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Cal Poly increases out-of-state recruitment effort

Will Taylor

Cal Poly has increased its efforts to recruit out-of-state students after approximately 1,500 California resident student slots were cut in a decision by the California State University (CSU) system. The move is an effort to recoup some of the lost money and fill the empty space where those in-state students would be.

The CSU system as a whole is applying a 9.5 percent reduction to all of its 23 schools. Cal Poly will be reducing its resident enrollment slots from 15,702 California students to 15,702 because of the budget shortages, following the system-wide percentage.

The empty places open the door for more out-of-state students to get into Cal Poly and the CSU system as a whole (right to nine percent of Cal Poly's students are out-of-state now, according to Cal Poly Admissions).

Out-of-state students pay approximately $3,000 per quarter more than resident students, making their yearly (three quarters) tuition and fee total approximately $15,000. An in-state student pays about $6,000. Resident Californian student tuition is, in effect, subsidized by the state government meaning that the state absorbs the $9,000 per year for each in-state student.

By cutting the state resident enrollment slots, the university prevents itself from losing more funds.

However, a problem occurs because Cal Poly is currently already maintaining (in facilities, faculty and staff) the 17,380 resident students, plus out-of-state students. The result if those slots are left unfilled are empty classrooms, unused equipment and extra faculty.

"Cal Poly is equipped to support the amount of students they have now," ASI President Kelly Griggs said. "We will now have an excess of staff they have around campus to support the current 19,000 plus.

To cover this excess Cal Poly is "putting additional interest in students who show interest in Cal Poly from out-of-state," Provost Robert Kooob said.

Because there are more open slots there are more opportunities for out-of-state students to come to Cal Poly, Kooob said. Cal Poly Admissions has recently added to their efforts to bring out-of-state students to the school.

Admissions accomplishes this goal by what they call the Outreach Recruitment Effort.

James Maraviglia, the assistant vice president of admissions, recruitment and financial aid said that although Cal Poly hasn't hired more staff to assist in the search for out-of-state students that they have increased efforts to bring them here.

"It's a multi-pronged effort to drive diversity and thought as well as maintain an overall size," Maraviglia said. "We'd like to become more of a national draw."

Admissions purchases information about students who have taken the PSAT to target those best suited for the university. This gives them an idea of whether the student has the achievement level and interest level to succeed at Cal Poly. This effort was traditionally limited to the West Coast, but because of the budget shortages, they are now making a national push.

Not only is admissions looking for out-of-state, page 3
Summer

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Wednesdays Associated Students In-
corporated board of directors meeting that a survey would be put together in the near future that would also help to inform the courses offered.

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Later this month, a Chester County, S.C., business owner named Ali Amir-Ardebili will stand trial in Philadelphia for illegally selling fighter-jet engines and parts to Iran. In October, Iran's foreign minister, Manoucher Mottaki, complained to the United Nations that the United States had kidnapped or tried to seize four Iranians, including a man identified only by the last name Ardebili. Those reports focused on reports that some of the men were nuclear scientists. Ardebili is believed to be an engineer and arms dealer; there is no indication that he bought or tried to buy any nuclear-related items, a U.S. official said.

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ministration sophomore, said he didn't expect the program to change to a single concentration. "I didn't like the fact that the program didn't discuss the issue with the students publicly," he said. "The decision came out of nowhere.

Other students were upset but say they understand the situation. "It's a nice privilege to be able to double concentrate in your own major," business administration sophomore Jefk Bischoff said. "I think we should have that privilege but it's unfortunate because of the budget cuts it's not an option anymore."

Students can still take courses to have a double concentration, McKinlay said. "They just aren't guaranteed the classes to fulfill the second concentration."

"Overall it helps students graduate in four years," she said.

Concentrations aren't acknowledged on diplomas, she said. They are only recognized on transcripts, and after full graduation, the COB won't note the second concentration. "Most employers don't understand concentrations," she said. "They want to know what a student's major is and if they have graduated."

