National movement for public education tomorrow
Organizations state- and nationwide unite in support of California public education

Katie Grady

For preschoolers to professors, thousands from California to New York plan to stand together on March 4 as part of a "day of action to save public education." The California Faculty Association (CFA), students and supporters from all segments of public education have been planning for months to join forces on Thursday in "Mobilize for Education," a movement that has now sparked interest from other parts of the country and from other nations. "It's really a great opportunity for college students to stand up for education," said Matt Hardy, spokesman for the United Educators of San Francisco. Stemming from the budget cut protests at UC Berkeley last fall, roughly 900 activists got together to discuss what to do next. The result? A national call for education and a day of unified action.

After passing a resolution for a day of action in December, the CFA Board of Directors encouraged campus chapters to hold visible and effective displays. "The idea is for something to happen everywhere on that day at every campus...whatever people feel appropriate," Brian Ferguson, CFA Communications specialist said.

Not only are all 23 California State Universities, the majority Universities of California and most community college campuses participating throughout the state, but organizations in 17 other states will be marching along with the country.

"It's a great opportunity for college students to stand up for education," said Matt Hardy, spokesman for the United Educators of San Francisco.

Stricter noise ordinance enforced in San Luis Obispo starting Friday

Jessica Barba

San Luis Obispo police can now issue multiple noise citations to residents, charge violators up to $1,000 in fines and hold property owners responsible for tenants accused of disturbing the peace when the city's new noise ordinance is enforced this Friday, March 5.

San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deborah Linder proposed five strategies for stricter noise enforcement during a city council meeting Sept. 29, the strategies were then unanimously approved by the council on Jan. 19. When they were presented by Police Operations Captain Ian Parkinson, who is also running for San Luis Obispo County sheriff, Parkinson said despite the number of noise complaints dropping from almost 2,800 in 2008 to 2,700 in 2009, city officials hope to see it drop even further.

"I do not expect any citations to go up. However, if people do not comply, then there will be an increase," Parkinson said.

Under the new ordinance, residents deemed noisy by their neighbors after 10 p.m. will receive one warning and their address will be added to the 'premises list.' Residents are eligible only for one warning within a nine-month period before receiving a citation. Parkinson specified that warnings are not required, and if the violations involves significant disturbances or the violator is unruly with SNAP officers, they will face an immediate fine.

A $350 fine will be given for a first offense, a $700 fine for a second violation within a 12-month period, and a $1,000 fine for a third violation within the same year.

Students appear to be the majority of the targets for the fines, said business administration junior Lecky Foster. "I do not expect any citations to go up. However, if people do not comply, then there will be an increase," Parkinson said.

Iraqi elections have high stakes, but low bar

Hannah Allam

BAGHDAD — The candidates include sitting judges and journalists who are covering the elections, but in Iraq, no one is complaining about conflicts of interest. Handing out guns, cash and appliances to woo voters? No big deal. The names on the ballot include officials accused of large-scale corruption, fielding death squads and spying for Iran.

Iraqis chances to become a beacon of solidarity

Considered by the faculty association to be a historic movement for education, social media has been a major player in expanding the movement to not only the rest of the nation, but the rest of the world. "A university in Mexico will be holding demonstrations and...the March 4 action will be endorsed by a group of educators in India," Ferguson said.

The city is expected to discuss the ordinance at its next meeting March 12.
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principal, President Baker and the
President of CAU College to come
spoke, but he hasn’t heard back from
any of them. He also invited Senator
Abel Maldonado to come out and

We should see easily 1(K ) people,''
Saeed said. "We had some more than
that, it's going to be hard to keep
people on the sidewalk, which we are
supposed to do so.

The California Federation of
Teachers Unions from Cuesta and
Paso Robles will be there.

"It's not too often you get stu-
dents together to do projects like this,"
Saeed said. "I thought that was nice that
this was happening for Cal Poly."

"I'll tell you what I told a cynic at
a faculty member. We certainly aren't
going to keep what we have or get
any more if we don't say anything,"
Saeed said. "We have to remind them
that we are here, that we need the
money and that education matters.
If we don't say a word, we might get
forgotten. This will at least keep us in
the forefront."

"We are trying to make it a posi-
tive rally," Saeed said. "It's kind of like
motherhood and apple pie; who's go-
ing to be against us?"

At the same time, the Marsh Street
casino ends, a coalition of student and
electoral groups throughout the bay
area are holding a rally at the San
Francisco Civic Center.

