner in the war against Sunni and Shiite extremists.

"I'd like to know more about what's going on locally in Santa Maria or in Pismo or something so that students can do other things outside of Cal Poly."

-Dana Weiner, biology sophomore

“What stories or issues do you wish were covered more in the Mustang Daily?”

“Call me Blaine, I'm a hard worker. I love this place. I'm just starting to get a feel for the place and I'd like to know more about the farmers and staff. Even more on athletes, something like that.”

-Tyson Boddin, journalism junior

“ ‘I’d like to see more pictures of me ... I’ll probably keep this paper ... you should, too.’

-Matty Ishler, kinesiology senior

CALL FOR DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Cal Poly chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) is seeking nominations from students, faculty and staff for the "Distinguished Educator Award." The award is given to recognize faculty who are not yet tenured. Tenure track faculty, librarians, coaches and counselors are ineligible for many teaching awards the university presents, yet they deserve recognition for their teaching, professional activities and service to the university.

Criteria: teaching excellence, outstanding professional development, and outstanding service.

To nominate someone send your nomination through campus mail to

Dorothy Pippin
CFA Office
Building 38-141
or email to

dpippin@calpoly.edu

Award winners will receive $500.00 and a plaque. These awards will be presented at the CFA end of the year barbecue to be held at Cuesta Park during finals week.

Nomination Deadline: May 15, 2009

The following list of award winners is provided.

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Alesha Doan
Lorraine Donegan
Barbara Jackson
Barry Jones
Elsa Medina
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Jaymie Noland
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Please provide specific examples that support your nomination and include the name of the nominee and department as well as your name and department and contact information.

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Afghan rights chief fears vote fraud against women

Jason Straziuso
Associated Press

Ballots of Afghan women in conservative districts are severely restricted by tradition. It is rare for women to travel outside their villages or even their family compounds. There, male relatives often register the women as voters.

"Two issues are of concern for me. First is that the right of the woman to cast her vote will not be given to her, and the second is that it's possible that there will be serious fraud in the election by this method," Sima Samar, chairwoman of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, told a news conference.

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Jon McElroy-College of Engineering
Kelly Griggs-College of Liberal Arts
Board of Director Candidates
College of Architecture and Environmental Design
James Choi
Chris DeHaan
Tyler Hartrich
Julin LeVeque
Lindsey Newman
Donald Nielsen
Ryan Santillian
Monica Valdez
College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Wis Carlson
Kody Kester
Kelsey Rugani
Benjamin Scott
College of Business
Jamie Callahan
Megan Cleary
Jessica Cooper
Joe Jurkovich
Nicole Varvitsiotis
Solomon Reda
Jesse Schwartz
College of Liberal Arts
Lauren Babek
Joe Cienski
Tricia Rosas
Jayne Scuncio
Danielle Tucker
College of Engineering
Tanner Bennett
Spencer Chin
Lindsey Davison
Marcus Foley
Stephen Grider
Alyssa Habling
Stephen Murphy
Garrett Offerman
Cammie Schlemier
Matt Sedowsky
Kaitlin Spak
Matt Teresi
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Bisexual doesn’t equal slutty

You’re doin’ it wrong!

By Jenna Ray

You do ask me how many women I’ve dated and how many I’ve had sex with. You are surprised by how low the number is and probably can name at least one straight woman who has had more lesbian experiences than me. You’ve confused bisexual with slutty.

You do ask me if I’m allowed to have a boyfriend and a girlfriend at the same time. Ignoring how ridiculous the word “allow” is in this context for the moment, I respond by asking if you are allowed to have two boyfriends or two girlfriends at the same time. You’ve confused bisexual with polyamorous.

You do make a comment, half

see Bisexual, page 7

‘Fall’ has fluid storytelling, interesting characters

Amanda Kaufman

The majority of first-person perspective stories aren’t done correctly; they appear as a lazy way out of taking time to develop a character, instead using narrative as a supposed method of becoming intimate with a character’s thoughts and feelings when the only thing the reader truly becomes intimate with is the pointlessness of the tale.

Silly detail is too often mistaken for characterization in first person narratives, adding only a meek idea to distract from a lack of writing style.

Thankfully, Colin MacAdam’s novel “Fall” is not like the majority of first person perspective stories. “Fall” provides a character’s head actually worth getting into, someone who can tell the story in an interesting and effective manner without being so blatantly obvious he is the one telling it.