Students shouldn't expect the double concentration to come back anytime soon, if at all, Tietje said. "If ever there was to be a financially good time again, there would be other priorities higher than this," he said.

Out-of-state study continued from page 1

to fill budget and student gaps but is trying to attract new and diverse types of students to Cal Poly, Marruviglia said. "This helps us diversify in areas that may be lacking of instate demand," he said. "It attracts a different breath of student. How many kids from California come from a logging and fishing town? Not many."

Griggs said that it is unfortunate that the California government is giving an advantage to out-of-state students and not its residents. "The state is basically saying they can't and won't fund California students," Griggs said. "When (the government) cut the money from the state they are reducing places for California students."

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D.C. Council votes to legalize same-sex marriage

Alexander C. Hart
MCLEAN, VIRGINIA
WASHINGTON — The District of Columbia Council took a major step toward joining New Hampshire, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont and Massachusetts in legalizing same-sex marriage Tuesday, approving the change by a vote of 11 to 2.

Although the outcome was expected from the heavily Democratic city, the move remains controversial because of opposition from socially conservative churches.

"Today's vote is an important victory not only for the gay and lesbian community but for everyone who supports equal rights," said openly gay Council member David Catania, in a statement. "Gay and lesbians bear every burden of citizenship and are entitled to every benefit and protection of the law."  

The most vocal opposition came from the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Archbishop Donald Wuerl warned that legalizing same-sex marriage will force the church's social services arm to scale back its efforts in the city.

"We really don't want to be in a position where you're being asked to abandon one part of our faith to be able to live out the other part," said Susan Gibbs, an archdiocese spokeswoman. "Our goal is to be able to provide the same level of services, but we have to be true to our faith."  

Gibbs said the archdiocese was trying to work out a compromise allowing them to continue receiving city money to help provide social services but exempting them from recognizing same-sex marriages. She said the archdiocese currently had about $18 million to $20 million in city contracts.

The debate over same-sex marriage also revealed a dichotomy in the district's social politics. While about 75 percent of the majority African-American city's registered voters are Democrats, who as a party tend to support same-sex marriage, some of the strongest opposition came from socially conservative African-Americans.

"Same-sex marriage is unbibli­cal," said Pastor George Gilbert Sr., who leads the district's Holy Trinity United Baptist Church. "People of faith can be Democrats while disagreeing with them on some things." The pastor, who spoke at several rallies opposing same-sex marriage, also rejected comparisons between the gay rights movement and the civil rights movement.

"lam an African-American — I was born black," he said. "Gays are not born gay. It's a choice."  

The council's vote Tuesday is not final. The council must vote to see Marriage, page 5

Lawmakers divided over Obama's Afghanistan plan

David Lightman and William Douthit
MCLEAN, VIRGINIA
WASHINGTON — The Obama administration sent what many law­makers saw as vague and sometimes conflicting signals Wednesday about its intentions in Afghanistan, leaving members of Congress unsure how to proceed as they consider a plan to deploy 30,000 more American troops there.

President Barack Obama had said Tuesday night that U.S. troops would begin leaving Afghanistan in July 2011, but under grilling Wednesday at the Senate Armed Services Commit­tee, Defense Secretary Robert Gates suggested that date could change. He said that "we will evaluate ... whether we believe we will be able to meet that objective" when the president and his top aides conduct an official review of the war next December.

While Obama said his troop buildup would last 18 months, Gates said it might last "18 to 24 months." Further, while the president specified 30,000 as the number of additional troops to be sent, U.S. Ambas­sador to Afghanistan, Karl Eikenberry said Wednesday at a news conference, that as many as 35,000 more troops were being deployed.  

On Capitol Hill, no consensus was emerging on how to pay for the plan, which congressional experts estimate will cost around $40 billion a year — $30 billion more than the White House said — or whether it even should go into effect. Congress could block the effort by denying funding, and no action on funding is expected until spring.