There will be a massive rally in
San Francisco," Hardly said. "We are
expecting about 3,000 plus an in
an effort to bring attention to the devastat-
ing cuts to education in the past few
years and the need for cause of those cuts,"
Hardly said.

Hardly believes that an event like
this will bring the topic of the cuts
down as seen by the beginning.

"What I can say for students down
there is, come out on March 4, be
prepared to fight the next day," Hardly
said. "That's what it's going to take for
colleges to win. but it's not going to be
care."

"We'll see on the news the rallies in
Sacramento or San Francisco, but you
can say there's one on Marsh
Street too," Saeed said.

Many Iraqis think that's fine.
"If Iraq was a patient in the intern-
service unit, the doctor would be
scrubbing and attending him for long
hours every day. But if he were to get
out of the danger zone and become
better, the time and attention given
to him would be reduced as a result," said
Sadli al-Rikabi, a close adviser to
Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

The Bush White House had high
ehopes for the elections of 2005, the
first since the ouster of the late dicta-
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— Sheikh Nahib al-Sa'di
former Cal Poly presid
Californians to decide: Experience or fresh approach in state's next governor?

Jack Chang

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Jerry Brown's official entrance into the governor's race Tuesday begins to frame a key question about who should lead California through its most difficult period in decades:

Should the next governor come with deep knowledge of how Sacramento works or bring a fresh approach crafted outside the political system?

The 71-year-old Brown is billing himself as the experienced veteran of the race, albeit one with "an outsider's perspective," and public sector and who can bring the experience of finding solutions to the most serious challenges for California and who has the best proposals for turning the state around, Brown said in his online candidacy announcement, "and the next governor c.iptains of industry are necessary not knowing is not good." Brown has for the state moving forward, an independent expenditure committee targeting Whitman and other Republicans.

Brown began doing that Tuesday by promising, in the only clear political announcement of his speech, that "there will be no new taxes unless you the people vote for them." "At some point, voters are going to want to know the vision that Jerry Brown has for the state moving forward," Acosta said. "Jerry Brown still conjures up a lot of images in the past because of his history in public office. This is an opportunity for him to articulate that vision."
Children's snacking packs a punch, study says

Melissa Healy
LOS ANGELES — When American kids reflect on their childhoods decades from now, snacks may figure more prominently in their memories — and around their waists — than meals shared around a table.

From 1977 to 2006, American children have added 1,176 snack calories per day to their diets, a study finds. They’re munching cookies after school, granola bars on the way to piano lessons, chips after an hour of soccer practice and peanut butter and crackers while waiting for dinner. For some, those extra 1,176 calories a week could amount to as much as 13 1/2 pounds of body fat a year.

Those non-meal noshes now account for more than a quarter of their average daily caloric intake, said Barry M. Popkin of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, author of the study published Tuesday in the journal Health Affairs.

The research establishes just how much the omnipresence of snacks — and the $68 billion-a-year industry that sells them — has contributed significantly to an epidemic of excess weight among U.S. children.

But even as public health officials remove sodas and fat- and salt-laden snacks from school vending machines, parents hoping to roll back the tide of snacking face some daunting challenges, including a food industry dedicated to satisfying the nation’s voracious between-meal appetite with snack wraps, burger bites and miniature candy bars marketed as mid-afternoon pick-me-ups.

Charlene Miller, a South Pasadena, Calif., mother of two boys, said, “There’s a lot of peer pressure” to ply kids with treats. At the beginning of basketball season this year, the coach of her 6-year-old son’s team ignited a parental rebellion when he said there was no need for an organized snack after the kids’ Saturday morning games.

“Some parents got really upset and said, ‘But our kids expect a snack,’” Miller said. The coach relented, and each of Charlie Miller’s teammates regularly gets a “snack bag” — often chips, a packet of fruit-flavored candy and a sports drink — before going home to lunch.

Dr. Judy Palfrey, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said the study’s findings pointed to one of many factors that had pushed the nation’s rate of child obesity to 16.4 percent in 2007 — an increase of roughly 10 percent since 2003 alone.

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Justices ready to make gun ownership a national right

David G. Savage
THE WASHINGTON POST
WASHINGTON — Most of the Supreme Court justices who two years ago said the Second Amendment protects individual gun rights signaled during arguments Tuesday that they are ready to extend this right nationwide and to use it to strike down some state and local gun regulations.