Noel, son of an Australian diplomat, attends St. Ebury private school in Ottawa, Canada, as a border student.

He recalls the prelude and climax of the turning point in his life, his senior year in St. Ebury, when his dangerous obsession with his roommate’s girlfriend turns for the worst.

What starts out as a coming-of-age story of blossoming friendship between the quiet, shy, Noel and his popular roommate Julius quickly turns the tables and sets the reader for something darker and scarier than predicted.

While “Fall” only shows droves of talented writing, using prose to show the reader something that is commonly observed everyday but shown in a unique view, it is certainly an example of good, solid writing.

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This is realistic, darkly so, and
‘Angels & Demons’ director Howard accuses Vatican

Nicole Winfield

ROME (AP) — Director Ron Howard claimed Sunday that the Vatican interfered with efforts to shoot certain scenes from his “Angels & Demons” religious thriller in Rome — a charge the Vatican said was purely a publicity stunt.

The film, which stars Tom Hanks and is based on the best-selling novel by Dan Brown, has its world premiere Monday in Rome. “Angels & Demons” combines an ancient secret brotherhood called the Illuminati, a papal concclave and a high-tech weapon threatening to destroy the Vatican.

At a press conference Sunday, Howard said he hadn’t sought cooperation from the Vatican based on the opposition he encountered filming “The Da Vinci Code,” another Brown novel that angered many Catholic leaders.

But he said the Vatican nevertheless exerted influence regarding his filming permits, and he was told it would not be possible even to shoot scenes in Rome that had been allowed in the past.

“When you come to film in Rome, the official statement to you is that the Vatican has no influence,” he said. “Everything progressed very smoothly, but unofficially a couple of days before we were to start filming in several of our locations, it was explained to us that through back channels and so forth that the Vatican had exerted some influence.”

“At first I was little frustrated at times. ‘Sure,' he said.

Nevertheless he said he felt that he was able to preserve the overall “Angels & Demons” experience despite the restrictions by recreating scenes on set. For the Sistine Chapel alone, some 20 members of the production crew — posing as tourists — took photos of all the frescoes, floor mosaics and paintings of the tiny chapel where popes are elected — until they were told to stop, the film’s Web site says.

Angels & Demons features Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon of “The Da Vinci Code” fame, played by Hanks in the movie. In the film, the Vatican turns to Langdon after the Illuminati kidnap four cardinals considered front-runners to be the next pope, and threaten to kill one an hour and then explode a bomb at the Vatican.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, refused to comment on Howard’s allegations about church interference, saying his charges were purely designed to drum up publicity for the film.

Last summer, Rome’s diocese confirmed it had barred producers from filming inside two churches because the movie didn’t conform to the church’s views.

In addition to Hanks, the film stars Ewan McGregor as the cam­elot's prelate who takes care of matters dealing with a papal death and runs the Vatican until a new pontiff is elected. Israeli-born actress Ayelet Zurer plays Dr. Vittoria Vetra, a scientist who helps Langdon crack the codes to save the cardinals.

The 2006 film “The Da Vinci Code” took in more than $750 million worldwide. It prompted calls for boicotts by church leaders worldwide with the idea that Jesus married and fathered children and by depicting the conservative Catholic movement, Opus Dei, as a murderous cult.

Reaction from church leaders to “Angels & Demons” has been more muted, though one Italian bishop, Monsignor Antonio Rosario Men­onna, said Saturday the film was "highly dam­aging, defamatory and offensive" to the Catho­lic Church, the ANSA news agency reported.

At the press conference, Hanks drew laughs when asked what the toughest stunt was during filming. His answer? Sim­ply running.

“There is not a regular cobble­stone, there is not a straight step, there is not an easy way to cross any street in all of the Eternal City,” he said. “Essen­tially death traps and twisted ankles await you any time you try to go for a slow stroll. How we did not come out with cast splints and ace bandages around our limbs I will never ever know. “It must have been divine in­tervention,” he said.

ANDREW MEDICHIN

Director of Photography
Actor Tom Hanks poses in front of St. Peter’s Basilica dur­ing the photo call for the World Premiere of the movie “Angels & Demons,” in Rome, Sunday.
Zachary Quinto (left) stars as Spock and Eric Bana (right) portrays Nero in scenes from "Star Trek."