The problem, said Rep. Bill Pas­culli, D-N.J., "was we were not asked to do anything last night. After talking to colleagues. Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., a leader of about 70 liberals in the House of Representatives who are skeptical of the U.S. policy on Afghanistan, said he couldn't get a fix on how lawmakers would proceed.  

"Depending on who you talk to, you get different views," he said. Democrats control 258 of 435 seats in the House. When House Armed Services Committee Chair­man Ike Skelton, D-Mo., was asked when he thought consensus on Af­ghanistan might develop in the party, he said, "Sometime, I hopes."  

House and Senate members said they wanted time to study the prop­osal.

"I was sympathetic to what the president said, but I want to hear more," said Rep. William Lacy Clay, D-Mo.

"We need a full debate," McGov­ern said, "I want an out stragy, and I didn't hear one."  

Liberals reported pressure from constituents to scrutinize the plan.

"We go home and we're getting hammered on domestic issues," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn. "It's pretty tope another $30 billion a year for the war is a hard sell."  

Congress could add the money to the fiscal 2010 defense spending bill, which is expected to be considered this month. That's unlikely, though, since Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., the chairman of the Appropriations De­fense Subcommit­tee, said Wednes­day that he didn't like that approach. Murtha, whose support the White House has tried hard to get, has been skeptical that the U.S. can succeed in Afghanistan.

A second alternative, pushed by some House leaders, could be a "war tax," but because of strong Senate op­position, Democratic leaders are say­see Afghanistan, page 6
State
SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — Smoking and chewing tobacco will soon be banned at San Luis Obispo County’s Mission Plaza, city officials decided Tuesday night. The ban could be expanded later to include other outdoor venues.

The item on Tuesday night’s agenda was the ban in parks, but it also applies to Mission Plaza, the nearby downtown creek area and the city’s open space reserves at its edges.

... SACRAMENTO (MCT) — The state put its residents on notice Tuesday: Prepare for the possibility of a fourth year of drought.

Water deliveries from the Delta to two-thirds of Californians could be as low as 5 percent of the contracted totals, the state Department of Water Resources said.

That’s the lowest initial allocation in history.

Granted, it’s early December. Odds are high that the amount of water available will grow, particularly if the promise of a wet El Nino holds true.

Bank of America to repay government $45 billion

Rick Rothacker — wire services

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bank of America on Wednesday evening said it will repay all of its $45 billion in government loans, a move that helps remove the stigma of being a bailout recipient and potentially eliminates a securities offering, the bank said.

The repayment to U.S. taxpayers is expected, it is sent to Congress for passage, which is expected to occur on Dec. 15, and then once again by the House early next week. Congress takes no action to block the law within 30 legislative days, same-sex marriage will become legal.

District politicians are optimistic that Congress will let the legalization of same-sex marriage pass.

“All the indications have been that they won’t do anything,” said Donna McCoy, spokeswoman for D.C. Council Chairman Vincent Gray. “But we thought we’d have voting rights by now, too.”

International

Tokyo (MCT) — U.S. pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc., the world’s largest drug company, plans to enter the Japanese market for generic drugs in 2011, the firm’s Japanese arm said Tuesday.

Israel’s Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., the world’s largest generic drug company, also is expected to begin business operations in Japan in January.

The influx of major foreign firms is thought likely to increase the range and availability of cheap generic drugs in the country.

Pfizer made a large-scale entry into the generic drugs business in the United States in spring, and entered the European generic market in September.

Pakistan (MCT) — As Pakistan’s military fights escalating battles with Islamist extremists and with the country’s civilian government, the country’s journalists, especially those who are critical of the military, are increasingly caught in the crossfire.

An attack last weekend on the home of a prominent Pakistani columnist underscored the growing danger that Pakistan and foreign reporters are facing in Pakistan.