The fifth member of the majority in that case, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., echoed the theme that the court hadn't decided the harder questions about whether guns can be carried in public and how far this right extends.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said the court should not adopt a "waiver-down version" of the Second Amendment. A ruling striking down the Chicago handgun ban, he said, would endorse an individual, nationwide right in their decision two years ago.

Thefram member of the majority, Justice Clarence Thomas, did not comment during the argument, but he had been a steady advocate of the Second Amendment.

A ruling striking down the Chicago handgun ban would reauthorize nationwide because it would open the courthouse door to constitutional challenges to all manner of local or state gun regulations. However, the justices may not give much guidance on how far this right extends.

Robert all but forecast the court would issue an opinion that avoids deciding the harder questions about whether guns can be carried in public as well as kept at home. "We haven't said anything about the content of the Second Amendment," Roberts said at one point. He added that the justices need not rule on whether there is a right to carry "a concealed weapon." A lawyer for Chicago argued that there is a long American tradition of permitting states and cities to set gun regulations. For 220 years, gun restrictions "have been a state and local decision," attorney James A. Feldman said. Cities should be permitted to set "reasonable regulations of firearms," he added, noting that Chicagoans are allowed to have rifles and shotguns in their homes.

At one during the argument this right bears arms could be limited to homes. A liberal who distanced in the earlier gun-rights case two years ago, Stevens said the court could rule for the Chicago home owners and say they had a right to a gun at home.

At the same time, the court could say it is "not a right to parade around the street with a gun," Stevens said. But that idea got no traction with the other justices, and a lawyer representing the National Rifle Association said the court should not adopt a "waiver-down version" of the Second Amendment.

It will be several months before the court hands down a decision in the case of McDonald vs. Chicago.
Chile deploys troops in attempt to stop looting

By Tracy Wilkinson and Patrick J. McDonnell

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — A development plan that could lead to the nearly 1,000 new homes slated to go up before the San Luis Obispo City Council tonight.

The Westside was recommended south from the city limits to the intersection of Orcutt and Tank Farm roads.

Adopting the Orcutt Area Specific Plan and certifying the project's environmental impact report is one of the last steps the council must take before declaring intent to annex the area. That decision could come in the next few months.

For more than 30 years, the Orcutt area has been identified by the city as having potential for residential expansion.

CHICO (MCT) — Resident of Chico, U.S. Olympic bobbiledge team member, Andrea could not see a need for an elaborate homecoming.

Wearing American flag pants and looking at the athlete with star-struck eyes, about 25 local residents were at the Chico airport Monday afternoon, welcoming the native back from the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Ano, 26, a graduate of Chico High School, placed fifth in the men’s Olympic bobaf dice competition in Vancouver, British Columbia last winter, culminating her Olympic dream Monday by returning to Chico fauna.

State

National

SEATTLE (MCT) — Darin Allen, the man who allegedly drove the vehicle that struck four Lakewood, Wash., police officers to the area where the Nov. 29 shooting took place, was charged Tuesday with four counts of first-degree aggravated assault.

Prosecutors have not decided whether to seek the death penalty against Allen, 38, who was being held without bail on a warrant from Arkansas while prosecutors examined his role in driving Maurice Clemmons in a pickup to and from a car wash two blocks from the coffee shop where Clemmons fatally shot the officers.

WASHINGTON (MCT) — A food safety report by the Produce Safety Project (Georgetown University/Pew Charitable Trust) pegs the cost of food-borne illnesses at $152 billion a year — much higher than figures used previously.

The report is intended to inform the fire under Congress to pass a food safety bill, version of which has passed the House, and a Senate committee by making the case that such legislation is an integral part of national economic well-being as well as physical health.

International

IRAN (MCT) — One of Iran’s most acclaimed film directors has been detained on an ongoing official crackdown against the opposition, an official said Tuesday.

Jafar Panahi, an Oscar-nominated director of award-winning neo-realist films exploring Iran’s social topography, along with his wife, 26-year-old daughter and 15 guests were reportedly arrested at his home Monday night under still murky circumstances for unspecified charges.

PAKISTAN (MCT) — The Pakistan flag now flies over the complex of caves and tunnels that Taliban and al-Qaeda extremists had made a logistical hub, in just part of the country’s lawless tribal area.

The army has now secured a key supply route to Afghanistan and freed troops to tackle militants in the rest of the tribal belt.

Suspected means used in the attack included a vehicle loaded with a mass of explosives, said a beleaguered (Cesar Arana on Tuesday.

