Candlelight vigil for Haiti tonight

Anicea Ayler
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A candlelight vigil for the crisis in Haiti will be held tonight at 7:30 on Do- tor Lawn. Raise the Respect, a Cal Poly Student Community Services program, is hosting the event to raise money for those who fell victim to the 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti that occurred Jan. 12.

The event will allow students to express their support for the Haitians, said Joy Harkins, a program coordinator of Student Life and Leadership. "I think a lot of students are looking for ways to show their support," Harkins said. "The Student Community Center is looking for ways to help the students to act locally."

The vigil features various speakers supporting and honoring the innumerable suffering Haitians with a reading or a poem. Meenal John Honora, a native Haitian and a civil engineering junior, will talk about his family and friends as they deal with the ongoing disaster. Molly Roach, a child development junior, will share a reading on behalf of former student, Jack Strumter, who was present during the earthquake. Megan McIntyre, an industrial engineering sophomore, will be performing slam poetry.

"Help Haiti Now!" merchandise will be sold, including buttons, bags and pins will be given to those who donate. All donations and proceeds will go toward an organization aiding Haiti to be determined.

"We hope that students can show their support in some way, either by spreading the word or giving a donation," Harkins said.

Co-director of Raise the Respect, Lauren Herrera, an industrial engineering senior, remains optimistic about the situation in Haiti. "It's tragic that this earthquake happened and so many lives have been taken, but in some respects, it's a chance for students to come together and help,

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Educational tax credit expanded

Megan Hassler
MUSTANG DAILY

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the federal government has announced an expansion of an existing educational tax credit. The credit was announced this month by the California State University system to inform students and parents that they may be eligible. This change is for tax years 2009 and 2010. The American Opportunity Tax credit (AOC) was created by the stimulus plan. This was an expansion of the existing credit, which was introduced in 1997. After an increase of the Hope credit last year from $1,650 to $1,800, it has now been raised to a maximum of $2,500. Other changes from the Hope credit to the AOC is that the first four years of post-secondary education, rather than just the first two, can be covered. Although the credit now includes the first four years of higher education, the expansion of the credit is only for two years. After 2010, students can apply for the lifetime learning credit. To apply for this, a student must be enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution and be paying the qualified tuition and fees. The applicable fees have been expanded to include textbooks; however, this is not the only expense that can be claimed under the AOC. The qualified expenses have also been expanded to include books, supplies and equipment that are needed for education as well as the tuition and fees the old credit included before. At Cal Poly, students spend hundreds of dollars on textbooks every quarter. Some students can spend as much as $500 per quarter. Depending on a student's field of study, their books can cost more.

Biology sciences senior Sabina Gill says she spends an average of

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Former ambassador addresses students regarding economy

Former U.S. ambassador to Australia Bill Lane spoke to students Tuesday morning about economic challenges.

Patrick Leiva
MUSTANG DAILY

Bill Lane, former U.S. ambassador to Australia, spoke to Cal Poly students yesterday in the University regarding challenges students face in the current state of the economy.

Lan said new opportunities were arising all the time for student employment, saying he wanted to encourage students worried about their future employment. Too much of today's media is focused on the negative and students should remain open-minded with their options that come along, he added.

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Prof awarded for architecture studio

Mikaela Akuna
MUSTANG DAILY

A Cal Poly professor recently won the Creative Achievement Award from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) for his work and development of the Collaborative Integrative-Interdisciplinary Digital-Design Studio (CIDS) on campus.

Professor Thomas Fowler began work on expanding the studio in 2000 from what had been nothing more than a computer lab since its start in 1997. He wanted to grow the CIDS program on a large scale. Now, room 207 in the Architecture and Environmental Design building acts as a type of home base where Fowler can meet with CIDS students to discuss projects they may be working on.

"I had the idea of evolving the computer lab and integrating community projects into the course work. I feel strongly about the students I teach being involved in real projects with design and building. It's an important part of learning," Fowler said.

CIDS is an integrative program that allows junior, senior, independent study and work study students to work on projects.

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A s students from other disciplines to teach students how to work in teams, give "live" students a s well as studio participants, I was impressed by the idea and learned to work well in teams," Fowler said.

The CID students have been involved with several projects around the community. A past team of more than 100 built an inflatable structure out of a quarter mile of plastic. The structure acted as a nomadic theater and has been used to display in front of the Architecture building.