At least five journalists have been killed this year in Pakistan, according to Reporters Without Borders, an advocacy group.

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thought privately that alternative is virtu-
ally dead.

That leaves an emergency war-
funding bill, an approach the White
House had said last April that it
wouldn't use. But Mabry, whose
opponent carries considerable weight
among House Democrats, said he
expected a Pentagon request for such
funding, though he said it probably
would take until well into next year
to get approved.

Obama did get support from mod-
erate Democrats who dominate the
Senate Armed Services Committee.
Even there, though, concerns were
voiced, as numbers head from Gates,
Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and
Adm. Michael Mullen, the chairman
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich.,
said he supported an accelerated
transition to Afghan forces, but he
wondered "whether the rapid de-
ployment of a large number of U.S.
combat forces, without an adequate
number of Afghan security forces for
our troops to partner with, serves the
mission."

While Obama's strategy drew
praise from Republicans, the timeline
he proposed to begin a withdrawal
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In a related flap, former De-
Fence Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld
issued a statement lambasting Obama
for what he called a "foolish announce-
tment." Tuesday night, in
which the president said that the
Bush administration repeatedly
denied commanders' requests for
more troops in Afghanistan.

White House press secretary
Robert Gibbs said Obama was re-
fusing to requests made last year,
when Gates was former President
George W. Bush's defense secre-
ary. "I will let Secretary Rums-
feld explain ... whether he thinks
that the effort in Afghanistan was
sufficiently resourced during his
tenure as secretary of defense," Gibbs
said.

Rumsfeld did approve at least
one such request, for some 2,000
Marines to help safeguard Af-
ghanistan's 2004 presidential and
parliamentary elections. Howev-
er, a recent report by Democrats
on the Senate Foreign Relations
Committee found that he'd re-
jected a 2001 request for addi-
tional troops to block Osama bin
Laden's escape from Afghanistan
into Pakistan.

A senior U.S. military official
said that Rumsfeld also made it
clear to commanders in Afghan-
istan that they shouldn't ask for
more troops, because those service
cmbers were needed to invade
Iraq, while Afghanistan was an "economy of force mission." The
official spoke only on the condi-
tion of anonymity, as he wasn't
authorized to talk to journalists.

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investors and CEO candidates. "It's
much less about the money than
the government oversight," he said.
"Bank of America just wants to get
the monkey off its back."

Nancy Bush, analyst with NAB
Research, cautioned that the repay-
ment didn't signal the end of the
government's intervention in the
bank. "It's good to think that this is
the beginning of their getting out
from under the government's thumb...
but the battle over 'too big to fail' and
whether large banks should be
broken up is going to go on for a
while," she said.

The TARP repayment doesn't
however, give them some breathing
space, Bush said.

"I hope -- I'm not sure -- that
gets them out from under congress-
sional committees and the inquisi-
tion they've been going through," she
said. "Hopefully it will make it
easier for them to pay their peo-
ple. But I still think there's going to be
a lot of scrutiny of executive pay at
places like Citi and Bank of Amer-
ica, whether in TARP or out of
TARP."

As part of the repayment, Bank
of America said it agreed to increase
its equity holdings by $4 billion by
selling assets, actions that need to be
approved by the Board of Coun-
cers of the Federal Reserve and
under contract by June 30. If the as-
set sales are not completed by the
end of 2010, the bank said it has
agreed it would raise capital through
a common share offering.

Repaying the Troubled Asset
 Relief Program will save the com-
pany $3.6 billion in annual dividend
payments, the bank said. To date,
it has paid $2.54 billion in TARP
dividends.

The bank said the repayment is
expected to reduce income avail-
able to common shareholders by
$1.1 billion in the fourth quarter.
That's because the book value of the
government's preferred shares is less
than the amount paid.

