Cal Poly clubs trying to get in

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About a dozen new clubs are expected to join the 286 current clubs on campus after ASI works to streamline the chartering process.

The yearly increase of campus clubs is attributed to both increased student interest in clubs and the enhanced application process, said Michelle Bloom, the public relations coordinator for ASI.

"We are seeing a trend of students becoming more involved in campus clubs and we are seeing larger campus support each year," Bloom said.

Jessica Twaddle, the club services assistant for ASI, attributes the trend towards larger student recognition of clubs on campus and students wanting to feel like they are a part of something.

"I think that students might be searching for others who have similar hobbies as them and being part of a club provides an outlet for those interests," Twaddle said.

With the list of Cal Poly clubs expanding each year, an outlet for an increasingly wide range of different hobbies are available to students.

Clubs featuring sports or Greek associations such as the Cal Poly Men's Soccer Club and the Sigma Kappa Club, respectively, offer students an outlet for more traditional hobbies.

Other clubs, however, focus on more obscure hobbies such as the Scuba Club, the Salus Club and the White Hat Club.

Dominic Camargo, a computer science senior, decided he wanted to start the White Hat Club last fall.

White hat is a reference to computer hackers that look for security flaws in order to fix them.

I noticed there were only like three classes, only one that is an (undergraduate) class, I thought, offered at Cal Poly about computer security," Camargo said. "I started it because I wanted to provide a place where we could learn more and spread what we know about computer security."

Computer network security includes measures taken to protect computer networks and files from viruses, hackers and system failures.

Camargo and three friends became involved in the club application process as first-time club officers and were happy to find that the process was generally straightforward.

"You don't know what to expect going in, but I found the process surprisingly easy," Camargo said.

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Can Whitman's business success translate to politics?

Ken McLaughlin and Pete Carey
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An amiable, ethical businesswoman almost single-handedly built one of Silicon Valley's most storied Internet companies, making her a billionare and thousands of average folks successful business people.

She retired from San Jose-based eBay and decides this dysfunctional state needs her business acumen in the governor's office.
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would like to see it work on other aspects of student life.

I don't think it does a good enough job in seeking to protect the student, for example, police dorm patrols watching for drunk kids walking home is something ASI should fight against," he said.

If he wasn't graduating in December, Bowser said he might consider joining student government if he had the time and felt he would "adequately benefit the student population." 

While not all students think ASI makes a difference in their lives, some recognize that student government does offer opportunities on campus.

Communications studies junior David Fedor said he thinks ASI is valuable because it financially supports clubs that couldn't otherwise host events, like his fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi.

"ASI was getting a lot a profit," he said. "It just wasn't worth it to help out various clubs and organizations put on events." 

ASI benefits the student body by allowing clubs and organizations to host events where the student attendance is high. It also allows students to take advantage of opportunities and enjoy events, he said.

Griggs said he would probably take the blame for any student who doesn't think ASI makes a difference.

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of $4.7 million. When she turned over the reins to CEO John Donahoe in March 2009, eBay had mushroomed worldwide, registered by 30 million users and employed more than 15,000 people. Revenues in her last full year as CEO were $1.4 billion.

Whitman was lured to the start-up from a mid-level management job at Hallidie. She'd learned a lot of things she was in charge of marketing Mr. Potato Head. At the time, eBay was operated as a subsidiary of a now defunct San Jose industrial building.

The black and white Web site, originally called AuctionWeb, had been designed by Pierre Omidyar, a 28-year-old software engineer, over a holiday weekend. One part of the site featured a tongue-and-check tribute to the California legal code.

But Whitman was quick to see the scruffy site's potential to connect buyers and sellers. "Our first thought was, 'Why not?'"

Job One was to become the company's chief marketing officer. She replaced the laws chairs with corporate cupcakes.

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Military to respect Obama’s plans for Afghanistan, Gates says

Nancy A. Youssef

WASHINGTON — Amid tension between the military and President Barack Obama over military action in Afghanistan, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates told a gathering of Army officers Monday that the Pentagon would follow any strategy that Obama orders. "Speaking for the Department of Defense, once the commander in chief makes his decisions, we will salute and execute those decisions faithfully and to the best of our ability," Gates told the Association of the U.S. Army in Washington.

