Summer fees increase, classes offered uncertain

Leticia Rodriguez

Summer students will have to pay for themselves 100 percent in order to be registered this year, a change from previous summers.

To support this, Cal Poly and 21 of the 25 California State University (CSU) campuses will shift to a self-support tuition plan. The change to self-support is aimed at helping seniors graduate in a timely fashion and decreasing the number of in-state full-time equivalent students (FTE).

This summer will be the first time Cal Poly will use a self-support plan for summer quarter. Up until 2003, self-support was used by most universities for their summer term until the decision was made by the Chancellor's office to convert summer term to state-support. Continuing education will be marketing the summer quarter because the program is always on a self-support tuition plan and has the financial procedures to make self-support possible. No summer school students will pay college based fees, or state university fees based on the amount of units taken.

In summer 2009, a College of Liberal Arts undergraduate student at Cal Poly taking eight units or less paid a flat rate of $1,064. That one unit student taking eight units in summer 2010 would pay approximately $2,427.11, a $1,363.11 increase from the previous year.

The change to a self-support model means the flat rate of $259 per unit for undergraduate students and $289 per unit for graduate students will extend to in-state, out-of-state and international students. As a result, out-of-state and international students will see a significant decrease in their tuition while in-state students will ultimately pay more depending on the number of units taken.

In summer 2009, a College of Liberal Arts student would pay approximately $2,150.44 for one unit. That same student could now pay approximately $3,551.11 for that same unit of credit.

The ultimate goal is to reduce as many in-state FTE students as possible so that Cal Poly can meet in-state mandated target of approximately 15,702 full-time in-state students (from more than 17,500). The main reason for the universities to shift to self-support is because the state won't fund universities that go over the target number. Since each in-state FTE student's tuition is matched by the state and the state doesn't pay anything for out-of-state or international students, CSUs are emphasizing graduating on time. The self-support tuition plan aims to accomplish just that.

Although there will be a funding change, what courses will be offered is still being strongly considered. Dennis Parks, dean for continuing education and university outreach said the classes offered this summer will be the ones in high demand during the regular school year, classes with a high failure rate, and courses needed for students to graduate. Coriolan Mortara, vice president of student affairs, said at least 20 percent of the classes offered for the summer term will only note one concentration.

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Joe Callero faces a familiar foe Thursday night.

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Glass artist speaks to packed house at Spanos Theatre on Monday.

Cal Poly increases out-of-state recruitment effort

Will Taylor

Cal Poly has increased its efforts to recruit out-of-state students after approximately 1,800 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 reductions to all of its 23 schools. Cal Poly will be reducing its resident enrollment slots from 17,350 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 California 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.

To cut 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 is 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 students."

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

Because there are more open slots there are more opportunities for out-of-state students to come to Cal Poly, Koob 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 are admissions looking for out-of-state, page 3
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Wednesday's 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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"At this point what are we pay-
ing more for? Nothing. We're pay-
ing more for less," Zikratch said. "It's exactly the opposite of what should be happening. We're being punished because the school is suffering. If they
want, in order to get out, they need to give us the resources to get done. I would be willing to pay more if it was guar-
teed the classes."

No student is guaranteed classes, but Parks said that by offering more upper division major classes during summer, students will have a better chance of getting the classes they need to graduate.

Parks said that registration will be
the same and will be done through Cal Poly's normal registering portal.

The only difference is in where the money from tuition will go. In order for ITs to not count against the uni-
terest. tuition money will be class-
like in what Cal U calls "self-support" is opposed to "state-support."

"Because we don't have a historic
track record here of running summer
in software, we had to basically
gate to pass square fine and say, 'It takes us more time to do it, so it has as
Little impact as possible on students.'"

"So that we can help the university meet its target, so that we
can help students graduate faster, be-
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able to reduce their numbers, this was
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source declined to name the Euro-

pean nation involved, but another source confirmed that it was Geor-
gia and that the sting operation took

place in the capital of Tbilisi.

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Lawmakers divided over Obama's Afghanistan plan

Thursday, December 3, 2009

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

Alexander C. Hart

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 that the law allows."

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 abandon one part of its faith 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 unhilith­
" said Pastor George Gilbert Sr., who leads the district's Holy Trini­
ty United Baptist Church. "People of faith can be Christians 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.

"I am 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

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What's next in Afghanistan

President Barack Obama has ordered 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan and says some forces will begin withdrawing in July 2011.

