Activists come to Cal Poly to incite change

Leadership conference seeks to spur student activism

Mikaela Akuna

Student Life and Leadership held their Eighth Annual "Change the Status Quo" conference Saturday. The conference featured a series of workshops and presentations that aimed to give students an array of ways to get involved inside and outside the community. Along with a yoga class, organic breakfast and slam poetry session, Change the Status Quo featured members from the non-profit organization Invisible Children, started by three men while they were in college in San Diego, and a former Ugandan child soldier Jacob.

"It's important to tell people about Invisible Children and what they do," Jacob said.

Travis Murdoch, one of the Invisible Children Road Crew was also at the conference.

"It's an amazing organization," Murdoch said. "I'd love to stay a part of Invisible Children as long as I can.

Jacob spoke about his time as a child soldier in the Lord's Resistance Army in northern Uganda after being kidnapped from his home. He escaped from them at age 14. 20 years old now, he just graduated high school in Africa. High school isn't always affordable like it is in the United States, so groups like Invisible Children and SLO for Darfur, another group who presented on Saturday, raise money to help fund schools.

The conference, themed "Educate, Motivate, then Activate," hosted a variety of workshops that focused on topics anywhere from creative ways to recycle, to human trafficking in Cambodia, to the importance of oak trees in this area.

One of the workshops called "Light Skin is In" was put on by the Society of Black Engineers and Scientists, addressed the rapid growing stereotype that African-American students who's skin is a lighter tone are smarter and more socially desirable than those who are darker.

San Luis Obispo County joins the California First Energy Initiative

Aimee Vasquez

San Luis Obispo County is taking part in CaliforniaFirst, a pilot energy efficiency program projected to create approximately 2,000 new jobs and save the equivalent energy usage of more than 10,000 average California homes over the next two years.

San Luis Obispo is one of 14 counties, out of California's 58, which will participate in the CaliforniaFIRST Pilot Program. It is taking part largely due to the grassroom efforts of groups such as SLO Green Build.

The movement, which is a means of implementing state Assembly Bill no. 511, will attempt to increase energy efficiency in existing homes at least 30 percent by the year 2020.

Using a policy first employed by the city of Palm Desert, California, the program allows homeowners to take out a loan in order to retrofit their homes.

The retrofitting refers to remodeling homes to improve their energy efficiency.

Nick Longen, an intern with the Cal Poly Green Campus Program and vice president of the Renewable Energy Club, said he's one of the students who helps implement the renovations on campuses.

A retrofit for energy efficiency is pretty wide-ranging, whereas as an earthquake retrofit you would probably have to repair the whole structure," Longen said.

For example, a retrofit could be as basic as switching out high-use light fixtures and appliances, or as extensive as renovating the actual building structure.

Improvements, whether structural or otherwise, are paid for by a loan which, during the pilot phase of the program, will have an approximately 7 percent interest rate. This will allow homeowners to, among other things, buy Energy Star-certified double-pane windows and replace furnaces with no-out-of-pocket expenditure.

The cost of the loan and interest is intended to be offset by energy savings. Dennis Elliot, campus Sustainability Manager in Facilities Services and Green Campus staff advisor, said he thought the CaliforniaFIRST initiative was a good idea.

"Energy efficiency is one of the few renovations that pays for itself," Elliot said. He added that it also has the potential to increase resale value.

Since renovating homes, instead of building new ones, is the program's main focus, San Luis Obispo has another reason to participate. Of the county's approximately 7 percent interest rate, the majority of the comments garnered over the last few weeks have been about registration and class availability, according to ASI Elections Committee Chair, Kelsey Rice.

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ASI reaches out with cookies

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Associated Students Inc.'s (ASI) Cookie for Comments campaign is a weekly opportunity for students to voice their concerns about student government in return for a cookie. This week is the last event of the quarter and will happen in front of Campus Market on Thursdays at 11 a.m., though more are scheduled for Spring.

A combination of the University Union Advising Board (UUAB), ASI Board of Directors and the ASI president's Executive Cabinet, the Cookie Campaign is an attempt both to reach students better and to improve campus with student input.

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strictly 117,000 homes, 50,000 are older than 30 years old. The CaliforniaFirst initiative will focus on improving homes built before the modern building codes of the early '70s.