Last month, the federal govern-
ment asked the largest banks that still
hold money from the Troubled As-
set Relief Program, including Bank
of America, to submit their plans for
how and when they expect to repay
the money. The banks must show
they can raise money from private
investors and that even without the
TARP money they would still meet
arresting capital requirements that
the government put in place after stress tests in the spring.

In perhaps his last public ap-
pearance in Charlotte as Bank of
America's CEO, Lewis received two
standing ovations from a Charlotte
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“What are your favorite holiday traditions?”

“I like seeing my family, traveling, and relaxing.”
-Dane Larkin, mechanical engineering junior

“I like making gingerbread houses and eating them after because they are delicious.”
-Stephen Scruggs, mechanical engineering sophomore

“Christmas trees, we always go out to a farm and cut one down. I used to always get the biggest ones, but now that I have to carry it I’m more conservative.”
-Ryan Hourigan, mechanical engineering junior

“Christmas lights: we have this whole process. My dad is an engineer so he’s very meticulous with his lights.”
-Brett Snyder, mechanical engineering junior

“We always go to L.A. with family and watch a lot of football and eat a big ham and turkey dinners. I enjoy getting together with the whole family.”
-Gracie Flint, communications studies junior

“Getting together with my family on Christmas Eve and playing the white elephant game.”
-Aly Bonomi, materials engineering junior

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Chamber toured Wednesday but offered little insight into the hunt to find his replacement.

More cheerless than when he first spoke at the Chamber’s annual economic luncheon eight years ago, Lewis, 62, said he doesn’t plan to be CEO next year but that he’s still involved in normal planning duties as the bank’s leader. “I will be CEO until I’m not CEO,” said Lewis, who declined to discuss the search before the luncheon.

Under fire for his Merrill Lynch acquisition, Lewis announced Sept. 30 that he was stepping down at year’s end, but a search committee composed of six directors has yet to name a successor.

The bank has said the board is considering internal and external candidates and that a decision will be made in the “near future.” The bank’s board has a regular meeting on Tuesday. External candidates who have so far rebuffed the board are Citigroup director Mike O’Neill, BlackRock CEO Larry Fink and Bank of New York Mellon CEO Bob Kelly, sources said.

Former Bank of America director Meredith Spangler, who attended the luncheon, said she couldn’t discuss the search. “It’s a big challenge,” said Spangler, who with her husband, C.D. Spangler, is the company’s biggest individual shareholder. “It’s very important for the bank.”
World-renowned glass artist speaks at Spanos Theatre

Kara Dimitriou
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

World-renowned glass artist, Dale Chihuly, spoke about his artwork at the Spanos Theatre last week. Chihuly's glassblowing exhibits and chandeliers can be found in more than 200 museums around the world, including the Louvre.

He is also one of the main contributors of the Studio Glass Movement.

"It's amazing how you're making something that no one has ever seen before," Chihuly said.

Chihuly was born and raised in Tacoma, Wash. His father was a butcher and his mother worked in the garden. After the death of his brother and father, he went off to the College of the Puget Sound and later University of Washington. He traveled to Alaska to be a fisherman for seven months in order to make some money. He also went to Venice to study glass, which became his favorite city.

In 1971, Chihuly founded Pilchuck Glass School in Washington. Now, the school has around 500 students every year, and it has more glass blowing than Venice.

During the event, Chihuly showed five 5-minute video segments on different projects he has worked on over the years; each segment was followed by question and answer sessions.

The first segment consisted of his project in Santajarvi, Finland in 1995. This project was centered on the river. It displayed the various chandeliers he and his team had created.

"I don't decide until just before we start blowing what I want to make, and even then I might change my mind," Chihuly said.

The second segment was from the 1996 project in Venice. This city was chosen for the water and elegant architecture. The third took place at Icicle Creek, two hours from Seattle. He had glass icicles made in Japan, designed for snow and wind. This project also

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University Jazz Bands blend classical and modern styles in fall quarter concert

Leticia Rodriguez

A wide range of jazz styles, student compositions and musical improvisations are just some of the treats the University Jazz Bands hope to entertain students and music lovers with at their quarterly concert tomorrow night.