Christy Lemire
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — J.J. Abrams' hugely anticipated summer extravaganza "Star Trek" boldly goes to the past within the distant future of the "Trek" universe, years ahead of the TV series and the myriad movies and spin-offs it spawned.

And in doing so, he and his long-time collaborators, writers Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman, change everything you know, or think about, if you're into this kind of thing, about the knobby pop-culture phenomenon.

It's a daring and exciting approach that's sure to tickle and provoke purists, while at the same time probably cause neophytes to feel a bit lost.

A major plot twist pops up which includes the arrival of Leonard Nimoy as Spock on TV; over-the-top Medical Officer (and 17-year-old supergenius) Chekov (Anton Yelchin, doing an intentionally cartoonish Russian accent as an homage, even though he really is Russian), their shared enemy is the angry Romulan leader Nero (Eric Bana, borrowing Mike Tyson's elaborate facial tattoos), whose sharp, spiky ship resembles a middlebrow version of Gault's Sagrada Familia. The source of his vendetta against Spock, and the entire Federation, is revealed as the whole picture is shown and determined one of many perspectives to the larger, grander image.

Abrams certainly puts on a grand spectacle while also leaving plenty of Easter eggs for the die-hard fans of the franchise, it's clear it still has plenty of lives left in it.

"Star Trek," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sci-fi action and violence and brief sexual content. Running time: 127 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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joking, to the effect of knowing I'm bi makes you uncomfortable around me or uncomfortable having your girlfriend around me. Maybe you think my gayness is contagious and will rub off on you or your girlfriend. Or maybe you just think I'm attracted to every woman I meet, I don't know, but for your sake, I don't think so.

When we finally part ways and you go back to reflect on our discussion, you determine that I'm a little defensive about the topic. Sure, you admittedly had some preconceived notions that turned out to be wrong, but it's not like you were attacking me. And yeah, you've got your own opinions about me and my sexual orientation, but so what? It's just one person's opinion, right? Opinions can't hurt people. You didn't ask, but I still like to share with you now what my mother said, word for word, when I came out to her: "Well, Jenna, it's OK for you to be bisexual now, but once you get married, your husband isn't going to tolerate that shit."

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If not for the scattered, float­ing presentations of events that are always chronologically out of order, the novel is an entertaining read that dives deep into a character's inner thoughts and feelings.

Noel is not the only character telling the story, but instead he adds one of many perspectives to a tale of many sides.

It is easy to see only one view-point to an issue, but when the different narratives come together the whole picture is showed and every character introduced.

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Glad he's coming home, but aware of what it means

May 14 will be the best day of the year. No, it's not my birthday and no, the administration didn't give us the day off to go to the beach. Actually for almost everyone else it's just another Thursday. For me, however, the date marks the homecoming of my dad after a year long tour of duty at Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq.

I'm overjoyed by the idea of him being back on American soil. His deployment has taught me to value family and everything I spend with them. I've thought so many times of how I took a simple "hey dad, how's it going?" phone call for granted before he was deployed. Now a two-minute 11:30 p.m. call or e-mail is a treat.

Upon receiving his marches orders in January 2008 he was a little surprised but the call to duty wasn't totally unexpected because other Navy logistics officers were also being activated; the soldiers in the Army couldn't do it by themselves anymore.

Since the war started in 2003 some troops have already served three tours in Iraq According to the New York Times, at least 197,080 have been sent to Iraq more than once and at least 53,000 have been deployed three or more times.

My dad is a Navy Commander and before this year hadn't served active duty since 1992. He had been deployed before but was excited to serve the nation during wartime. His work in Baghdad was spent mostly on base and not in combat. His focus was on the Iraqi Transportation Network and the goal was to have sheriffs form alliances and create trucking companies to move U.S. cargo. According to an article on Defense Link, the official Web site for the U.S. Department of Defense, Iraq received an economic boost and its truck soldiers out of the dangerous position of guarding low priority cargo by creating these companies.

One of my dad's favorite memories was flying in a helicopter over the Iraq countryside and seeing Iraqis children run out from their homes waving. He said when soldiers travel the countryside they carry extra water bottles and give them to the Iraqis since water is such a precious commodity.

My dad has had the chance to see the Iraqi people firsthand and to talk with them about life in their war torn country. He said that many of them expressed great fear and hatred of Saddam Hussein. When he was in power one Iraq told him that under Hussein's reign, people who upset the government would be killed or simply disappear and that he always wondered when Americans would come to free them. When speaking with Iraqi truck drivers for his transportation project my dad said that the overwhelming public opinion is that Iraq's true enemy is Iran.