But the main reason San Luis Obispo County is participating in the pilot program, according to Cal Poly graduate and former president of Empower Poly Coalition Chad Worth, is because it wanted to. Worth is currently teaching an introductory course to green technology at Cuesta College, and said there is a lot of interest in energy efficiency in the county.

"So basically it has come down to the grassroots efforts," Worth said. "A lot of the citizens in our country are very active." Worth explained grassroots group SLO Green Build, a non-profit coalition that promotes sustainable development and green building techniques on the Central Coast, was one of the key players in implementing the CaliforniaFirst program locally.

"SLO Green Build is probably the biggest driver for working with the California County Board of Supervisors to opt in for the program," Worth said.

Green Build, is one of the members who helped to get the CaliforniaFirst program adopted.

"The program addresses the most insurmountable barrier for homeowners to go forward with the retrofitting of their homes," he said. "The key, really the most important aspect, is to address this fundamental need for a funding mechanism."

Not only will the program save the state's energy resources, Potter said it will create many jobs at the local level as well. "This will all combine to stimulate jobs for homebuilders and contractors. Creating green jobs, is a very important goal at the federal, state and local levels."

For example, certified workers are needed to implement the retrofits. Kevin Hauber, a homeowner and SLO Green Build's treasurer and secretary, was one of the speakers who helped to get Assembly Bill 813 passed at the county level in December 2009.

The number of jobs created within the county will depend on the scale of participants, Hauber said. "But up to several hundred jobs a year will be created in the process."

The program could potentially create job and internship opportunities for Cal Poly students as well. Hauber said the Green Building Alliance, which is a facet of SLO Green Build, is a good starting point for students who want to get involved. It meets at the Clubhouse Restaurant in San Luis Obispo at 5 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month.

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have darker skin.

A workshop given by Meghan Harlet and Sara Prendergast was about world hunger. Their presentation looked at four different families from all over the world that span the "developmental spectrum." It compared the different living situations to each other to give students an idea of what is happening and what they can do to alleviate hunger.

"It's perhaps the most basic part of sustainability — world hunger," Harlett said.

Cal Poly alumna of the graphic design department, Lindsey Collinson, said she has come to Cookies

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Croschal said he thought the cookbook event provided a good way for students to have accessible avenue for feedback. "I think it's important for ASI, which is supposedly for the people, to have the opinion of the people," he said.

He added he thought a common student concern might be ASI spending.

"We're spending money on ASI, but there are events that many students never go to," he said.

Another common comment they received, according to Rice, was many Cal Poly students don't know much about student government, what they do or that their meetings are public.

"They think we could improve awareness," Rice said.

Becoming more visible to students is another of the cookie campaign's chief goals, especially with the ASI elections coming up. Industrial technology junior Solomon Reda was helping at last Friday's event.

"I was personally asking if they'd heard of elections, and depending on their reaction I'd ask them if they're thinking of running," he said.

Reda said, with the budget crisis, it's even more important than ever for students to get involved.

"Issues are affecting students greatly, more than they have in years. Especially financially," he said.

The event was developed as part of the ongoing campaign for awareness, said ASI administrative assistant Tracy Watson.

"It kind of fluctuates each year," she said. "It's an outreach campaign, but they tend to call it something different each time."

This is the first year ASI has used the Cookies for Comments idea.

Croschal said he thought it was a good idea.

"Cookie incentives are always good for college students," he said.
Death toll from Chilean quake jumps to 708

Chris Kraul
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BOGOTA, Chile — Rescuers searched for survivors Sunday a day after one of the biggest earthquakes in recent history rocked Chile, killing more than 700 people while leaving untold numbers missing and 2 million displaced, wounded or otherwise affected.

The death toll jumped Sunday to 708, Chilean President Michelle Bachelet said, nearly doubling as rescue crews reached remote and badly damaged towns.

The 8.8 quake, which hit before dawn Saturday, toppled buildings, buckled freeways and set off sirens thousands of miles away as governments scrambled to protect coastal residents from the ensuing tsunami.

Authorities lifted tsunami warnings Sunday after smaller-than-feared waves washed shores from Southern California to Hawaii and Japan.

Crowds overran supermarkets in Chile as people searched for supplies of water, canned goods, diapers but also television sets. Several banks also were hit. Police in armored vehicles swept through looters who were making off with food, water and diapers but also television sets.