The concert will feature a mix of classical and contemporary jazz chosen by Paul Rinzler, director of jazz studies, and the student musicians. Some of the composition highlights will include "I've got you under my skin," a song made popular by Frank Sinatra and "Weep," a song composed by jazz saxophonist Michael Brecker. Rinzler said that audiences members should come to the concert expecting to be surprised and to hear great music performed by great musicians.

"Improvis play a large role in jazz, and in this concert a lot of students are going to be improvising," Rinzler said. "Not only do the audience not know what's going to happen, but the musicians don't know what's going to happen in the concert. Hopefully that'll keep everybody on their toes."

In addition to performing pieces composed by known jazz musicians, the bands will also be playing some composed by Rinzler, Cal Poly student Steve Carlton and Gordon All, the brother of trumpet player Justin All, Rinzler's own composition, "Babylonian Holidays," a favorite piece that he has personally written and he is excited to hear it played by the students. Justin expects the concert to be a good show and is excited to play his brother's composition because of its complexity.

"It's actually a very challenging piece," Justin said. "It's kind of a fusion between jazz and funk and there's a lot of time changes that make it very tricky but it's an exciting tune."

While the complexity of the rhythms in this quarter's concert are different, the difficulty of the pieces are similar to what band members have experienced in the past. Trombone player Martiza Spieller will play in her first concert as a member of the University Jazz Band. Spieller said that more than anything, she's excited to play and hear the band play student compositions.

"I'm excited, but I haven't heard them yet," Spieller said. "I'm more excited because jazz is just more fun than classical music. I play trombone so in jazz, trombone gets more attention rather than classical which."

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consisted of a strip heater to melt snow when it was too cold. That weekend it snowed six feet, but the project survived through the winter.

"Not one of the 1,000 pieces broke," Chihuly said.

The forth and fifth segments took place in Jerusalem because it is near the location where glass blowing was first invented. These are two of his most-known exhibitions. Chihuly in the Light of Jerusalem was the first, which consisted of 14 installations with pieces of glass to high at 45 feet tall within the Tower of David Museum. He later returned to Jerusalem to make Wall of Ice. With his team, he created a 6-foot wall with blocks of ice shipped from Alaska and high-lighted with colorful lights.

Chihuly makes sure to give everyone credit that has helped him over the year, everyone had a job and each was needed in order to complete every project.

Spanos Theatre was completely full more than ten minutes before the event started. Several people watched him speak from two small televisions while standing in the waiting room of Spanos.

"It's amazing how many people showed up tonight," agriculture business junior Ellyse Reynolds said. "All the projects he did are beautiful and I didn't realize how much work goes into each piece."

Sophomore Kendal Logan added, "I really enjoyed it, but it was a bummer to wait in the lobby instead of actually seeing him."

To see Chihuly's work and more information about him, visit his Web site at www.chihuly.com.

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is just more chords." Justin said another highlight audiences should anticipate are the three vocalists that will accompany certain pieces. Two vocalists are students and the third is a professional who sang for Frank Sinatra and other notable jazz musicians.

For Cal Poly graduate Mary Thomas, seeing the students perform in general is something she's looking forward to.

"Cal Poly always blows me away, especially in the smaller programs," Thomas said. "Cal Poly students are just always driven so when I'm going to see something, I'm always surprised at how professional it looks and how polished. So I'm sure it'll be like actually going to see the symphony. They're probably really good."