"It's more than just a theater," Fowler said. "I always tell my students that they need to find ways to present what they're doing in an artistic way. They need to find a way to tell their stories in a compelling manner so that anyone of any discipline can understand and appreciate it."

On receiving the award, Fowler said that he submitted a portfolio to ACSA of projects that had been done by the group over the years, along with an updated resume. He said that although confident, his expectations weren't high since most programs, no matter how outstanding, don't generally get a response.

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Landon added that too many people expect what they want out of life and now which hinders their ability for success. He said that he came away smiling and with a sense of American pride following Lane's speech.

The presentation was sponsored by the Student Awards Committee. The Robert E. Kennedy Library will be located in the Robert E. Kennedy Library.

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who volunteer their time to share experiences with Cal Poly students. There are 11 members who serve on the leadership council for the program. Lane said he was honored to be associated with a program of executives who impart their know­ledge with students.

A group of around 50 people, in­cluding students and other executive partners, attended the event. One of the most interested students was environment­al management and pro­tection senior Lucas Rossmeyer. He said he was interested in the international perspective, the personal stories, and the professional work that the people worked in the field.

The current issue in Haiti as well as the current issue in the United States is now directly aiding the devastated country. In addition, there is a collection bin for shoes, meals, and milk, as well as for other students and staff.

The tent was sponsored by the Executive Partners Program through the Olds College of Business at Cal Poly. The program represents an organization of senior executives and college administrators

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$300 per quarter and when taking classes in the summer, her textbook expenses for the year can reach as high as $1,200. This new credit will allow some eli­gible students, or their parents, to claim these expenditures for federal income tax credit.

If the student is claimed as a dependent on their parent's taxes, then the parent must claim the credit. "My dad pays for my books," psychology senior Kaitlyn Pank says. "The most profound message that I want students to understand is that you need to take advantage of the opportunities that you have to take advantage of," Landon said.

Landon concluded by saying that those who vote need to have different attitudes and perspectives and the greatest rewards in life come from what people choose to give.
Obama to emphasize jobs, economy in State of the Union

Margaret Talev and Steven R. Horsley

WASHINGTON — The Barack Obama who will deliver the State of the Union address Wednesday night faces a grimmer, more dubious audience than the popular new president who was riding high when he first addressed Congress last February did.

Then, Obama was celebrating the passage of a $787 billion economic stimulus and expecting Democrats soon to control 60 seats in the Senate, enough to fend off Republican filibusters and allow passage of a massive overhaul of the American health care system.

Now he labors under 10 percent unemployment and an 84 percent job approval rating in the latest Gallup tracking poll. The stimulus' true cost is now projected at $862 billion, and no health care overhaul has passed yet. The Democrats lost their slam-dunk Senate supermajority when Republicans moved again, "The number one issue by far is jobs and the economy," said Cliff Young, a pollster at Ipsos Public Affairs. "People are worried about their pocketbooks. Foreign policy is still on the radar, but it's way down on the list. It's domestic issues." Obama needs to be empathetic about people's problems and offer concrete solutions that don't sound empty, the experts say. Without promising, Young said, "There's a malaise, a sense that the government has not been able to get this thing done."

"We're in a tough economy," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Tuesday. "The president also is likely to underscore his commitment to a "health care bill, but to put it in the context of how it will serve the nation's economic well-being."

"If you want to accomplish anything, you have to first explain how you're going to do it. You can't just say, 'I understand the voters who are unhappy and I agree with them, I can see why they're unhappy.' That's one of the most potent ways of showing an audience you're a credible person, is to admit the other side has a point," Lehrman said.

"On the other hand, he can't say, 'So I'm abandoning all the things I wanted to do.' He has to say, 'I will keep fighting for the things I care about,'" Blankenhorn testified that he later worked as a community activist in low-income neighborhoods in Massachusetts and Virginia, where he became interested in the history of labor unions. After testifying that marriage was designed for two heterosexual partners to bear and raise children, Blankenhorn said he decided during the last two years to support domestic partnerships for gays and lesbians as a "human compromise." He also can take credit for containing the economic crisis.

"Like past presidents, Obama is expected to touch on a list of issues before him, among them: Sending more troops to war in Afghanistan — or not; Dealing with terrorist threats on U.S. soil; Assisting Haiti after the earthquake; Improving education; Addressing issues important to his Democratic base that so far have had to wait, such as immigration, carbon emissions and gay rights."