U.S. troop levels

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David Lightman and William Dugan

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration sent what many lawmakers saw as vague and sometimes confusing 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 that U.S. troops would begin leaving Afghanistan in July 2011, but after grilling/Wednesday at the Senate Armed Services Commit­
tee, 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. Ambas­
dor 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 — $50 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 Pas­
cell, 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 headed 281 of 435 seats in the House. When House Armed Services Committee Chair­
man Ike Skelton, D-Mo., was asked when he thought consensus on Af­
ghanistan might develop in the party, he said, "Sometime, I hope."

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," McGov­
er said. "I want an out strangle, 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. Janice Hahn, D-Calif. "To jus­
tify 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 De­
fense Subcommittee, said Wednes­
day 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 sur­
tax," but because of strong Senate op­position, Democratic leaders are say­

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Charts show the trend in the number of U.S. troops in Afghan­
istan and the war's funding since 2001 and highlights Obama's speech on troop buildup.
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 drives the bank toward profitability.

The bank indicated that it has the right capital structure to help support its operations.

The repayment to U.S. taxpayers will be made after the completion of a securities offering, the bank said. Shareholders will be asked at a meeting on the final total compensation and other executives' compensation payments means Bank of America is freed from executive compensation requirements imposed by pay czar Neel Kashkari.

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 in its request on Nov. 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.

The state has the lowest initial allocation in history.

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ing 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 see. But Mamba, 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 members heard 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
disturbed many of them.

“We don’t want to sound an un­
certain trumpet to our friends in the
region,” said Sen. John McCain, R-
Ariz., Obama’s 2008 presidential op­
oponent.

Gates explained that the July 2011
date was selected because it will be
two years after the Marines went into
Afghanistan’s Helmand province in an
aggressive push last summer.

“I think it’s the judgment of all of us... that we would be in a posi­
tion, particularly in uncontested ar­
 eas, where we would be able to begin
that transition,” he said.

Gates also stressed that a time­
line is needed to “build a fire" under
the Afghan government to step up and take charge of its country’s fate and not be de­
pendent on U.S. forces. He conceded
that the other audience for the time­
line is “the American people, who are weary after eight years of war.”

In a related flap, former De­
cense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld,
pictured above with troops in 2006, is among those who
think President Obama is wrong in requesting additional troops.

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inators and CEO candidates. “It’s
much less about the money than the
government oversight,” he said.

Bank of America just wants to get the
monkeys off its back,” he said.

Nancy Bush, analyst with NAB
Research, cautioned that the repay­
moment 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 does, how­
ter, give them some breathing space, Bush said.

“I hope — I’m not sure — it 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 people.

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 Gov­
ers of the Federal Reserve and
under contract by June 30. If the as­
et sale is not completed by the end of
2016, the bank said it had agreed it
would raise capital through a common stock offering.

Repaying the Troubled Asset Relief Program will save the com­
pany $6.6 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 quar­
ter. That’s because the book value of the government’s preferred shares is lower 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 stringent 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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WORD ON THE STREET

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

“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

“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 Bonomini, materials engineering junior

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

More shout-hailed 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.” said Lewis, who declined to discuss the search before the luncheon.

Under the for his Merrill Lynch acquiror, 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 refuted 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.”

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World-renown glass artist speaks at Spanos Theatre

Kara Dimitriou

World-renown glass artist, Dale Chihuly spoke about his artwork at the Spanos Theatre last week. Chihuly's glassblowing exhibitions 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 1977, 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 Santorini, Greece in 2008. 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 chandeliers 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  
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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 Rinzel, director of jazz studies, and the student musicians. Some of the composition highlights will include "You've got your hands on your skin," a song made popular by Frank Sinatra and "Peep," a song composed by jazz composer Michael Brecker. Rinzel said that audiences should come to the concert expecting to be surprised and to hear great music performed by great musicians.

"Improvis plays a large role in jazz, and in this concert a lot of students are going to be improvising," Rinzel said. "Not only do the audiences 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 Rinzel. Cal Poly student Steve Carlton and Gordon Ait, the brother of trumpet player Justin Ait, Rinzel's own composition, "Babylonian Holiday," is his 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 Maritza Spiealler will play in her first concert as a member of the University Jazz Band. Spiealler 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," Spiealler said. "I'm just excited because jazz is just more fun than classical music. I play trombone so in jazz, trombone gets more attention rather than classical which is more..."

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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 as high as 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 Moscow.