That the military would follow presidential orders is usually a given, but there’s been palpable friction during the past few weeks as the administration has engaged in a prolonged debate. Those serving the country and public arguments at home must consider its strategy just months after it named McChrystal as its commander there, calling him the best military mind the United States has to fight a counterinsurgency war. McChrystal has asked for as many as 45,000 troops, but the White House said it needs six weeks to consider that request, with some suggesting the United States may redefine its goals there and public arguments at home about what to do in Afghanistan.

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Suspect thought video would go to bin Laden, FBI agent says

Melody McDonald

WASHINGTON (MCT) — Illinois need not offer "Choose Life" license plates to motorists, under a ruling the Supreme Court let stand Monday.

The justices turned down a free speech claim from Choose Life Illinois Inc., a group that supports adoption and opposes abortion.

It had gathered more than 25,000 signatures from persons who wanted a "Choose Life" plate, but the state refused to issue the specialty plate. State officials said Illinois did not want to appear to be taking a position on the abortion issue.

Choose Life Illinois sued the Secretary of State's office in 2004 after twice failing to get the General Assembly to approve a specialty plate that would read "Choose Life.

DETROIT (MCT) — Chrysler Group LLC is replacing two of its recently named brand CEOs, spinning off its Ram trucks as a separate brand and asking its top designer to take on the added responsibility of CEO of the Dodge car brand.

Gone are Mike Accavitti, formerly president and CEO of the Dodge brand, and Peter Fong, who held the same titles for the Chrysler brand. Fong resigned for personal reasons and Accavitti is pursuing other interests, Chrysler said in a statement.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (MCT) — The United Nations said all its offices Monday in Pakistan after a suicide bomber managed to breach security at one of its buildings, killing five workers and wounding several others, officials and witnesses said.

The bomber was thought to be disguised as a paramilitary soldier.

The U.N. provides vital relief to Pakistan's war-torn population, and officials and witnesses said the blast was at the offices of the World Food Program in a residential area of Islamabad.

It punctured a period of relative calm in recent weeks in the capital, which has been rocked by a number of explosions over the last two years.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (MCT) — Three Costa Rican clinics have received certification that puts them on par with U.S. medical centers, a move that national conservationists hope will boost this country's profile as a prime destination for medical tourism.

Following a six-month review process, the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Facilities (AAAASF) has certified the private surgical and ambulatory center Clinica UNIBE, the dental clinic Dental Sonrisa Para Todos and plastic surgery specialists Cirugia Plastica Plus.
Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, pictured above August 12, 2009, dominated questioning during her first day in the position.

David G. Savage

WASHINGTON — By mid-morning on the first day of the Supreme Court’s term, it was clear new Justice Sonia Sotomayor will fit right in — and in particular with her talkative fellow New Yorkers.

Sotomayor, a lifelong New Yorker, peppered the lawyers with questions in a pair of cases, joining with her fellow New Yorkers Justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. None of the three is reluctant to speak up during the oral arguments, and together, they left the other justices sitting in silence for much of the time.

In the first hour alone, Sotomayor asked 36 questions, and Scalia followed with 30. Ginsburg is particularly interested in legal procedures, and she and Sotomayor dominated the questioning, for much of the second hour.

In the past, some rookie justices sat and listened for days before joining in the fast-paced arguments. Justice David Souter, the retired New Hampshire native whom Sotomayor replaced, said little during his first year. Justice Clarence Thomas has not asked a question for more than three years.

If anyone assumed Sotomayor would play the role of shy rookie, she dispelled that idea within the first minutes of the opening argument. She leaned forward and began questioning Maryland Attorney General Douglas Gansler about the Miranda rule that requires the police to warn a crime suspect that he has a right to remain silent and a right to a lawyer. If a suspect says he wants a lawyer before he answers questions, the police must stop the questioning.

Sotomayor included, sounded as though they were searching for a new rule that would allow new questioning of crime suspects after a long lapse of time.

A lawyer for the convicted child abuser insisted he should not have been questioned once he had said he would not talk without a lawyer.

“Is there any termination point? Really?” asked Sotomayor, sounding as skeptical as Scalia. The possibility of a Scalia v. Sotomayor rivalry has been the topic of much interest since her appointment. Scalia has been the court’s most outspoken conservative for more than 27 years, and Sotomayor had shown herself to be strong and assertive as a judge on the U.S. appeals court in Manhattan.

Outside the courtroom, she has already managed to upstage Scalia. A lifelong Yankees fan, she was invited to throw out the first ball in a recent game at Yankee Stadium before the new term got under way. Scalia, another lifelong Yankees fan, is awaiting his invitation.