"This is not his time to talk about all of these things. His dilemma is that the economy is much worse than it was on the day he took office," said Darrell West, an expert on governance at the Brookings Institution in Washington. "He needs both of them to be successful."
Saab sold, Ford hiring, GM building electric engines

Jerry Hirsh

LOS ANGELES — More signs emerged Tuesday that the auto industry is recovering from its deep downturn, including the sale of the Swedish upscale car brand Saab. Ford Motor Co. said it will hire an additional 1,200 workers, as its General Motors Co. announced a big investment in manufacturing electric vehicles.

And sportscar maker Spyker Cars announced Tuesday that it will acquire Saab from General Motors. As part of the agreement, Spyker said it will form a new company, Saab Spyker Automobiles, which will continue the Saab brand.

"Today's announcement is great news for Saab employees, dealers and suppliers, great news for millions of Saab customers and fans worldwide, and great news for GM," John Smith, GM's vice president for corporate planning and alliances said in a statement.

Ford said it will invest $400 million in a Chicago factory and will hire 1,200 workers to staff a new shift at the site, where the automaker will produce the next-generation Ford Explorer later this year.

"The Ford announcement is highly meaningful. Ford is in the middle of a record number of new product launches. They are scheduling a 135 percent increase in production over last year in the first quarter in North American production," said Sean McAlinden, chief economist for the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He noted that the Chicago announcement might mean the hiring of hundreds of "new entry" workers that cost half the hourly rate that hundreds of "new entry" work

GM finds buyer for Saab

Spyker, a Dutch company that makes high-end sports cars, has struck a deal with General Motors to buy the Swedish automaker Saab.

**The deal**

- Spyker will give GM $74 million in cash.
- $25 million in preferred shares of new company Saab-Spyker
- Deal depends on $66 million European Investment Bank loan
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"It was a concession the United Auto Workers union made to get Ford to hire workers and not be at a cost disadvantage compared with the other companies," Omotoso said. He expects there will be plenty of applic

**Saab**

- Founded 1937
- Zeewolde, Netherlands
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- 110 Employees 3,400
- GM will provide vehicles and parts to Saab-Spyker for "an extended period"

"We think the Saab-Spyker deal is a win-win for Saab employees, dealers and Spyker, and a win-win for GM, too," Omotoso said. "GM will give Spyker a 10-year supply of vehicles and parts, and Spyker will give GM a 10-year supply of European vehicles and parts.

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L.A. Council votes no on medical marijuana

John Hosefelf
City Hall Reporter

LOS ANGELES — In a 9-3 vote, the Los Angeles City Council on Tuesday gave its final approval to an ordinance that will shut down hundreds of medical marijuana dispensaries and impose strict rules on the location and operation of the dispensaries that are allowed.

The measure passed quickly, with-out debate.

The ordinance, which the counsel first began discussing more than 4 years ago, will cap the number of dispensaries at 70 but make an exception to allow all those that registered with the city in 2007 and have remained open. City officials believe that number is around 150.

Hundreds of dispensaries have opened in Los Angeles as the City Council debated its proposed ordinance and failed to enforce a moratorium on new dispensaries. City officials believe there are more than 500 that will be required to close under the ordinance, but some are already preparing to sue the city and collect signatures to force a referendum on the ordinance.

The ordinance also requires dispensary owners to build at least $1,000 feet from other dispensaries and so-called sensitive uses, such as schools, parks and libraries. Among other restrictions, dispensaries will be required to close at 8 p.m. and will not be permitted to allow marijuana use at the stores.

The ordinance will not take effect until after Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa signs it and the City Council approves the fees that dispensaries will have to pay to cover the city’s cost of monitoring. City officials are studying those costs and expect to propose the fees soon.

Once the ordinance is in place, the city attorney’s office will send letters to affected landlords and dispensary operators telling them that they must close immediately. If the dispensaries remain open, the city attorney’s office will likely take them to court.

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Activist to speak on undocumented immigrant education

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Undocumented immigrant activist Dr. Paz Maya Oliverez will speak in Vista Grande Cafe Thursday at 7:30 a.m. as part of Cal Poly's Provocative Perspectives series. Oliverez is the executive director and founder of Futuros Educational Services, a non-profit organization that provides mentoring and scholarships to low-income and immigrant students.