The concert starts at 8 p.m. and will be held at Spanos Theatre. Tickets are on sale now at the Performing Arts Center ticket office. The office is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be purchased at the ticket booth or by phone at 968-7567. Tickets are $10 for the public, $8 for senior citizens and Jazz Federation members and $6 for students.
Senators isn’t the place for ideological debate

In 2005, 19-year-old Jamie Leigh Jones, an employee of a Halliburton subsidiary called KGB, was brutally gang-raped by seven of her fellow employees in Iraq. Jones suffered vaginal lacerations, a torn pectoral muscle, and ruptured breast implants. She will be disfigured for the rest of her life because of this brutal crime. Because of our laws regarding rape crimes, it’s natural to assume that the men were prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and are in jail today. But this isn’t the case.

Because of the fine print in her contract with the Halliburton subsidiary, Jones was limited to pursuing this crime through arbitration. The Department of Justice (DOJ) has never brought any charges against the men who raped her, and the only option Jones has been left with is a civil suit. Jones says that the men who raped her still work at Halliburton, which has contracts with the US government and receives payment by our tax dollars.

Terri Poore, policy chair of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, said of the case, “No survivor of sexual assault should be denied the ability to seek justice.”

Asking a victim to enter into arbitration with someone who raped her or a company that wouldn’t protect her is outrageous and sends a clear message that such violence is simply not taken seriously,” she continued.

The fact that the DOJ has yet to bring charges against the men despite the evidence against them, is definitely an example of the injustice that occurs as a result of inaction by our government, and it should make women all over America and at Cal Poly angry.

In October, Senator Al Franken (D-MN), brought forward an amendment that “would withhold defense contracts from companies like Halliburton if they restrict their employees from taking workplace sexual assault, battery, and discrimination cases to court” according to the Minnesota Post. It passed the Senate 68-30.

What’s interesting is that 30 Republican men voted against the amendment. Why? Well, according to the Minnesota Post article, “Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama... maintained that Franken’s amendment overreached into the private sector and suggested that it violated the due process clause of the U.S. Constitution. Sessions also pointed out that the Department of Defense opposed the amendment.

Really? They and the thirty other Rep­ publican Senators with you are going to use your vote to pro­ vide your ideology of keeping the government and private sector separate, instead of ensuring that women who are raped while they’re doing a job for a company being paid by the government get a chance to face their accusers in the court of law?

That’s what needs to change in politics. Our Senators are in Washing­ ton, D.C. to work on behalf of us—the people. They’re not there to promote and sustain their ideological principles. Al Franken understands this.

And in the end, I don’t think it will be the sleevyscrants of their Tea Party rallies, or the unethical bias of Fox News, or the propa­ ganda and lies from talking heads Eric Cantor and John Boehner over health care reforms that will cripple the Republican Party. It will be their unwavering adherence to an ideology over solid ideas to fix our country’s prob­ lems, and this is a prime example for the history books.

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Old is outdated in respect to oth­ er new promising sources of energy. People still “hit the road” before as­ signed and many of these roads exist today.

—Mr. Lobdell
In response to “BLOG: AB 656 more complicated than at first glance”
Spruce up winter break by volunteering

For many of us, winter entails a month of anticipation and excitement. We kick off the holiday season by giving ourselves a chance to relax and unwind. But for some, the holiday season is also a time of giving back, where we pick some more giving into the holiday spirit. We kick off by making minimum wage and consider Costco samples a dietary staple, volunteering can be one way of contributing to our communities.

This isn't a new idea; I'm sure you've heard it before. Many of the holidays are already underway, and everyone can volunteer sometime during the year. Nearly one-fourth (24 percent) of all college students in California volunteered in 2008, ranking 37th in comparison with other states' college students and just below the national average of 26.3 percent.

If you were already planning on volunteering, consider this: if you haven't, why not sign up to serve food at a shelter or spend some time at a retirement home? The top four volunteer activities in 2008 were fund-raising, collecting and distributing food, teaching and general labor. Not down for all of us? Call around and see what organizations need help. Trust me, the time you spend volunteering will be a highlight of your vacation.