An overnight curfew in San Marco, a cluster of villages nestled up against a mountain range that marks the Afghan border, was the last redoubt of the Taliban.

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President Michelle Bachelet said Tuesday that nearly 14,000 army and navy troops deployed throughout Chile’s earthquake-devastated coastal communities had contained looting and were clearing the way for aid to be distributed.

Speaking in Santiago, the capital, Bachelet said 50 military flights with food, water and other supplies were headed Tuesday to the hardest-hit regions.

“Our concern is to give security and calm to the population,” she said.

“We understand perfectly the anguish and overwhelming needs of the people, but we know well that the criminal actions of small groups of people are provoking enormous physical damage, and will not be tolerated,” Bachelet said.

Several areas of Conchon, the city’s second-largest city, was extended until noon Tuesday to continue the looting. The army plugged the area Monday.

On Monday morning, government troops had struggled to halt looting, rampant in earthquake-level parts of the country even as government troops deployed in armored vehicles and on horseback to restore order and protect shipments of food and water. Scores of people were arrested Monday for having violated an overnight curfew.

With the death toll creeping higher, Chile continued to reel from Saturday’s massive magnitude 8.8 quake, one of the strongest on record.

At least 763 people were killed, the government said, and many remained missing.

Numerous ornamental towns, such as Loa, Dichato and Concon, were devastated first by the quake and then, minutes later by a tsunami, a kind of seismic wave caused by an underwater earthquake.

“We need food! We need water!” said a bearded man at the airport, before the collection of stores just before the fire erupted, firefighters could do nothing: They had no water.

Concepcion seemed to be suffering the brunt of post-disaster chaos.

Looters ransacked a firehouse in search of water and gasoline, which were in short supply, others later torched a shopping center.

Concepcion Mayor Jacqueline Van Rysselberghe said Monday that looters were moving in organized packs and attacking firefighters and city workers attempting to distribute water.

Fire raged Monday in a downtown Concepcion shopping mall. A radio reporter said an unknown person in a vehicle toss a Molotov cocktail into the collection of stores just before the fire erupted, firefighters could do nothing: They had no water.

The building, located farther in the day, was collapsing under the flames.

President Michelle Bachelet imposed emergency decrees, including putting the army in charge of hard-hit areas, measures not taken in 20 years.

In Concepcion, caskets were stacked in the town gym, which had been turned into a morgue.

Bachelet declared a 30-day state of emergency for the coastal states of Bio Bio and Maule.

Using the army for public security is still a sensitive subject in a country that endured nearly two decades of military dictatorship before the 1990 ouster of Gen. Augusto Pinochet’s regime.

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Minervana performers speak, sing, dance for empowerment

Anieca Ayler

Students' Stage is a Cal Poly theater organization, performed a variety of pieces at Minervana, an event for Women's HHAsotory Week held in Chumash Auditorium yesterday.

The event sponsored by Women's Programs and Services for Women's HERstory Week that was held in Chumash yesterday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Students' Stage is a Cal Poly student-run theater program that aims to allow students to be actively engaged with theater.

The event lineup included another two short plays, two monologues and two musical acts by members of Students' Stage, made up largely of Cal Poly theater majors.

Before and after the acts and during intermission, students browsed tables displaying student visual art, which included presentation boards, photography, paintings and drawings, all with an underlyng feminine theme.

Following the "Lysistrata" performance was a slam poem about the continued oppression and objectification of women in America by Tiffany Daniels. A group of three then performed a scene of "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare, directed by Tonya Blanco, which centers on a heroine who disguises herself as a man.

Pianist Lucy McNamara played and sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" by Larry Henley, which she dedicated to every woman who feels she doesn't matter. After intermission, two student actresses relayed a scene that showed the struggling relationship between mother and daughter in "Mrs. Warren's Profession" by George Bernard Shaw, directed by Tu Andrews.

A self-written monologue performed by Anna Clauson was next.

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Novel examines consequences of emotional abuse

Melinda Truelsen

What is a good novel? Does it have to be beautiful, lengthy prose? Something that has a complex sentence structure? How about metaphors, symbolism and all of those other terms we like to toss around in literary circles? Usually, my answer would be yes to all of the above. However, I recently read a book that made me think twice about how I define a good novel.