One-fourth of the nation's undocumented immigrants reside in California, constituting 8 percent of the population, Oliverez said. Yet, undocumented students who have excelled academically in high school, but who are not legal residents, are ineligible for financial aid. The financial restriction is a barrier for students, through no fault of their own. They have no path to citizenship or success, Oliverez said.

"A lot of times the assumption is that these kids are unready to go to college," Oliverez said. "Now folks are realizing some of these kids are high school valedictorians. Oliverez lectures as a part of the Provocative Perspectives series. The series has been at Cal Poly for seven years, and brings a broad cross section of experts to speak about their thoughts and ideas on current and controversial issues that can affect Cal Poly students, faculty and staff, said Cornell Morton, Cal Poly vice president for academic affairs.

"The primary purpose of the series is to support and encourage campus-wide dialogue on issues related to student success, intellectual freedom and diversity," Morton said.

Oliverez' presentation will focus on student success with immigration reform. She first got involved in education as a K-12 teacher. As an undergraduate at the University of California, Santa Cruz in the late '90s, she found that even as a teacher she could have an impact. While teaching, she saw a lot of systemic issues that motivated her to pursue educational policy, she said.

"The school I worked in at the time was extremely dysfunctional and the students in the community were not receiving the quality of education they should," Oliverez said. In 2008, Oliverez founded Futuros Educational Services. She said she was motivated to start her non-profit because she thought there wasn't any organization that focused on the needs of undocumented students.

"Our goal is to focus on that specific population because we know they have a very specific set of needs," she said.

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movie column

"The Book of Eli" puts too much faith in visuals

The Book of Eli [2010]

Director: Albert and Allen Hughes  
Starring: Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Milla Kunis, Jennifer Beals, Ray Stevenson, Tom Waits, Michael Gambon

Let me start off this review by saying that "The Book of Eli" is indeed, in many ways, watchable. That being said, the process of watching the film is not an entirely enjoyable experience. Yes, the action is impressive. Yes, the visuals are engaging. No, the story isn't good. The Hughes brothers' first directorial effort since their underrated 2001 thriller, "From Hell," "The Book of Eli" is a film that does a great job of grabbing your attention, but also succeeds in losing it.

The story centers around a lone-wanderer named Eli portrayed marvelously by Denzel Washington, traveling on foot toward the west coast of the United States, 31 years after an apocalyptic event. He carries with him what seems to be the only existing copy left of the Bible, and he has made it his mission to protect it. Along the way he demonstrates uncanny survival and fighting skills, hoarding wildlife and manipulating a group of highway thugs who try to ambush him. Eli is a skilled hand with knives, guns and martial arts. One look at the environment that he lives in—a desolate land reminiscent of George Miller's landscapes in the "Mad Max" film series— and it's obvious that one must adapt or die.

The Hughes brothers filmed this movie predominantly with shades of brown, blue, grey and black. They have created a depressing world where comfort is rare, and more importantly, water is gold.

While watching the movie, you begin to think that Denzel's reason for entering the obviously dangerous and unwelcoming community is... get see "Eli," page 8

Denzel Washington protects the last copy of the Bible in "The Book of Eli."

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students aren't eligible for financial aid. With funds, Futures is able to offer scholarships, application assistance, and become a valuable resource for on-campus and off-campus groups. Besides establishing Futures, Oliveira has also been instrumental in developing AB 540, The College and Financial Aid Guide for Undocumented Immigrant Students. AB 540 qualifies undocumented students to be exempt from paying significantly high out-of-state tuition at public colleges and universities in California. Where the law was a big step in terms of accessibility, in-state college tuition is still thousands of dollars.

"Although students have greater access than they did, it is still really tough," Oliveira said.

To address the plight of undocumented students where AB 540 lacks, Congress must enact the DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act goes forward, she said. The act provides access to financial aid and a thoughtfully mapped-out path to citizenship for qualified students.

One such student affected by these laws is Nancy Guarneros. Guarneros didn’t find out until her senior year of high school when she went to apply for her driver’s license that she was an undocumented immigrant. Her mom was reluctant to tell her that she brought her over from Mexico when she was 8 months old. She hasn’t been to Mexico since.

Guarneros first met Oliveira at an AB 540 conference in 2005. At the end of her presentation, Oliveira gave her contact information.