Kozas said his building began to shake and he grabbed his daughter and they could escape with difficulty. "The only thing I did right was throw clothes on the door so it wouldn't open, but the big stores are closed, so we can't get in. We're out ruining our feet. But we're still covered with cuts."

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State

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — Heavy storm rains apparently triggered a landslide in Cambria early Saturday morning that took with it about 30 feet of Pembock Drive's pavement, a 6-inch water main, 8-inch sewer main and utility poles and service.

The water-main break spilled about 200,000 gallons of water, according to representatives of the Cambria Community Services District.

The concaved landslide area is approximately 30 feet long, 15 feet wide and 15 feet deep. The spillage took with it about three-quarters of the street width, leaving only enough pavement for an unreliable walkway.

VICTORVILLE (MCT) — Despite a 5 percent drop in violent crimes in the Victor Valley overall, Victorville saw a 125 percent increase in homicides between 2000 and 2005, according to recent data from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

There were four homicides in Victorville in 2000. That number jumped to nine last year, including one double homicide in January where the victims were driven to the area by gang members from Los Angeles. Adelanto was the only city to see an increase in violent crimes, up 7 percent.

National

NEW YORK (MCT) — During the "Weekend Update" segment, host Seth Meyers interviewed Fred Armisen, who was impersonating New York Gov. David Paterson, on his decision not to run for governor.

When asked how he was going to out his remaining year in office, Armisen said, "Well, I'm going to do a farewell tour of upstate New York, Holeholes like Plattsburgh and Peekskill. I'm going to speak at their town halls or whatever abandoned Shoney's they huddle in. I'm going to give those nick eaters something to cheer about. Those freaks love me up there. They find me refreshingly odd."

City of Plattsburgh Mayor Donald Kusper said he didn't appreciate the negative reference to Plattsburgh.

WASHINGTON (MCT) — The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is taking a green approach to creating new civilian technology.

The Obama administration is betting an initial $400 million in government seed money on such future possibilities as giant batteries filled with modern metal and exotic materials that spin sunlight and water into methane.

The Advanced Research Projects Agency-Engineering will showcase its programs at a meeting in Washington on Monday.

International

NEW DELHI (MCT) — A second leopard escape was avoided this weekend in Shimla.

Two adult female leopards, who had escaped from their "unlocked" enclosure at the Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre for wild animals in Tuti Kandi in wee hours, were re-captured by wild life wing team.

But this could be achieved only after one and a half-hour long frantic struggle and direct scuffle of the team with the bigger leopard, six years, for less minutes. Three other staff members were also injured.

JAPAN (MCT) — Fearing a major tsunami could be triggered by Chichi'smagnitude 8.8 earth quake, authorities here ordered nearly a quarter of a million households along the island nation's eastern seaboard to evacuate to higher ground.

Disaster workers expected 10-foot waves or larger. Instead, by Sunday evening, only a few insignificant 6-inch to foot-high waves lapped onto Japanese-controlled shores.

According to Japan's Meteorological Agency, the first tsunami waves measuring only a few inches high hit here seven hours after the massive temblor struck off the Chilean coast. The waves were recorded in the Ogasawara islands early Sunday afternoon.

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215,000 people dead and a million homeless.

In Chile, television images showed collapsed highway overpasses and buildings in southern Santiago, the capital, and in Concepcion, 300 miles to the south. Bachelet was reported to be headed to the region to inspect the damage.

President-elect Sebastian Pinera, who will take office in two weeks, told reporters in addition to scores of deaths, the country suffered damage to infrastructure, including highways, airports and housing.

"This earthquake has delivered a tremendous blow to Chilean society," Pinera said, adding he would request emergency funds totaling 2 percent of the budget to help rebuild. "Our government will do everything for the recovery and to accelerate reconstruction."

Santiago's international airport will be closed at least through Monday, officials said. Although the runways are in good condition, the control tower and customs facilities suffered extensive damage, officials said.

Key structures in Santiago, including ministry buildings, suffered heavy damage, said Education Minister Monica Jimenez. Government employees will be asked to stay home Monday as officials assess structural safety.
Expansion of security measures at airports

Brad Cooper
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — With every failed attempt to blow an airplane out of the sky, along comes tighter security.

First, we had to take our shoes off. Then we had to pack our liquids in bottles no bigger than 3 ounces. Now, we may have our hands disabled for explosives. And now, a new measure is being incorporated at airports nationwide: security screeners are expanding efforts to sniff out explosives with random tests of passengers and their luggage.