"Because I Am Furniture" by Thalia Chaltes is not a conventional novel. What it lacks in complex sentence structure, it makes up for in thought-provoking material and emotionally charged writing. Written as a series of verse poems, this novel’s protagonist and narrator, Alike, reveals her life in an abusive home. Through a combination of poems, we get bits and pieces of Alike’s life in a home with an abusive father who torments her brother and sister, but virtually ignores Alike.

"Though not your typical novel, "Because I Am Furniture" is a captivating read that will keep you hooked until the end. Since the novel is written for a younger audience, it is an easy read, but one that you won’t want to put down.

Alike is a real and believable narrator throughout the novel as she describes in detail the emotionally turbulent home in which she lives. She constantly witnesses her father abusing her siblings, but for some reason, is herself spared from the abuse. However, it is soon clear that though she is not the victim of physical violence, she certainly is the victim of emotional and psychological suffering.

Alike is ignored by her father, and though she is thankful to be spared, she is led to question her own self-worth. What is so wrong about her that he can’t even waste his time to give her attention, even negative attention?

This is a question that we don’t often hear, but to Alike, is quite important. She is left alone, isolated so deeply from the home in which she lives, that she slowly begins to fade into the background. She doesn’t believe that she is worth anything. She is furniture — something that you are aware of being there, but don’t care enough about to do anything with.

In addition to her questioning her own self-worth, Alike also feels a certain level of guilt over being spared from her father’s violence and anger while everyone else in her household is subject to his wrath. Her guilt is similar to what you hear soldiers undergoing when they have survivor’s guilt. She is grateful not to be a victim, but guilty at the same time that others are suffering in her place.

Throughout the novel, she asks herself why she is spared. Why must she sit and watch these events going on around her? Why can’t she stop them from happening? Though these questions are quite important for Alike’s development as a character, we don’t discover their answers until the narrator herself does.

Alike’s journey of self-discovery begins with something as simple as being accepted onto her high school volleyball team. On the team, she isn’t ignored, she isn’t pushed aside for the first time in her life. Rather than feeling the numbing sensation of unimportance, she feels alive and conscious of herself and her actions. She no longer fades into the background, she becomes part of something, she begins to take some control over her own life. Though the transformation is gradual, we eventually see Alike develop a voice of her own — one that won’t accept her role as furniture.

"Because I Am Furniture" comes to a climax of events that is completely honest and won’t leave you wanting more. Although this novel is not an extraordinary example of beautiful prose or a literary masterpiece, it is still a great read. Thalia Chaltes tells Alike’s story with honesty and simplicity, traits that we too often overlook in today’s society. Chaltes reminds us of what it is like to be vulnerable, to feel lost, and how difficult isolation can be.

This novel is a truly inspirational piece of writing that will leave you racing to discover the secrets and insights hidden within its pages.

Melinda Truelsen is an English graduate and Mustang Daily book columnist.
Project Orange event draws over 500 people

Three students from Campus Crusade for Christ hosted Project Orange Monday night at the Performing Arts Center. The goal of the project is to inform people about human trafficking.

Project Orange, a group which aims to educate others about human trafficking, featured a documentary that included undercover footage of police rescuing child slaves from brothels and slave-filled brick kilns Monday night at the Performing Arts Center.

More than 500 students watched the film at the Performing Arts Center Monday night.

Michael Phillips

"The Hurt Locker" may take top Oscar

The company picnic known as the Academy Awards will be held Sunday at the Hollywood Kodak Theatre, just down the boulevard from the famous handprints in concrete in front of Mann's Chinese. This year's tuxedoed and sequined picnic is laying out double the usual best picture nominees. Not since 1944 — the year "Casablanca" won for best picture of 1943 — has this happened.

A few weeks ago, I thought the Oscar was "Avatar's." I once. Once the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced plans to expand the picture roster to 10, it seemed like destiny. We're hacking our way out of a recession. We need a box-office hero, and in the Oscar bash producers' quest for ratings fire, what could stoke it better than a big blue hit?

If "Avatar" does indeed win the top prize Oscar night, it will be the highest-grossing picture ever to do so. It is, after all, the highest-grossing film of all time, having zoomed past the $2 billion mark.

But now I wonder. I wonder if the Oscar voters, having paid lip service to the big tent idea with 10 best picture nominees, will favor "The Hurt Locker" after all. Oddsmakers keeping book on the matter peg it as the second Oscars, page 11.
Poet brings women's issues to forefront at Another Type of Groove tonight

Daniel Triassi

Poet Thoa Monyee will be the featured performer at Another Type of Groove (ATOG), an open-mike micophone event hosted by the Multicultural and Women's Center in Chaminas Auditorium tonight.