Neither case heard on Monday made for a sharp, ideological clash. There were no sharp exchanges among the justices.

And the questions in the court are not always a good indicator of what will be decided. Justice Antonin Scalia, another lifelong Yankees fan, usually holds the deciding vote in the biggest cases, asked only four questions during the first argument and none during the second.
Plight of migrant workers on display in library

Nikol Schiller
MUSTANG DAILY

In response to the racist symbols displayed by the Cal Poly crops house last October, the Agribusiness and Social Sciences departments are putting on a series of diversity awareness campaigns, the first of which is a photo exhibit titled "The Migrant Project: Contemporary California Farm Workers," on display on the second floor of the Robert E. Kennedy Library.

The exhibit was created by Los Angeles freelance photojournalist Rick Nahmias and documents the struggles of migrant farm workers and their families throughout California.

Last October, students living in on-campus subsidized housing for crop science students hosted a party that displayed a noose, a confederate flag and a controversial sign. The exhibit was one of the many diversity events and programs instituted in response to the incident.

Next to Julian's on the library's second floor, 40 black and white photos cover four walls illustrating Nahmias' 4,000-mile photographic journey to 40 migrant farm communities across the state. Next to each framed photo a caption in both English and Spanish details the struggles these communities face. A caption next to a picture of a worker's dirt-stained, worn hands holding seven coins explains that migrant workers are given tokens in exchange for the number of baskets they fill with tomatoes.

The day Nahmias took the photo the coins were worth 95 cents. A large photo of a grave stands out above the rest against one wall of the library with cross bars "no olvidado," or "not forgotten" painted across it. The caption reads that more than 4,000 migrant farm workers die crossing the border, some bodies remaining unclaimed like the body that belonged to this grave.

One photo in particular resounded with Andrew Pierce, an electrical engineering junior. Nahmias' photo of a worker sitting in a shack pieced together by tarp and shower curtain reminded him of a companion he worked with over the summer. "He'd say, 'I'm a donkey.' It's eye-opening. It's crazy that it's so close," he said.

Nahmias said he hoped the project would show students that these workers "are literally in their own backyards." When setting out to begin his project in the spring of 2002, he immersed himself in the communities, getting to know locals and having them take him around the farms so that he could take photos of their living conditions as migrant workers. Being around these poorer communities was an intense culture shock for Nahmias. "I felt like I was reconnecting with something that was really real and really important but really outside of my comfort zone," he said.

Nahmias brought his experiences and photos to Cal Poly through a workshop and 31 other students worked on bridging the gap between the farm laboring community and the white-collared community. "If you plant that little seed of compassion, anything's possible," Nahmias said.

Bringing Nahmias and his project to Cal Poly was a joint effort by social sciences assistant professor Dr. Stacey Rucas and agribusiness department chair Dr. Wayne Howard along with social science senior Dana Clark, Alyssa Fantini, Wendy Karrer and Sogani Pearson. Together they organized not only bringing the library's photo exhibit and the student workshop but also fundraising for The Fund for Vineyard and Farm Workers, a migrant worker's endowment raised by Brian and Johnnie Talley of Talley Vineyards, a Central Coast winery. At the exhibit's opening gala event on Oct. 2, $375 was raised in donations to support the Talley's fund.

The College of Liberal Arts, the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, the social sciences department and the agribusiness department sponsored the diversity awareness campaign. The exhibit will remain on display until Nov. 30.

"Slanted Light"

By Andrew Tyszko
Does your dating résumé make the cut?

Is it really just the one-night-stand goal that college-aged adults aim for or is it "The Notebook"-esque nonsense that we are really looking for when we agree to go on that blind date, or say yes to that dinner and a movie invitation from our lab partner? The majority of college students would probably say that we really only date for fun, but then why are our peers all around us getting engaged or talking about the future, or thinking about what they’re going to do when they graduate?

Just the other day a girl in one of my classes announced that she had just gotten engaged to a soldier whom she had known for only four months. So, I asked myself this question: do we really date just for fun, or are we subconsciously dating for the bigger picture?

Women have been stereotyped as only dating to marry, but there are just as many girls out there sleeping around as there are men. Whatever the case, I would say that we have definitely adopted a lifestyle that is all about the opposite sex.

More often than not, we carry a mental checklist of the attributes we expect any prospective mate to possess. When he or she doesn’t meet this checklist or maybe only meet one or two of the bullets, it’s then that we decide to just ‘have fun’ or get as much out of them as possible.