Currently, the violence seems to have calmed down. When I first got to Baghdad, you could hear and feel explosions several times a day. I was fortunate that they were never close to me," he said. "Now it is pretty infrequent. Many days pass without any explosions or gunshots heard except from the practice range."

President Barack Obama announced his time-frame for leaving Iraq in February: By August 2010, he wants most troops withdrawn and by December 31, 2011, he wants American forces removed from the country.

The good news comes with some hesitation. "We are all glad that we are starting to pull out but everyone is concerned that Iraq doesn't fall into chaos after we leave," my dad said.

While I support President Barack Obama's plan for troop removal in Iraq I hope that all factors have been considered and troops are not sent home too soon. I want to see their progress and hard work go to waste. According to CNN.com, 4,283 Americans have died in Iraq since 2003; I do not want their efforts to be for nothing.

Once the troops leave I hope the country can be self-sufficient and flourish without the help of our troops. This is especially true if the USA is going to leave Iraq at any time. If the USA changes course and decides to stay, this will be inconvenient, so the consum­ers will have to pay more for Iraq's energy.

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A shout out to the single moms

I once saw a commercial that said mothers were superheroes and had special powers. I don’t remember what the ad was for but I think it is true of all parents, particularly single parents.

But let me get the real message here. I mean good I’ve got it as far as my mother is concerned. I don’t know what has brought about the sudden awareness, maybe the fact that I am about to graduate and enter the real world. Or that one of my best friends has a 1-year-old child and I see how hard it is to be a single parent.

Political commentator and right-wing, quick to judge author Ann Coulter would beg to differ, but in my opinion, good single parents are the unsung superheroes of the world, downing capes of responsibility with little support or recognition from society. While other superheroes lift buildings with their super strength, single parents carry a work load intended for two people. They fight off every villian that any else throws at their kid. They cruise around in a minivan instead of the Batmobile.

How do I know this? I was raised by one. Some parents choose to go it alone if their parenting counterpart is not up to par. Mine developed her superpowers when she was widowed at 40 and I was five.

They say that when people lose one of their senses, the other four become stronger, like the blind superhero Daredevil. This also rings true for my mom. When my dad died, my mom, who was already a good parent, had to be even better.

Coulter will be the first to tell you that studies show that girls who have lost a father or have me out of wedlock. But that that doesn’t mean she didn’t raise me by herself, alone, single hundedly. And I wonder what the child of a widow any less screwed up then that of a divorced or single woman? Coulter also states in her book that “as a society, we need to understand: staying in marriage, even a bad marriage, is better for the children except in the most egregious cases because single parents, even conscientious, well-meaning single parents, generally don’t do a good a job raising their children as two parent families.”

Regardless of what her statistics say, this is quite the statement coming from a woman who has never been married and has no children.

Single parents are often stereotyped by women like Coulter as being flaky and irresponsible. What is this based on? Coulter’s high and mighty Republican values? You can be a bad parent no matter what your marital status is or which political party you affiliate with. And those who are raising their children alone, whether it be by choice or circumstance, have it twice as hard as the average parent.

My mother has found that people are quick to judge and then curious to find out why she is raising a child alone. They always assume divorce, rather than death, and seem almost relieved to find out that she was widowed.

Like I mentioned earlier, I have been thinking about how good I’ve had it. After my dad’s death I think my mom seriously contemplated climbing into a martini glass and drowning herself. But instead she poured herself into making sure I was all right.

It’s weird to think that I could have had a mother who had as many dates as her daugh­­ter, or drank like it was her job, but I don’t. The only man that could fill my dad’s place in her heart would literally have to be Super­man. And although my mom has a career in counseling and education, her main job was me and making sure I was OK.

Statistics show that their children are at a disadvantage, and while their contribu­tion isn’t as obvious as saving the world from mass destruction, single parents are doing their part to make the world a better place, one kid at a time. And in the real world, that’s what matters.

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Aspiring professionals seeking sustainability careers have a veritable blank slate before them, a reality that can inspire more confidence than confidence in even the most seasoned intern. The prospect of entering a burgeoning field with the potential to save the world is certainly attractive, but the path to prof­itable green business can be elusive. Questions I usually hear include, “I want a green career, but which one?” Or “How do I figure out how to make money?”