Monyee has delivered her poetry on HBO's Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry and on Black Entertainment Television's BET "Lyric Café" and "The Way We Do It," she said of her first time performing at Cal Poly.

Her poetry stems back to her childhood, when she grew up writing church stories and was involved in a girls' group for a brief time.

"My dad was being a little jokester, so I had to back off," she said.

It wasn't until 2000 that Monyee began concentrating on her poetry career. Some of the influences on her work include her kids, her husband, her favorite literature and being a female.

With her soothing voice, her poems provide vivid visuals and emotions rather than punch lines. In her poem titled "Woman to Woman," she recites, "...that I'm having to work late trying to earn a couple extra dollars," she recites.

Aside from the content of her work, Monyee said being a woman has also affected her performance style. At the beginning of her career, she was trying to perform like the average male-slam poet.

"The men were very physical and very loud," she said. "They never wanted to give up the mic."

Instead, she looked at strong female poets, not to mimic their style, but to identify what makes them comfortable on stage.

"I don't try to project out to the audience; I just try to bring the audience in to me," Monyee said. "I think that's a thing women do very well as poets."

When Monyee isn't working on her poetry, she works as a therapist. Going through a therapy program, people become more comfortable and confident with their issues, she said.

Her album titled "In/ tuition" helped her therapy career. Monyee made the CD while getting her master's degree in marriage and family therapy. The album title references college tuition and was used to raise money for her master's program.

Her therapeutic lyrics have found an audience among young fans. Event coordinator and architectural engineering senior Jose Urrutia started going to Another Type of Groove as a showcase because of the talent like Monyee's.

"The first few open-mics I saw were incredible, the poets were pretty sick," he said.

Urrutia found Monyee's work online through Def Poetry. At Another Type of Groove, they try to coordinate female poets whenever they can, Urrutia said.

Monyee will be performing as a part of Women's HerStory Month. Women's History Month was established in 1987. Author Robin Morgan coined the term "HerStory," to highlight the sacrifices on women from a historical perspective.

Renoda Campbell, coordinator for multicultural programs and services, wants students and community members who come to Another Type of Groove to draw inspiration from Monyee's perspective.

"Women have a different way of expressing themselves," she said. "It will be nice to hear a different message."

Another Type of Groove starts at 7:30 in Chaminas Auditorium and is open to the public.

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“Inclusive excellence” isn’t the key to increasing diversity on campus

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In response to “Student survives on $28 for 28 days”

First, I want to say I am glad to see the Secular Society back and open to working with everyone from all faiths towards a common goal to ensure equality for differing faiths in the political sphere. However, as last year’s president of the CP Brights, I also want to clarify a few points.

(“We share common cause with supporting science and advanced civilizations and elevating religion, but the Secular Society tries to stay as much as possible away from criticizing the religion itself because we want to create an environment that’s open to people of all faiths,” she said.)

I feel this statement is implying that the Brights is a group with a focus on criticizing religion, which is it NOT. Instead, as previously stated, it is a group that can be used as a common base for students with naturalistic worldviews. From the Brights website:

“The movement’s three major aims are:

1. Promote the civic understanding and acknowledgment of the naturalistic worldview, which is free of supernatural and mystical elements.
2. Gain public recognition that people who hold such a worldview, can bring principled actions to bear on matters of civic importance.
3. Educate society toward accepting the full and equitable civic participation of all such individuals.”

—Misha Davies

In response to “Secular Society debates religion in public life”

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Lessons can be learned from European health systems

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One of the most bewildering aspects of the current health-care debate is the failure to learn key lessons from health systems abroad.

Conservative talk show hosts decry the alleged evils of socialized medicine in countries with universal health care; they warn grimly of rationed health care. Yet there's a peek from Rush Limbaugh or Glenn Beck, let alone Conservative talk show hosts abroad.

And, oh yes, their health costs are a fraction of our bloated numbers: The French spend 10 percent of GDP on health care, the Germans 11 percent, and they cover every citizen. We spend a whopping 17 percent and leave tens of millions of Americans uninsured.

If you want a very readable short course on how European systems really work — as opposed to the Fox News version — take a look at "The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care," by T.K. Reid, a former Washington Post foreign correspondent. You might also watch a fascinating 2008 Frontline series, "Sick Around the World: Can America Learn Anything From the Rest of the World About How to Run a Health Care System?"