"I didn’t really call her, she was so nice," Guarneros said. "We met up at a coffee shop, she helped me apply for scholarships and to transfer schools."

Guarneros has now graduated with honors from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Because she is in the country illegally she couldn’t legally work while attending UCLA. She paid her tuition through tutoring and babysitting. Guarneros is currently in her masters program at UCLA.

"I feel like I wouldn’t have gotten as far as I have without (Oliveira’s) support and help," she said.

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ready ... to charge his iPad. That’s right, an iPad. While you can give the writers credit for trying something unexpected and new, it ultimately works against what previously was an enthralling plot.

The town is ruled hardly by a new kid on the block, Gabe. Gabe, who ensures the obedience of his followers with the promise of a consolation prize, is played by legendary master of the craft, Gary Oldman (“The Dark Knight,” “Harry Potter”). Oldman, being denied even a single Oscar nomination in his long and outstanding career, is in my opinion the most underappreciated actor in cinematic history.

Just take a look at his filmography and you’ll be quick to see that he has had major parts in an unbelievable large number of praised films, further cementing his status as arguably the greatest character actor of our time, with this latest role.

Carnegie is an abused wife, or more accurately an abused concubine, named Claudia Jiménez Bals.

Claudia’s daughter Sofia, played by Mia Runin (“Forgetting Sarah Marshall” “Extra”), later serves as Eli’s sidekick, who’s only wish is to take revenge on the man who has mentally and physically destroyed her mother. Carnegie needs Eli because he wishes to be in control of The Bible so that he would be able to expand and rule many more towns.

The Hughes brothers have a direction and dramatic way with imagery in this film, as seen in their other film like the before mentioned “Trainwreck” and career launching 1993 urban drama “Menace II Society.” The film definitely looks good, and the performances delivered from Washington and Oldman do enough to keep the film from being the ever other played out post-apocalyptic blockbuster.

Some people will like this film, some will love this film and many will most definitely hate this film. I personally am caught between hate and like, and will most likely be viewing the movie at least one more time.

Alex Peterson is a biological sciences sophomore and Mustang Daily movie columnist.

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The fire has faded when it comes to workable health care reform

Health care reform appears to be the only concern in Washington these days. In the words of Rep. John Lencz, D-Denn., "The important thing for us now is to close ranks behind the president and get a bill done."

First there was the race to get it through the House, where it passed by a margin of two votes. Then, with fears arising that it would not pass, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid started buying the votes of some of their fellow Democrats to secure the bill's passage prior to Christmas Day.

And the pressure only seems to build.

Now in final negotiations, Obama and congressional Democrats have officially excluded Republicans in order to work out the differences of the two versions without unnecessary resistance. What once happened to democracy? Where is the bipartisanship that Obama promised during his campaign?

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi keeps telling the American people that they are getting closer and closer to passing a bill, but at what cost? Why is Congress expediting a bill that has the potential to determine the health and financial wellbeing for years to come? One cannot even begin to comprehend the full implications of such a reform policy, especially in the period of a few months. Congress is rushing for the sake of rushing.

Further, the political administration and key Democratic players decided against allowing C-SPAN to tape any of the negotiations. This undoubtedly begs the question: What do these leaders have to hide? How can leaders from the American people be directly affected by the bill, and should be able to witness these negotiations.

I can say with complete confidence that most college students would prefer staring at a microwave to actually watching C-SPAN, but we should at least be able to hear about what goes on behind those closed doors. Back in the initial forums and town hall meetings, the American people actually had a voice on this critical matter. Why the sudden secrecy, especially when the final details are being negotiated? Where is our first amendment right to free speech when American leaders are so busy talking in private?

The Obama administration and Democratic leaders obviously do not want us to know about the political deals made within the chamber, as they are solely concerned with getting the bill passed. Without it passing, this is mass suicide, and it would be tragic to the administration if any momentum were lost in the bipartisanship negotiations.

Well, sorry for the inconvenience, but the health care of our nation and the prosperity of our economy are at stake here. Congress needs to take a step back and think about the millions of Americans affected by this bill.

"If we were struggling and making the bill worse with a 60-vote Senate majority, I don't know how we're to be better with 59 Republican votes."