Inspired people have been bitten by the green bug. This bite can inject such imbued enthusiasm into the bloodstream that befuddles the brain. How does one gain enough clarity amidst the confusion to find a niche? And to what extent does the aspiring eco-preneur apply sustainability?

As I’ve found out, more and more students here at Cal Poly are beginning to see that their university provide them with the skills they will need to help build a greener world. They are realizing that in order to have the knowledge and tools for the jobs they want in the 21st century, they’re going to have to integrate ideas of sustainability, ecology and social justice into whatever field they pursue.

From business to nursing, traditions and fields of study are transforming to prepare students who want to make a differ­ence the knowledge they’ll need to become part of the sustainability revo­lution. But this revolu­tion is not like the ones that came before. It will not be characterized by weapons or singular voices, but with knowledge and cohesiveness, with educated agents of change, ready to fix the niches of the bright green revolution afflu­nity.

If you plan to someday run a compa­ny, particularly a products-oriented entre­­preneur, roads lead to green, going green. Methodologies such as The Natural Step provide a framework to inte­grate sustainability into every aspect of your business. However, if you are study­ing information technology engineering or even public relations, you need to be more innovative.

Sustainability is not merely in the output. For every finished green prod­uct, there are hundreds of processes be­hind the production, packaging, distri­bution, and marketing of your product.

The demand for sustainable services is rapidly increasing in every sector. A company that engages in sustainability reporting using a framework such as the Global Reporting Initiative will be able to scrutinize its suppliers upstream and downstream. Thousands of compa­­nies worldwide, including hundreds in the United States alone, seek sustainable suppliers and services professionals. This is the space that screams for green innovation.

It and consulting services profes­sionals can tap into tremendous opportuni­ties by addressing the challenges that sustainability presents to various indus­tries. Developing a concept for a data­management system focused on a sus­tainable supply chain may not be as sexy as designing the latest electric sports car, but it is no less relevant in the scheme of green. In fact, discourse over environ­mental IT solutions has reached a critical mass, warranting its own news site, pro­duced by GreenBiz, GreenerComput­ing.com.

Shallow sustainability focuses merely on the production and sale of green products. Sophisticated sustainability strategies rely on systems thinking, where every aspect of a process has the ability to affect every other aspect. This distinguishes whole-systems thinking—a keen awareness of the importance of interconnectivity and feedback loops. It involves a willingness to consider all significant aspects of an issue, and not to jump to appealing (but usually wrong) simplifica­tions. Within this context, everyone can be a superhero, even you accounting majors out there.

Steve Jobs said it best during his com­­­mencement speech at Stanford, "I have searched for the golden ticket to get what you love." This becomes easier when you actually know what you love. The result could be a green busi­­ness, but if you don’t like sales, then be­­coming a green retailer may not bring you happiness.

Anyone with a successful career has at some point taken an inventory of what it is they really want. Steve Jobs did this. He funnelled them into a position that pays. Turn what you are truly good at into a career that you love by finding a way inte­grate­ment into your area of expertise. So answer these questions:

What do you love to do that you’re also good at?

What type of work environment is best for you (formal consulting firm, large company, etc.)?

What industry do you have the most interest in?

Make a diagram of these relationships and consider how you might fit into the bigger picture. Conduct profession­­­­ional interviews and ask people where your skills might be of value. And ask everyone to interview you to suggest 2-3 other people.

This is a process of self-discovery but it is well worth the time. When you find a way to express your deepest values in your work, you have a calling, not just a job.

Warning: It’s addictive. It may force you to make big changes in your life.

A part to play in the custom. Develop your ideas. Once you have something that re­sembles a workable concept, conduct a feasibility study. Let your potential future clients be your guide. Before you know it, they will become co-creators in the process. You could be the next breakthrough or a proprietary tool that you can market to an entire industry.

Sustainability offers opportunities for future professionals from every disci­­pline. Nobody has the market cornered on anything. If you could be sure the best applications for sustainability hadn’t been discovered, would that knowledge give you the freedom to at least try? If you stay persistent in your pas­sion, you will find niche you love even the next great idea. Now get to the drawing board. What in the world are you waiting for?

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working.

"It has been nice to be able to not rely on one or two people and have really all 14 come up with the big play," Condon said in the press conference.

But with a small team there is the potential to ruin team chemistry when there is dissension in the ranks, Condon said. But that hasn't been the case.