So far, the answer seems to be "No," not because there aren't valuable lessons, but because politicians won't relinquish their myths about European health systems. Reid takes up that task.

Myth No. 1, he says, is that foreign systems with universal coverage are all "socialized medicine." In countries such as France, Germany, Switzerland, and Japan, the coverage is universal while doctors and insurers are private. Individuals get their insurance through their workplace, sharing the premium with their employer as we do — and the government picks up the premium if they lose their job.

Myth No. 2 — long waits and rationed care — is another whopper. "In many developed countries," Reid writes, "people have quicker access to care and more choice than Americans do." In France, Germany and Japan, you can pick any provider or hospital in the country. Care is speedy and high quality, and no one is turned down.

Myth No. 3 really grabs my attention: the delusion that countries with universal care "are wasteful systems run by blunted bureaucrats." In fact, the opposite is true. America's for-profit health insurance companies have the highest administrative costs of any developed country. Twenty percent or more of every premium dollar goes to nonmedical costs: paperwork, marketing, profits, etc. "If a profit is to be made, you need an army of underwriters to deny claims and turn down sick people," says Reid.

In developed countries with universal coverage, such as France and Germany, the administrative costs average about 5 percent. That's because every developed country but ours has decided health insurance should be a nonprofit operation. (We once thought that, too, until private insurance companies began buying up nonprofit health insurers like Blue Cross and Blue Shield and converting them into profit-makers.) In France and Germany, health insurance is sold by private insurers, who can only charge fixed rates in the nonprofit health field, but can sell other forms of insurance for a profit.

These countries also hold down costs by making coverage mandatory and by using a unified set of rules and payment schedules for all hospitals and doctors. This does NOT mean a single-payer system or a government-run health system. But it does sharply cut health costs by eliminating the mishmash of records and charges used by our myriad insurance firms, who use all kinds of gimmicks to shift their costs.

A unified system makes it possible for France and Germany to use digital records; every insured person has a smart card that includes all his or her health information, further cutting the number of bureaucrats. U.S. companies oppose such efficiencies, Reid says, "because they spend money on proprietary systems and no one wants to get together on a common system." Can we afford this stubbornness?

For those who think we could never make the switch to such systems, take note that Switzerland shifted from private health insurers to nonprofits in 1994. And it's hard to see how we can cut costs without reinventing our private health insurers.

None of these European plans have to be adopted wholesale. Yet there's no sign we've even examined them for useful lessons. Some U.S. senators on the Finance Committee bought Reid's book, but have you heard anyone talk about European health systems? Of course not.

It's easier to embrace our myths and pretend Americans know best about managing health care. But that's the biggest myth of them all.

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10th-grade year. Taylor struggled with his athleticism and was "very raw," because he hadn't played organized basketball before.

Over the next summer, Taylor hit the weight room and worked on his cardiovascular endurance. His junior year, he was the second-leading scorer and top rebounder for the Wildcats and helped the team earn a conference championship, Mowbray said.

The next year, Taylor worked even harder, becoming a first-team all-conference player and led his team to a sub-regional championship, which they lost by two points.

These performances led him to Hagerstown Community College.

"The thing about Will Taylor is that nobody that knows him has one negative thing to say about him," Mowbray said. "He's one of the most fun-loving individuals I know. But that doesn't mean he's not a competitor. He hates to lose, but he's a very kind-hearted individual."

Mowbray said he talks to Taylor about once a week, although he admires he calls Taylor more than Taylor calls him.

"For me as a coach, it's a little bit of a burden when you don't get to talk to the players as much. But I'm happy for the development he's making," Mowbray said.

Taylor was raised by his mom, whom he shares a strong bond, and still talks with once a day.

When he was 13, Taylor moved into a rural 10-bedroom house outside of Hagerstown, Maryland with 13 family members. His cousin, Jamal Tinsley, who plays in the NBA for the Memphis Grizzlies, bought the house for his own mother, but when she passed away, Tinsley gave it to his family.

"I loved (that environment). I love to be around a lot of people," Taylor said. "I can study with noise 'cause there was always someone doing something."

Taylor is working toward a degree in social sciences at Cal Poly. He said because he grew up as an under-privileged child, he wants to become a social worker when he graduates.

"I used to go to Boys and Girls Club because I liked having someone to look up to like a role model," he said. "I'm a big fan of that environment. I love to be around a lot of people," Taylor said. "I can study with noise 'cause there was always someone doing something."