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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 in Spanos Theater. 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 986-7566. Tickets are $10 for the public, $8 for senior citizens and Jazz Federation members and $6 for students.
Senate isn't the place for ideological debate

In 2005, 19-year-old Jamie Leigh Jones, an employee of a Halliburton subsidiary called KBR, 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 U.S. 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."

A victim is able 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? You and the thirty other Re­publican Senators with you are going to use your vote to pro­tect 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 Washing­ton, 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 siloconstructs of their Tea Party rallies, or the unethical bias of Fox News, or the propaganda 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 prob­lems, and this is a prime example for the history books.

Stephanie England is an English major and Mustang Daily political columnist.

Oil is outdated in respect to other­wise promising sources of energy. People still "hit the road" before as­suming to ilo with economics and profits for ideological debate. Whether we have 30 or 50% of the roads like that, we're not going to pay the extra cost of organic food."
Spruce up winter break by volunteering

For many of us, winter entails a month of anticipation and exhaustion. We kick off the holiday season by stuffing ourselves at a Thanksgiving, where we pick some more stores in the middle of night for giving table, then flock to the ration. We kick oft'the holiday sea-day paraphernalia in stores and to music, to be surrounded by holiday paraphernalia. We're accustomed to getting our fragile limbs. Brightly hanging ornaments on trees, stringing up lights and carefully hanging ornaments on our delicate limbs. Brightly wrapped packages, Advent calendars packed with miniature chocolates and stockings so full they require sturdy holders to keep them on the mantle. We look forward to a Christmas dinner surrounded by family. These traditions are the norm for us. But for millions nationwide, that may not be the case. The U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey reported data that an estimated 13.2 percent of the U.S. population lived below the poverty line in 2008; in California, it was 13 to 15.9 percent.

Katie Miltenberg is a journalist and Mustang Daily reporter.

Obama gave flexible plan in Tuesday’s speech

Obama’s expectation will require a less corrupt and better functioning Afghanistan, if it is to double in military strength so quickly. It’s an ambitious goal.

Obama’s policy has wiggled room. Decisions will be guided by facts on the ground. And he wisely calmed nerves in Pakistan by promising that America would remain a strong ally, a relationship based on "mutual interests, mutual respect and mutual trust." The president’s speech bore the promise for the world. He explained that the United States did not want this war, and does not want to occupy Afghanistan, or any nation. The United States does not seek world domination, but bears the cost for world peace.

“What we have fought for, and what we will continue to fight for is a better future for our children and grandchildren, and we believe that their lives will be better if other people’s children and grandchildren can live in freedom and access opportunity.”

But Obama’s policy is clearly aimed at getting the United States out of Afghanistan. He correctly rejected an open-ended mission "because it sets goals that are beyond cause it sets goals that are beyond what we can achieve at a reasonable cost, and what we need to secure our interests.” Instead, he focused on American interests, as he should have. This nation is just completing its deadliest year in Afghanistan — a country that defies easy answers. Obama’s pragmatic approach seeks the best and quickest conclusion.
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ogation last year. "She's a true point guard, someone who all the Pac-10 teams want," Mimnaugh said.

Two years ago, Elegado averaged 8.8 points, 2.4 steals and a team-best 3.9 assists per game for the Toreros, who finished 26-6, captured the Coast League title with a 8-0 mark and finished as CIF Division IV state runners-up. As a freshman during the 2006-07 campaign, Elegado assisted La Jolla Country Day School to a 24-5 record, a 7-1 Coastal League title mark and a place in the CIF Division IV Southern California championship contest.

"Ariana has incredible skills and a desire to win. Her rare ability to see the play before it happens is what separates her from the ordinary point guard," Mimnaugh added. "Any team Ariana leads will be a championship contender because of her unselfish play. She has the guts to take the big shot."

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It will be hard getting Al Davis to budge from his beloved Raiders'

Monte Poole

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 distinguished alumni, nearly all of whom have one. But I'd never heard anyone express his so baldly.

"I hate to say it, because the old man is a legend," the former player said. "But I think we're going to be like this as long as he's around to run things. And I really don't see him giving that up."

The conventional thinking is that Al Davis never will sell the Raiders, for they are his life's passion. That's the feeling among ex-players, former employees and 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, messengosal.com, that, along with record-low attendance, makes clear the widespread disgust with the steady 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," Callero said. "(Seattle) has averaged 19-20 victories per season. They have a lot of confidence in their talents and in the game."