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"I WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE AFTER AN ASTONISHING CONVERSATION"
Jackson at two previous stops, at the Falcons headquarters. "That's my role. I'm hired as the offensive coordinator, and I'll be the primary play-caller," Jackson told Ravens, adding that they work closely in conjunction with the counseling, as well as the Health Center.

As club sports athletes, on the other hand, generally go to the Health Center, or off-campus providers such as San Luis Club Therapy. When there is no strict protocol for deciding if a player will be benched, "We're always going to opt to get the athlete," said Davis. "They need a lot of these decisions to the training room.

Financial consideration does not change on account of being unable to play. "You don't have scholarship for being injured. That's not the fault of the athlete," Korytoski said.

Oakland Raiders name Hue Jackson offensive coordinator

Steve Corkran

The Oakland Raiders hired Hue Jackson as their offensive coordinator Tuesday in a move that strips Coach Tom Cable of his play-calling duties. The Raiders are now one person experienced at developing young quarterbacks.

Cable went without an offensive coordinator last season, his first as the full-time coach, because of his preference for calling plays. Ted Tolliver was the passing game coordinator.

The Raiders confirmed Jackson's hiring in a brief news release. However, they did not make Jackson available for comment or provide much feedback from Cable on the hiring.

"I'm hired as the offensive coordinator, and I'll be the primary play-caller," Jackson said to Ravens.com as he packed his staff at Raiders headquarters. "That's my role. It's a chance to go out and assist the head coach and be the best offensive coordinator we can be."

Jackson, Baltimore's quarterback coach the past two seasons, interacted with Baltimore managing general partner AI Davis last week. Cable did not sit in on the interview.

However, Cable worked with Jackson at two previous stops, at Cal State Fullerton and at California.

"I think I have some good conversations, but I spent most of my time talking with Mr. Davis," Jackson said. "What a man. He's one of the guys in this profession that you would like to have an opportunity to sit down and talk with, let alone work for. My conversations with him led me there. Hopefully, things will work as planned, and I think we're capable of doing it."

Jackson's hiring bodes well for Cable sticking around as Raiders coach next season. Raiders senior executive John Herrera said Tuesday that Davis still is evaluating Cable's status.

Cable is scheduled to represent the Raiders at the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., this week. Quarterbacks coach Paul Heckert has not been spotted in Mobile, and his status with the Raiders is in question.

One player said Davis ceased speaking to Hackett midway through last season because he tired of hearing Hackett's harsh assessment of quarterback JaMarcus Russell.

Davis stripped Cable of his play-calling duties because of a lack of production last season. The Raiders scored only 17 touchdowns in 16 games and ranked 31st in average yards and points per game.

Cable placed a large part of the blame on Russell, whom he benched after nine games.

"We were at nine points a game before, and it went to 16-something in the last seven weeks," Cable said at his year-end news conference in reference to how the Raiders offense performed better without Russell as the starter.

Cable preferred Bruce Gradkowski and Charlie Frye over Russell. However, Davis has other ideas. He still envisions Russell as a No. 1 Starter and is banking on Jackson providing the answers.

Jackson is credited with the development of Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer when they were together at Southern Cal and Joe Flacco in Baltimore.

He said he is looking forward to working with Russell, Oakland's top selection in the 2007 NFL draft.

"This guy was the first player drafted," Jackson said in an interview on ESPN radio. "I'm going to be fun to see if we can get him up and playing the way we all wish that he can perform. It's not just about JaMarcus. The quarterback takes on a whole life by itself, but the team. The whole offensive unit has to perform well around the quarterback."

Jackson canceled an interview with the Chicago Bears about their offensive coordinator vacancy, he said, because he is excited about the prospect of returning to his native state and helping the Raiders turn around their fortunes.

Jackson was the offensive coordinator for the Washington Redskins in 2003 and the Atlanta Falcons in 2007. The Redskins ranked 22nd in points per game and 23rd in yards per game in '03. The Falcons ranked 29th in points per game and 23rd in yards per game in '07.

He also coached the running backs for the Redskins in 2001-02 and the wide receivers for the Bengals from 2004-06.

Pete Carrol goes to work at Senior Bowl

Danny O'Neil

The Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Pete Carroll's sunglasses were perched atop his head. Reading glasses hung from his neck.

They were his tools of the trade for a day spent eyeballing football prospects, watching everything from weigh-ins to workouts on a day that started when the coach grabbed one Krispy Kreme doughnut, two naps and set off to find Seattle's future.