It’s as if in the dating world you are a résumé. There are times when I’ve been talking with friends and I nonchalantly imply that a certain boy might be a good match for one of them and they ask, ‘Oh, what’s his major?’ Or they respond, ‘No, he’s not tall enough.’

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Spielberg’s lesser known work earns new recognition

Carrie Rickey

This week acclaimed director Steven Spielberg, maker of "Jurassic Park" and "Schindler’s List," will return to Philadelphia, his boyhood playground, to collect another award for a crowded mantle.

This prize is not for his achievement as a movie storyteller. The Liberty Medal to be given him Thursday by former President Bill Clinton at the National Constitution Center honors the director’s lesser known, but no less sweeping, work as a story collector.

In 1994, Spielberg dedicated profits from "Schindler’s List" to create the Shoah Foundation, which has taken video testimony in 56 nations and 32 languages from survivors of the Nazi and Rwandan campaigns of genocide.

Spielberg’s initiative ensured that the six million European and one million African casualties of bigotry would not be statistics, but inspirations to defenders of liberty.

"To look in the eyes of a Holocaust survivor or a survivor of ... Rwanda makes it immediate, personal and, above all, undeniable," Spielberg, page 8

Oscar-winning director Steven Spielberg will be honored this week for his philanthropic work benefitting survivors of both Nazi and Rwandan genocide.
enough for one! They have as many standards for him as they do a new bag. — So, the color isn't quite right and the strap is a little too short! At a party the other night, I overheard a guy on the phone telling a gal that she and her friends could only come over if the friends were attractive. Now to think this one thing but to verbally announce it is quite another.

Back when the romantic meeting and fairytale ending occurred, these checklists did not exist because love was left to be an adventure. When I sit and hear my granddad tell his story about how he and my grandmother met, how he winked and dined her, it seems surreal because nowadays it's much more difficult to be so open minded.

In those days, then everyone dated to marry. They dated people until they found the one that made them happy, kept traces of their toes and took their breath away. It didn't matter if they weren't absolutely perfect for one another because they knew that no matter what happened or who they ended up with, marriage would take a lot of work.

Now we are all so aware that distance is a part of the checklist that we have to use our checklist to protect us — if a person has all of the attributes on the checklist then there is no way it can go wrong, right?

We've created these barriers that have torn all the fun out of dating and have turned it more into a sleeping around game than what it's supposed to be. We're not saying that the next person who asks you out on a date should want to marry you, but isn't the whole point to find someone that you're compatible to live with and someone who will love you no matter what?

College students shouldn't be disappointed if a potential significant other doesn't measure up to their checklist of goals and physical attributes they've put in place. And in the case of the dating age, they should be required to date someone who isn't the whole, but the point to find someone you're compatible to live with and someone who will love you no matter what.

Caitlin Belsky is a liberal arts junior and Mustang Daily relationship columnist.

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Spielberg, 62, said in an e-mail interview last week.

"These are the stories of terror that fill our hearts, with amazement that anyone could have survived, and with pride that the survivors are willing to share their experiences with the whole world," he wrote.

Spielberg's movies and the oral histories created by the foundation "exploit our sympathy for people who are under some sort of violent pressure," said museum Richard Schickel, who directed a documentary about the filmmaker and philanthropist.

"Spielberg is the first visual artist to join the ranks of the presidents, divas, and revolutionaries who have received the honor before him," said Linda E. Johnson, chief executive officer of the Constitution Center. Winners of the medal, the American equivalent of the Nobel Peace Prize, have included South African President Nelson Mandela, Polish dissident Lech Walesa, and Ugandan Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

The most successful director in history — his movies have made $6.5 billion (not adjusted for inflation) — Spielberg invented the modern blockbuster with "Jaws" (1975) and reinvented the war movie with "Saving Private Ryan" (1998).

Rager Ebert has called him "the complete filmmaker. He can go wide ("Raiders of the Lost Ark"), he can go deep ("Schindler's List"), he can do both at once ("The Color Purple", "Mighty Aphrodite")."

Still, nothing in Spielberg's resume indicated that he could go wide and deep as a benefactor. "Schindler's List," say his friends and associates, was in every way a conversion experience.

"It was as if a great movie deserving of its critical, academic, and box-office acclaim," said Tom Pollock, then head of production at Universal Pictures, which financed the film. "But it clearly changed Steven as a filmmaker. Both during and forever after making this movie, he clearly became proud of his Jewish heritage and spent a very large amount of his time and his fortune in this area."