"We all know each other's strengths and weaknesses; we know each other enough on a personal basis that we can pick each other up," Cahn said.

Yet, with the top spot in the conference and top 25 in the nation, the Mustangs have a target on their backs, Condon said.

"It's a great honor to get national recognition and finally be a top team," she said in the press conference.

Yet, it was a little easier to be the underdog because now they have a little more pressure on them, she added.

The Mustangs control their own destiny and can win the Big West Conference championship with a sweep at UC Riverside this weekend.

"We have the potential to go to Oklahoma City... This is the most special team I have ever coached," Condon said.
Fourteen? Not a problem

The Cal Poly softball team, shown above, has a roster half the size of most national powerhouses.

Alex Kacik  
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly softball has put up some impressive numbers this season. No. 21 in the nation, 18-1 at home, first in the Big West Conference, not to mention a Big West-leading .303 team batting average, .415 team slugging percentage and 1.72 team ERA. Here’s another number to ponder — 14.

The Mustangs have achieved all this while boasting a mere 14-player roster. Yet, head coach Jenny Condon sees it as a blessing in disguise.

“It benefits the players; there is a lot more one-on-one and individual (coaching) with each player, in the long run they will see those benefits,” she said.

There is no doubt that the players have seen those benefits on and off the field. The tight-knit squad uses its team chemistry to outlast its opponents.

“There aren’t a lot of us compared to most other schools,” Cal Poly first baseman Krysten Cahn said during last Monday’s press conference, who leads the league in home runs (14) and slugging percentage (.664). “We have faith in each other; if one player gets hurt we know as a team we can succeed. That’s what we did all fall was build each other’s trust.”

It’s the upperclassmen that set the tone for the Mustangs. Sophomore shortstop Karlie Gooch is the team’s leading .341 hitter and has been recognized with Division I honor rolls.

Junior first baseman Adam Buschini broke a 4-4 tie in the seventh inning with a two-run single to give the Mustangs a 6-4 lead over USC.

“Adam Buschini is very confident at the plate and has been doing a great job of putting the ball on the other side,” Lee said.

It’ll have a pretty big impact on us,” Mustangs head coach Larry Lee said during last Monday’s press conference. “But now we’re playing some really strong competition with each other; it has been our goal to develop chemistry on ourselves a lot better and have not been focusing on the other dugout.”

Condon takes advantage of her team’s versatility by switching up the lineup and moving players around the field. This may translate into taking some extra fly balls or grounders, but it seems to be working.

Baseball

Cal Poly set to battle Trojans again

Earlier this year, the Cal Poly baseball team defeated Southern California for the first time in 34 years. Tonight the Mustangs are looking to make it two in a row.

Cal Poly (32-12) will even USC at 7 p.m. in Dedeaux Field in a non-conference game that could have postseason implications for the Mustangs.

While they moved up one slot to No. 12 in the Baseball America Top 25 poll, Cal Poly is not guaranteed a postseason spot in the NCAA Regionals.

The Trojans have one of the richest histories in college baseball, sporting 12 national championship banners and 21 College World Series appearances. USC has produced nine major league players and owns a commanding 18-4 all-time series advantage over Cal Poly.

Junior first baseman Adam Buschini broke a 4-4 tie in the seventh inning with a two-run single to help the Mustangs beat USC on March 31 at Baggett Stadium.

If Cal Poly is to have a repeat performance against the Trojans it will have to do so without one of its most talented young players.

Junior first baseman Matt Jensen was injured in a collision over the weekend and is expected to miss up to six weeks. Barring a long run through the regionals, Jensen is likely to miss the rest of the season.

“I’ll have a pretty big impact on us,” Mustangs head coach Larry Lee said of Jensen’s absence. “Adam Buschini is very confident about playing second base there but somewhere along the line you have to take a bat out of the lineup.”

The Mustangs are looking to make it two in a row. Tonight the Mustangs are playing for the first time in its Division I history.

Despite the big conference matchup looming, Lee said his team won’t overlook the Trojans.

“Our guys will enjoy playing at USC,” Lee said. “It’s just a matter of pitching well enough to give us a chance to win in the late innings.”

The Mustangs will host No. 8 Cal State Fullerton this weekend in a three-game series that could go a long way in determining whether Cal Poly is invited to the postseason for the first time in its Division I history.

Cal Poly outfielder Ryan Lee slides into third base during the Mustangs’ 7-4 win over San Francisco on Sunday.

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