Taylor was raised by his mom, David Foster, and has one older cousin, Jamaal Tinsley, who plays in the NBA for the Memphis Grizzlies.

"I'm going camping and fishing after the season. I love it."

"I've been a part of," Mowbray said. "I'd like to think I had a hand in that, at least a little bit."

"As far as he's come as a basketball player, he's probably grown 10-15 pounds," Mowbray said. "He's one of the best programs in the country there."

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California clinched a share of its first Pac-10 title since 1960 with its 62-46 win over Arizona State.

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1989, it was the school's first trip since 1942, when it won the title. Montgomery hasn't won it all, but he took Stanford to the 1998 Final Four.

"What he did at Stanford, all those years, under such circumstances (stringent entrance requirements) ... " mused UCLA coach Ben Howland, who emmiision Montgomery making it. "He built one of the best programs in the country there."

After Montgomery left Stanford, he went 66-96 in a two-year stint with the Golden State Warriors. That won't excite the Naismith folks, whose hall has become increasingly NBA-oriented, but it shouldn't be fatal, either.

"I used to go to Boys and Girls Club because I liked having someone to look up to like a role model," he said. "When I'm back home, I volunteer at Boys and Girls Club and help out with the kids."
**Junior Will Taylor’s work ethic pays off**

Will Taylor

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Will Taylor is similar to the Mustang men’s basketball team: raw, energetic and ready to learn. Taylor, a 6-foot-6, 244-pound junior forward, didn’t hit the court until sophomore year of high school despite being a starting player in their early childhood.

But what Taylor lacks in on-court experience, he makes up for with tenacity and effort as a result of his past, men’s basketball head coach Joe Calero said. “The great thing about Will is you don’t have to worry about his effort,” Calero said. “(He) was late to the game, and we’re a complicated team. But he’s very coachable — and willing to improve.”

Taylor came to Cal Poly from Hagerstown Community College in Maryland, where he was “waiting for someone to give him a chance,” Calero said. This past summer, Taylor’s then-Hagerstown teammate Anaurys Fermin, signed with Cal Poly. Calero had seen Taylor on tape while scouting Fermin and was impressed but not convinced with his performance.

Calero invited Taylor out for a visit but couldn’t pay for it because they had no more money for recruitment travel in their budget. Taylor recognizes “an opportunity when he sees it.” Calero said, and paid out of his own pocket for an audition with the Mustangs.

“He showed a great personality and a passion for commitment, and he’s done that so far,” he said. “He’s transitioned great. He’s a very positive and outgoing person.”

Calero said he looks forward to Taylor’s development heading into his senior year.

“He’s not afraid to show his emotion and encourage his teammates. He’s a great voice and presence for Cal Poly,” Calero said. “He’ll be a senior next year and has the potential to become a positive vocal leader.”

Taylor said that although he is naturally a joker, he is trying to be a more serious and motivational team member. He said he tries to repeat what coaches say in his own words because he believes the team benefits more when they hear from a player. “We voted a while ago and I got voted most inspirational. But the team is almost to an end, I’m trying to be more of a leader,” Taylor said. “If you would have asked my teammates at the beginning of the year if I was going to be a leader, they probably wouldn’t have said, ‘No.’ Now I’d say they think I’m ready.”

Taylor said his move to California from Maryland has been good for him and not just on the team; he likes the college, the style of play in the conference and the new friends he has made on the team.

“East Coast (pace of play) is so much faster than California,” Taylor said. “California ball is so chill, it’s more me.”

Not that Taylor has been doing much hanging out since he came out this summer. Learning the details of Mustang play, dropping 15 to 20 pounds and feeling comfortable on the court has taken most of Taylor’s time since he’s been here.

“But I don’t feel like I’m at a disadvantage. I had a childhood. Most Division-I players can’t say that. I play hard. I might not be as skilled as everyone, but I give it my all.”

Taylor came to the basketball court in ninth grade after being coaxed onto his junior varsity team at Williamsport High School by coaches who saw his size and thought he might be valuable. Before that, he hadn’t participated in other organized sports. “Nah, I never played any other sports. It just wasn’t my thing. I used to play trombone,” he said. He gave it up though, “because the girls didn’t like the trombone player.”

Taylor’s head coach from Williamsport High School, Scott Mowrey, in his head coach from the school teacher in Hagerstown, said that Taylor would “rather forget his past.”

Junior Will Taylor’s work ethic pays off