Directors Martin Scorsese (center) is congratulated by Steven Spielberg for his Best Director Oscar, at an Francis Ford Coppola and George Lucas look on at the, on the 77th Academy Awards, Sunday, February 25, 2007.

Spielberg, "Jurassic Park" novelist Michael Crichton said in 1995, "is arguably the most influential popular artist of the 20th century. And arguably the least understood.

"To better understand the "unpretentious guy in the baseball cap," as Philadelphia lawyer Stephen A. Cohen described Spielberg, know that the filmmaker wears multiple hats. (Cohen's family foundation works with Shaw in collecting testimony from Rwandan survivors.)

Spielberg is "a storyteller, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and social activist," said film scholar Jeanine Basinger, who served with him on the board of the American Film Institute. She likened him to Benjamin Franklin.

Also like Franklin, Spielberg has ties to the regions. He moved to South Jersey the year he turned 3, lived in Camden and Haddon Township, and was fascinated by the dinosaur skeleton at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

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When people find out that I'm an animal rights activist and a vegan, they invariably have questions. "Are your shoes leather?" they often ask. (Answer: "No."") "How can you eat meat?" ("Not a bit.") And, usually, "What's wrong with eating dairy foods?" Cows aren't killed to make milk.

I hope that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' new undercover investigation will put this last question to rest once and for all. Milk, cheese, butter: all come from the bodies of cows. And that's what's wrong with eating dairy foods.

New investigation reveals dairy's disgraceful dark side

Dan Paden

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with a message about the team’s identity and what it is trying to accomplish. Something clicked. The 49ers found their groove in the second half when — get this — even the offense helped out with the scoring. Hill hit Vernon Davis for a 13-yard score, the third touchdown connection in two games for that duo.

Hill also connected with Josh Morgan on a 24-yard pass to give the 49ers a 26-0 lead with 14:14 to play.

It was the first touchdown this season by a 49ers wide receiver. "It was?” Morgan said.

They insist that the offense will eventually have more to offer. For now, the rest of the team is carrying the load. The 49ers are 3-0 in the division for the first time since 2002.

"Let’s keep it going. That’s what we get paid for,” Morgan said. “We’re trying to be a great team, a Super Bowl team, a championship team. I think we’re working toward that.”

Quarterback

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ground, holding Adrian Peterson to 2.2 yards per carry. But none of it mattered.

They couldn’t stop the geriatric wonder, that all-time waffler, Brett Favre.

Favre looked like he did in winning the title all those years ago, running and jumping like a schoolgirl in an anime movie after every touchdown or big play.

If the Vikings don’t go at least 14-2 this year and win the Superbowl, Brad Childress ought to be taken out back and put down. This team is more talented than the undefeated Patriots team of a few years ago.

They have it all, superstars on offense, a dominating defense with a front four that could only seemingly be that big through performance enhancers... oh wait. But I digress.

Green Bay was supposed to be the big challenger to the Vikings for NFC North supremacy. I don’t see anyone competing with Minnesota when they play their best — and unfortunately, most teams won’t even beat them when they’re playing average at best.
Derek Anderson doesn’t seem to be the answer in Cleveland. Anderson has 50.7 passer rating this year.

Are the Browns this year’s Li-ons?

Daniel Brown
SAN FRANCISCO — When teammate Ray McDonald grabbed a fumble and ran it in for a touchdown, 49ers linebacker Manny Lawson said he was thrilled and energized.

Oh, and a little jealous.

"My celebration would have been better than his," Lawson said.

Maybe next week. On Sunday, there were only so many celebrations to be crammed into a 35-0 victory over the St. Louis Rams.

The 49ers hit for the touchdown cycle, reaching the end zone on offense, defense and special teams. It marked the first time the 49ers had pulled off that feat since doing it against the Philadelphia Eagles on Nov. 10, 1997.

More important, the 49ers’ victory capped a trysta against NFC West teams, with the 49ers regaining wins over the Cardinals, Seahawks and Rams to start 3-0 in the division (3-1 overall).

"Our first goal is to win the division, but that’s not our only goal," coach Mike Singletary said. "As we go forward, we want to be one of the best teams in the NFL.

The 49ers get a more formidable opponent next week when the Atlanta Falcons visit Candlestick Park. For now, they were happy simply to wash away the Brett Favre-induced haze of the previous week.

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Linebacker Patrick Willis later added a 23-yard interception return for a score, and McDonald added his 11-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

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