‘If someone’s hands were to alarm us, we would have to resolve that alarm just like we would resolve any other alarm,’ said Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Carrie Harmon.

The agency is spending $15 million in federal stimulus money to add 400 machines nationwide that can detect explosive residue.

Machines will be stationed at each security checkpoint at Kansas City International Airport.

Officials say the screening process takes seconds.

“This is an additional layer for security. It’s a technology we’ve been using and we’re expanding it,” Harmon said.

The machines are about the size of a large suitcase. Officers can swipe a piece of luggage — or a passenger’s hand — with a small pad and then analyze it for explosive residue.

The process works because the molecules in explosive materials tend to be clings, like Velcro, and can attach themselves easily to a person’s hand or luggage. Anthony said passengers are much less likely to set off an alarm for explosives than they are walking through the metal detector.

“I’m with it,” said Brian Stevens, a regular business traveler from Kearney, Mo. “If it can make people a little bit safer, I’m OK with it.

“It’s kind of a pain, but when you get used to it, you can get through most any checkpoint or security no matter what different things they have you do.”

A depiction of the palm-swabbing security measure.

Some frequent travelers worried that the screening poses another obstacle to getting to their plane on time, but others seem resigned to more security if it makes travel safer. There’s also concern about how fast screeners will be able to resolve positive tests.

“Is it obviously going to take longer?” said Kansas City area executive Roger Scabrough, who travels extensively. “There’s no way you’re going to resolve that kind of issue quickly unless there’s some kind of secondary check they can run.”

The Transportation Security Administration isn’t specific about how it might resolve a positive test but says other procedures — like a body pat down — can be used to verify whether a passenger is a security threat.

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The speed of the particles tells the machine whether explosive residue is present, Anthony said. An alarm can be resolved by swabbing the person’s hand with a solution and then using a body X-ray machine, he said.

“Use the whole picture,” Anthony said. “The totality of the circumstances has to be applied.”

But some passenger rights advocates are afraid it will be cumbersome to settle a positive test, raising the possibility that you could be late for a flight. But they can’t be sure because the agency won’t say how the matter will be handled.

“The hand swabbing, I think, has gone too far,” said Kate Hanni, executive director of flyersRights.org, a nonprofit advocacy group that represents airline travelers.

“They keep layering on more and more security on the average American traveler. There are people who aren’t flying because they’re tired of the process.”

But for some passengers, enhanced security is just a way of life.

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Guest lecturer speaks on human-centric themes in art

Daniel Triassi
UCR Sweeney Art Gallery director, Tyler Stallings, stands in front of "Intelligent Design: Interspecies Art" co-curator Rachel Mayeri’s two-channel video work, "Primate Cinema."

Tyler Stallings is not your typical triple threat. He isn’t a dancer, a singer or an actor. He doesn’t play sports either. Instead, he makes things as an artist, he organizes things as a curator and he puts things back together as a writer. Art is his life.

Stallings spoke about his latest curatorial work and his philosophy on art as the guest lecturer for the Visual Arts Guest Lecture Series funded by the College of Liberal Arts.

"With the economic crash, it’s an opportunity to remind ourselves what art can be," he said. "It doesn’t have to be about making objects for sale, but a way of thinking and approaching the world."

His hour-long lecture focused on how he addresses life with this artistic sensibility.

"The idea of painting and drawing is a process for thinking and a

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Daniel Triassi

**Cal Poly's Secular Society serves as a forum for students to debate issues relating to religion, philosophy, science and current events.**

The club represents students who have increasing concerns about the role religion plays in society and the separation of church and state, Shelayne Werfel, club president and nutrition sophomore, said.

"We want to show that people who are not religiously affiliated are not the bad guys," Werfel said.

"We care about other people. We're interested in making the world a better place, and one of the things we think can make the world a better place is to involve the club with a letter-writing campaign, guest speakers, a fundraiser for Haiti relief and increased interaction with other campus clubs and organizations. "We really want to get people involved and build a bigger base," she said. "It's fun to have a bunch of atheists in a room, but you don't get very much original input."

The Secular Society differs from the Cal Poly chapter of Brights, though they share club members. A bright is a term for someone who follows a naturalistic (free from supernatural and mystical elements) world view. Brights are more focused on non-belief in and of itself and less about its influence on the political and governmental sphere, Werfel said.