Carroll's return to the NFL was more than just a storyline Monday morning. It was Seattle's new reality.

"Great to get back into it," Carroll said. "To get back here, and just get in the mindset, and make sure that I take advantage of this opportunity."

The NFL's decision-makers have descended here for the Senior Bowl. Well, not so much as the day of practice before the game, a leadup that began with Monday's weigh-in at the Mobile Convention Center.

Players entered the room in groups of five or so. All were short- est, wearing black compression shorts. Some wore socks, but those had to be taken off before they went on stage one at a time to be measured and weighed. Heights were called out on the fraction of an inch. Weights were rounded to the nearest pound.

Carroll, in the fifth row, right next to new Seahawks general manager John Schneider. They took notes. They whispered to each other as one by one the 100-some college seniors proceeded in this parade of potential.

None of this is new to Carroll. He came to the Senior Bowl when he was coaching in the NFL in the 1990s. He came when he was coaching with USC, but that was different. More like a social visit.

"We come down here for years to see our players," Carroll said. "I've come back every year to stop in for a practice or something just to stay kind of connected."

"It's work now." A lot of work. Seattle holds three of the first 10 picks in April's draft, and the new coach and general manager must decide where to start when it comes to rebuilding this roster.

Carroll didn't have to look very far for one idea Monday afternoon when USC safety Taylor Mays had the most ooh-inspiring hit of the South team's practice. Mays kept Citadel receiver Andre Roberts from coming down with the ball.

Carroll coached Mays in college. Could Seattle sign Mays back to Seattle, where he attended O'Dea or will Seattle find that bedrock of a left tackle, a quarterback, or an offensive player who's a home-run threat in the open field?

Those are the questions Carroll, Schneider and Seattle will be asking in three months of draft preparation that began in earnest on Monday in the opposite corner of the country. Schneider and Carroll sat together at Fan-tashic Stadium on the 10th and top row of concrete benches, watching the South team practice.

About halfway through the work-out, a cheer went up that had nothing to do with anything on the field. Alabama coach Nick Saban was driven through the crowd, across the track and to the edge of the field. Saban wore a sport jacket, the reigning king of college football making a social call.

The coach who dominated college football for so many of the previous nine seasons was on the opposite side of the stadium, eyes hidden behind sunglasses, hard at work, trying to see Seattle's future.

Former USC safety Taylor Mays will be one of many NFL prospects on showcase in the Senior Bowl.
Athletes suffer more than physical pain

Mental burden of injury is often more difficult to overcome than physical setbacks

Aimee Vasquez

Sports-related injuries are a common occurrence among Cal Poly intercollegiate athletes, leading to tightened teams and painstaking rehab, but the mental burden of an athlete injury is often more pressing than the immediate physical effects.

Many injured athletes suffer from post-injury depression, and are possibly at an increased risk for suicide, according to an article featured by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

"Injury's part of the game. But it can range from the day-to-day to career-ending," men's soccer head coach Paul Holocher said.

For athletes dealing with moderate to severe injuries and longer recoveries, the challenge is manifold. Many of them oriented their lives around physical proficiency, and now have difficulty with day-to-day tasks. Others miss the camaraderie of a team, or have difficulty taking the time off to recover.

"There's a big emotional component to injuries usually," women's tennis coach Hugh Bream said. "As an athlete you put about 20 hours a week into your sport."

During the recovery process from a disabling injury, many players deal with a sense of loss that can quickly slip into depression.

Women's basketball senior guard Tamara Wells (right) and men's soccer senior defender Josh Didion (left) both lost playing time due to injuries this season. Dillard and Wells are both recovering from hip surgeries.

"I want to be playing still," senior defender Josh Didion said. "I feel like a chunk of my life is missing."

Didion, the oldest player on the men's soccer team, underwent hip surgery this summer, in hopes of returning to his form. "I've been playing tennis my whole life," 2009 Big West Freshman of the Year Andre Dome said. "I've never really taken a break. I played almost every single day. Now it's depressing because I can't be out there." Didion injured his hip last fall while competing in a tournament in Las Vegas, and will possibly have to undergo surgery in the near future.

"I'm prepared to go under the knife to get this fixed," Dome said. "I've been injury-prone since I got to college. I just want to feel healthy. That's the number one thing."