Obama gave flexible plan in Tuesday's speech

Saying that fighting extremism in Afghanistan is vital to American national security, President Barack Obama on Tuesday announced the rapid deployment of 30,000 additional U.S. troops. But what matters most in the president's nationally televised speech from West Point was that he clearly defined the mission and the exit strategy for a conflict that he rightly described as having drifted for the past several years.

Obama's goals: "We must deny al-Qaeda a safe haven. We must reverse the Taliban's momentum and deny it the ability to over­throw the government. And we must strengthen the capacity of Afghanistan's security forces and government, so that they can take lead responsibility for Afghanistan's future."

His plan follows the wishes of his military advisers, though he will rely on the 40 other nations involved there to kick in some of the requested troops. It will create a combined force of about $500,000. While Obama's strategy is sound, his timeline will require an amazing amount of work and more than a little good luck.

His plan states that the troop surge will arrive in Afghanistan within six months, and will set to work on shutting down the Taliban and al-Qaeda in contentious areas, and training Afghan forces. But the plan doesn't leave much time. Obama said U.S. forces will start to leave in 18 months, handing over security to those newly trained Afghan forces.

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Players coming into that program.

That tradition of winning has attracted attention from other schools as well as new players to a squad returning eight starters.

One of those is transfer forward Charles Garcia. The junior is a huge key to Seattle’s team, Callero said. Garcia is posting monstrous numbers this season including 26.6 points and 9.4 rebounds per game. He is considered a high to major NBA prospect, Callero said.

"He has been putting up big numbers, he’s impressive; big body, long arms, good athlete," sophomore forward Jordan Lewis said. "We will execute our game plan and play well, our team defense, physical defense, won’t allow any easy shots."

Lewis has found success on the court this year for the Mustangs. The sophomore has etched his name into the starting lineup, despite seeing limited playing time last year. Lewis is averaging 7.8 points per game this season, but brings much more to the court than just scoring, Callero said.

"Jordan came into this year as an unknown and is (near the top) of our team in minutes," Callero said. "He brings so much basketball IQ to what we do offensively and defensively."

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What you see when you’re just two-to-three inches shorter at these positions, you give great effort, great game-plan, great execution, but guys two-to-three inches taller simply can make shots," Callero said.

Fans will get their first glimpse of this year’s team on Thursday. The Mustangs were 3-12 at Mott Gym last year and senior guard Charles Anderson said the Mustangs need to change that this year.

"It’s the first game our crowd gets to see us play. We just want to come out and excite our fans," he said.
It will be hard getting Al Davis to budge from his beloved Raiders’

Monte Poole
THE CHRONICLE VIDER

The plight of the Raiders was discussed in a recent conversation with one of the team’s former stars. Slinging theories is popular among the broad variety of people who make up the fan base.

Indeed, thousands of fans came together to raise enough cash for a billboard advertisement that went up Tuesday, visible from northbound I-880 above High Street, about a mile south of the Oakland Coliseum. It depicts a Lombardi Trophy, and a plea for the 80-year-old owner and general manager to hire an actual GM.

These fans weeks ago constructed a Web site, msgennal.com, that, along with record-low attendance, makes clear the widespread disgust with the stealthy decline of the franchise. Asking Davis to sell, however, sends a message too easily dismissed.

It is entirely coincidental that this billboard went up two days after it was reported, for the second time since January, that Davis is trying to sell a portion of the Raiders. If Fox Sports reporter Jay Glazer is right, and everything I’ve heard indicates he is, at least 10 percent of the franchise is very available. Davis owns by far the largest percentage of the team.

While there are numerous wealthy shoppers gazing at that mark. The run highlighted the first time in 36 years the Redhawks had four straight winning campaigns. Without their former coach, Seattle (3-3) has gotten off to a solid start, with wins against Utah and Weber State and is not ready to forfeit in its new tradition of winning.

“This is a program and a team that has won the last three or four years, ’’ Calbero said. “Seattle has averaged 19-20 victories per sea- son. They have a lot of confidence.”

Women’s basketball inks two recruits

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