"We share common cause with supporting science and advancements and examining religion, but the Secular Society tries to stay as much as possible away from critiquing the religion itself because we want to create an environment that's open to people of all faiths," she said.

Nicholas Utschig, computer engineering senior, is the secretary for the Secular Society and president of Cal Poly's chapter of Brights. He thinks it's important to have both clubs.

"There is a dividing line between promotion of understanding and taking action in what you believe in," he said.

Utschig also said through the clubs he has joined a community of friends that hang out aside from philosophical discussions.

The Secular Society was founded by a group of friends in see Secular, page 8
Poly lecturers aim to bring Marilyn Monroe to big screen

Raquel Redding

Spanish lecturer Michael Fawcett got the idea for a screenplay from his experience as owner of a Marilyn Monroe tour guide company in Los Angeles. "Marilyn, Marilyn" is a collaboration between Fawcett and Cal Poly English lecturer Carson Medley, who met three years ago when Medley was a student in Fawcett’s class.

"When they realized that they both liked to write, they became friends leading to Fawcett talking about the tour," Medley said. "One day Carson says, 'Let's do a screenplay about your experiences as a Marilyn Monroe tour guide', which led to ideas," Fawcett said. They chose to focus the screenplay on the tour to give the viewer a sense of what the tour was like while also watching the movie. "It was hard taking actual legs of the tour and incorporating them into the plot so to speak," Fawcett said. "So that you were giving the Marilyn Monroe tour in the movie, but it wasn't just lot's of information that would put the viewer to sleep." 

One year, thirteen partial drafts later, the screenplay is complete. Medley and Fawcett ran into a road block. "A spec screenplay is expected to be 110 pages by a producer," Fawcett said. "It's a courtesy thing." 

Lecturers Michael Fawcett and Carson Medley have teamed up to write a screenplay based on Fawcett's experience as a Marilyn Monroe tour guide in Los Angeles.

Fawcett didn't originally grow up in California, they both had dreams to come here. Fawcett studied film at University of California, Los Angeles and became inundated with the movie business, while Medley moved around before settling in San Luis Obispo.

Both of them have written books and continue writing together and separately. Currently they are working on a John Muir screenplay that documents Muir in his youthful days, which Medley said is very uplifting like "Marilyn, Marilyn." Fawcett said the screenplay is uplifting because it is a journey story, like "Wizard of Oz." "All the characters go on literally a journey through L.A and Hollywood and in the end, they all find something in themselves that they didn't have before," Fawcett said.

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process for note taking that I'm familiar with," he said. As the director of the Sweeney Art Gallery at the University of California, Riverside, Stallings commented on his most recent curatorial work titled "Intelligent Design: Interspecies Art." 

Stallings, along with Los Angeles based artist Rachel Mayeri, put together the work in the exhibit. Artists collaborated with cockroaches, dogs, ants, monkeys and other species, in hope to converse with the animal world. 

Jill Greenberg, a celebrity photographer photographed monkeys posed with human mannequins. Through the work of Greenberg and 19 other artists, "Intelligent Design: Interspecies Art," asks viewers to explore our interaction with animals and ultimately challenge the human-centric perspective.

Stallings timed the exhibit near Charles Darwin's 200th birthday and the 150th anniversary of the publication "On the Origin of Species." 

"Usually when I do a thematic exhibition I try to time it with a broader cultural event so it's tied into a larger dialogue," he said. Other artists interested in this paradigm shift include Sean Dockey. Dockey created a community garden with the popular "Get your earring on" ad. 

"We wanted to try to make sure religious ideas didn't dictate people's decisions," Weinstein said. "Any artist we ever did a show on, we were looking for people's decisions," Weinstein said. 

"We think this cause needs more political folks," Handloser said. "We have the religious side. If you're going to be in activism you need both sides of the picture. We are always looking for more." 

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2008 the founding members are mechanical engineering alumni Harrison Weinstein, history alumnus Greg Perelle and architectural engineering senior Walt Handloser.

"We wanted to try to make sure religious ideas didn't dictate people's decisions," Weinstein said.

"On average, meetings garner 10 to 20 students who tend to be atheist, although they are open to anyone who is interested in the religious or non-religious discussion," he said. 

Handloser describes religious debate as one of his favorite hobbies. He said he would like to see more people come to meetings with political backgrounds.