Another factor that injured athletes deal with is the reality that many might never return to their pre-injury abilities.

"The weird thing about doing surgery is you don't know if it will turn out OK," Dome said. "And the sad thing is that once you get surgery, you're never going to be the player you once were.

Many athletes, accustomed to an active lifestyle, have difficulty taking the time to heal fully, and so find themselves injured over and over.

"The hardest thing to do is take the time off to get healthy. I've never done it. I know a lot of guys who never do it," Dome said.

To go from a right-knit team to watching from the sidelines challenges many athletes.

"The biggest problem for players is that when they're injured they don't feel like they're contributing to the team," said assistant soccer coach Ziggy Korytoski.

"When you look at as one of the main guys on the team, if you can't play, it's very stressful. I'd even say depressing. You go to the training room, you do whatever you can to see injuries, page 11

Athletics sign pitcher Ben Sheets to one-year contract

Toni Handricourt

MILWAUKEE — Ben Sheets, who likes to prove people wrong, did it again Tuesday.

Those who said the 31-year-old right-hander would not commit a big-free-agent salary after missing the 2009 season were fooled when Sheets signed a one-year, $10 million deal with Oakland that includes another $2 million available in incentives.

Sheets worked out for teams last week at his former college in Louisiana and showed enough for the Athletics to offer him more than most clubs were willing to commit, including the Milwaukee Brewers, his former team.

"It was a very impressive workout session," Oakland general manager Billy Beane said at a news conference to announce the signing. "Ben keeps himself in great shape. We're anticipating him having a great year."

Sheets pitched his entire eight-year career for the Brewers before sitting out last year after undergoing surgery to repair a torn flexor tendon near his pitching elbow. He turned down an arbitration offer the previous fall from Milwaukee and was set to sign with Texas until he failed the physical.

The Brewers footed the bill for that surgery and were willing to consider re-signing Sheets at the right price. General manager Doug Melvin met with agent Casey Close at the winter meetings in Indianapolis in early December but considered the asking price too high under the circumstances.

"I mentioned a figure that we'd be willing to take a risk at," said Melvin. "He said he could get more than that. I said, I'll pass."

Sheets played his final four seasons for the Brewers with a four-year, $38.5 million contract but had trouble staying healthy. Over that span, he made more than 24 starts just once in 2008, when he went 13-9 with a 3.09 earned run average in 31 starts covering 198 1/3 innings.

Sheets was unable to pitch in that postseason because of the elbow issue that eventually led to surgery. The Brewers gave Sheets that multi-year deal after his best season in 2004, when he went 12-14 with a 2.70 ERA and a club-record 204 strikeouts in 237 innings. Selected in the first round of the 1999 draft, Sheets compiled an 86-83 record and 3.72 ERA for the Brewers, including a franchise-record 1,206 strikeouts.

"Everybody looks at pitchers differently," said Melvin. "I signed (closer Eric) Gagne for $10 million (before the 2006 season) but he pitched the year before.

"Ben is pretty good when he's healthy. He doesn't walk people and he strikes out a lot of people. With our budget, we just weren't prepared to take that kind of risk."

The winter meetings discussion with Close came after the Brewers agreed with free-agent left-hander Randy Wolf on a three-year, $29.75 million deal. Melvin then bid his time, watched the market and eventually added free-agent lefty Doug Davis with a one-year deal plus an option that guarantees him $5.25 million.

Once Sheets showed scouts he was healthy again at his workout, the Athletics moved in quickly with an aggressive offer.

"Beyond the financial commitment, Sheets said he was impressed with the direction in which the Athletics are headed."

"The whole thing revolves around winning," he said. "The first time I talked to (Beane), he really sold me on the idea of this team. I'm a firm believer that when he saw the team is going to be good, it normally becomes true. That got me excited."

As for his health, Sheets said, "The elbow is doing great. Missing the whole year, my whole body feels a lot better. I feel renewed. I'm really anxious to get back out and compete. I really missed that."

Referring to his time with the Brewers, Sheets said, "I'm the type that if things were to work out in Milwaukee the whole year, I got to have a lot easier to stay in one place my whole career. That's baseball. That's not the facts anymore. That's what it is."

Former Milwaukee pitcher Ben Sheets missed all of the 2009 season. Sheets has accumulated an overall 3.72 ERA in eight seasons.