"I think this cause needs more political folks," Handloser said. "We have the religious side. If you're going to be in activism you need both sides of the pictures. We are always looking for more."
Ron Paul leads CPAC poll of potential GOP candidates

At the recent Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington D.C., a poll was conducted of the participants, of which one of the questions was: “Thinking ahead to the 2012 Presidential election, who would you vote for as the next Republican nominee for President?” The leader was Ron Paul, who received 31 percent of the vote, followed by Mitt Romney at 22 percent and Sarah Palin at 7 percent. This news was received in various ways, with both excitement and disappointment.

Ron Paul is not a new face in politics. He has been in the House of Representatives off and on since 1976, and ran for President once as a Libertarian Party candidate in 1988 and once as a Republican Party candidate in 2008. He has authored more than a dozen books in addition to being a medical doctor and father of five.

Dr. Paul is not a typical Republican. He was found to be the most conservative of all 3,320 members of Congress that have served between 1937 and 2002 according to an article published in the American Journal of Political Science. He has a markedly different foreign policy than what the Republican party is known for today: he believes in a non-interventionist foreign policy and believes we should bring our troops home, according to Dr. Paul we have too many foreign bases in too many countries (we have more than 700 bases in more than 130 countries). He believes we have too many entangling alliances and believes we should withdraw from both NATO and the UN.

I believe his standing in the CPAC poll shows what has been a growing approval of Dr. Paul’s policies. Dr. Paul was inspired to get into politics back in 1973 when President Nixon closed the “gold window.” As Dr. Paul said, “After that day, all money would be political money rather than money of real value.” Over the last forty years since Dr. Paul got involved in politics, we have seen the dangerous effects of the Federal Reserve flat currency system compounded over time — leading to the economic conditions we find ourselves in today. It is at a time like this when people look for explanations and ways of improvement, and many people are finding that in Dr. Paul’s message.

Dr. Paul has been amazingly consistent in his ideas, all the way back to his beginnings in politics. He talks the talk but also walks to walk, so to speak. In a time when I think we are struggling with politicians who don’t keep their promises, Dr. Paul is a refreshing breath of fresh air. He has a record that is virtually incomparable to any other current politician. In fact, I think if you wanted to find a political record close to Dr. Paul’s, you’d probably have to go back to the founders.

Part of what has come out of his winning of the CPAC poll has been somewhat of a belittling of the results. Allegations have been made by some that the poll wasn’t accurate or written off Dr. Paul as crazy. His ideas are not crazy — some might disagree with them, but that doesn’t make his ideas crazy. 2,395 votes were cast in the CPAC poll, which is the highest in recent years, last year only 1,737 people voted and the year before that it was 1,558, so I’m not sure what basis people have when they say the poll wasn’t accurate. In fairness, students were overrepresented in CPAC as compared to the typical makeup of the Republican party. I think this shows that the poll is telling in the future direction of the Republican Party. Students have also been overrepresented at past CPACs.

The whole Tea-Party movement is another sign that people are looking for some changes outside of the two political parties in their current states. Dr. Paul represents some thinking “outside the box” of the Republican party. With our political system it is very hard for a third party to have a chance at a Presidency or a majority in either the House or Senate, so I think the inevitable course of action is to reform one of the existing parties, and it seems the Republican party is being subjected to pressures of reform. There will be kick-back from the supporters of the current form of the Republican party, but I think time will show the reformers to be the victors and they will help lift up our country.

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The Mustangs will be sending six wrestlers to the NCAA division I National Championships, scheduled for March 18-20.

Boris Novachkov captured the Pac-10 Conference Championships at 133 pounds, four other Mustangs finished second and Ryan DeRoches claimed third place at 174 as Cal Poly scored for a third-place team finish Saturday night.

Boris Norachkov may have been the only Mustang to grab a Pac-10 championship at their respective weight class, he and four other wrestlers qualified for the NCAA Division I National Championships, scheduled for March 18-20 in St. Louis, Mo.

Cali Poly, in first place after Friday’s second session, scored 120 points to finish third. Oregon State, with one champion, three runners-up and five national qualifiers, captured its 16th Pac-10 team championship with 127 points, followed by Boise State, the 2008 and 2009 team champion, with 125 points.

Boris Norachkov earned a 4-3 decision against top-seeded Brandon Low of UC Davis in the 133-pound final for his first Pac-10 title. He placed third in 2008.

His brother, Filip Norachkov, a third-place finisher in 2009, placed second at 141 after falling to Adin

Freshman Mitch Haniger went a perfect three-for-three in the second game of Sunday’s double header. Overall he went five for 12 in the series.
Senior guard Lorenzo Keeler was one of four players who finished with double figures Saturday night. Keeler scored 12, David Hanson scored 11, Shawn Lewis scored 14, and Charles Anderson scored a team-high 15.

The Mustangs had just defeated their top ranked rival UC Santa Barbara.

Head coach Joe Callero sprinted across Mott Gym after the buzzer sounded. His right hand pointed at the thousands of students who filled the stands, his other clinched at his side.

"Thank you," he said to the 3,032 in attendance.

He then rejoined the rest of his team in the center of the court. Jumping and yelling, they celebrated in front the season’s first sellout crowd.

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Cal Poly (11-17, 7-8 Big West), led by four Mustangs scoring double figures, defeated Big West frontrunner UC Santa Barbara (17-9, 11-4), 60-57, Saturday night.

"This is what I dreamed of," Callero said. "This is why I came to Cal Poly. I had heard all the rumors of what Cal Poly could be like with a packed gym and I said in my opening news conference I dream of the day that Mott’s so hot that the walls roared.

The Gauchos had an opportunity to put the game away with 33 seconds left and a one-point lead. But, after a timeout taken by UCSB junior guard Shawn Lewis stole the inbounds pass and ran down the floor and dished the ball off to teammate Jordan Lewis who put in the lay-up to put the Mustangs ahead by one.

Jordan Lewis followed up his lead changing lay-up with a huge defensive block on the Gauchos Will Brew. After sophomore David Hanson made a pair of free throws for Cal Poly, the Gauchos had just enough time for one more shot, which missed and sealed the upset for the Mustangs.

"I felt like it wasn’t just a gym of people, it was a gym of time," Callero said.

The Mustangs attacked the basket early in the game. It paid off, gaining a 13-6 lead after five minutes of play. Cal Poly also matched eight boards including five on the offensive end. The Mustangs finished the game with 46 rebounds, lead by Hanson who had 17.

UCSB did not let the Mustangs run away with the game going on a 16-3 run after putting in their 7-foot-3-inch center, Greg Somogyi, into the game.

Shawn Lewis ended Cal Poly’s nearly nine-minute scoreless drought by running right past defenders, taking off through the lane to dunk, energizing the crowd. After a rebound by Lewis he put up a three-pointer that pulled the Mustangs within one.

After trailing by as many as nine points in the second half, Callero put senior forward Ryan Darling on the floor with 11 minutes left in the game.

Darling recorded two blocks in the game including one with three and a half minutes left that kept the Mustangs within two. Darling said he was ready to come off the bench to play against the rival Gauchos.

"The energy comes easy," he said. "This game is huge in my mind for (Anderson, Lorenzo Keeler) and I. This is the last time as seniors we get to play UC Santa Barbara at home, our rivals. I didn’t know when I was gonna get in but I was ready and the energy just came from there.

Senior Charles Anderson’s accuracy from behind the arc helped the Mustangs gain a lead with six minutes left. Anderson finished with 15 points as the Mustangs leading scorer going 5-11 from the three-point line only taking one shot that was inside the arc.

As the game came down to the final seconds, the Mustangs used the experience that they gained in their past few games in order to stay composed in the win, Andersson said.

Shawn Lewis, who had been on the bench for much of the second half because of foul trouble, said he was anxious to get back into the game.

"I was just so antsy. I just really wanted to get in so bad I can’t really describe it," he said.

This win was a confidence booster for the Mustangs after a tough loss on Wednesday to CSU Fullerton after a last-second buzzer beater.

Anderson said the loss helped to motivate the team to play hard and get a win against the Gauchos.

The Gauchos on the other hand were riding high after a six-game win streak and sole possession of first place in the Big West Conference.

Lewis said beating the top team in league will help the confidence of the team moving into the last game of the season and into the Big West Tournament.

"Hopefully in the Big West Conference Tournament this (Cal Poly versus UCSB) will be the championship game," he said.

On Saturday the Mustangs will host UC Irvine for their final home game of the season at 7 p.m.

—Ryan Sidarto contributed to this article

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