Students ‘See the Need’ for San Luis Obispo hunger awareness

Alicia Freeman
ALICIFREEMAN.MS@MCMAIL.COM

In honor of Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week, Cal Poly Student Community Services (SCS) will hold a number of events for “See the Need” week, urging students to volunteer and become more educated about hunger in both San Luis Obispo and national communities.

See the Need week started on Sunday, Nov. 14, with a canned food drive at local grocery stores and a dinner at the Marine Louis Memorial Shelter in San Luis Obispo.

Missy Sparks, an environmental management senior, participated in the food drive on Nov. 14 at the Albertons on Foothill Boulevard. Sparks said she participated in the food drive because she enjoys seeing people help out.

“I feel like when you volunteer, you actually see where things go, you are kind of behind the scenes type of thing,” Sparks said. “We actually see the food bank trucks come and take the food to the shelter and really give our homeless population.”

O’Mcara said it is easy to ask people for donations. “It’s just a simple question if they’re willing to donate for a good cause, especially with the holiday season starting up,” Sparks said.

The change will hopefully provide clarification for students, Fallis said.

“‘It is only a change in terminology’ Fallis said. ‘The money is not going to be spent any differently.’

‘I don’t really think it matters to me,’ she said. ‘I guess it makes things less confusing.’

Besides obliterating the confusion over the two different terms, the changes could also make the students more aware of what each payment is going toward, Wilson said.

‘‘I don’t really think it matters to me,’’ she said. ‘‘I guess it makes things less confusing.’’

The change will hopefully provide clarification for students, Fallis said.

‘‘It was hard for students who were comparing out-of-state universities as well as University of California schools to the CSUs,’’ he said. ‘‘It created some confusion.’’

The word “tuition” will slowly replace the older term “fee” on Cal Poly’s student “Money Matters” tab on the Cal Poly Portal by the end of the year and students can expect to see the change in lingo incorporated into e-mails and letters sent from Cal Poly as well.

Cal Poly wrestling starts another season.

IN SPORTS, P. 12

Students helped their colleagues win the food drive competition on Monday by donating canned food on Dexter Lawn.

CSU terminology change turns ‘student fees’ into ‘tuition’

Amanda Sedo
AMANDASEDO.MSD@MCMAIL.COM

The California State University (CSU) “student university fees” will now be referred to as “tuition” after the California State University Board of Trustees approved the change in terminology last week.

Unlike many other universities and colleges, money paid to the university for teaching expenses were considered fees instead of tuition.

According to a press release from the Chancellor’s Office, fees are services not related to instruction.

The Chancellor’s Office, fees are services not related to instruction. Clerc Wilson, a recreation, parks and tourism administration junior said the word “fee” did not properly describe what the students were actually paying for.

“Tuition is associated with the price of classes and education whereas fees just kind of sound like you don’t know what you’re paying for,” Wilson said. “It sounds like an extra burden or payment that we are making.”

The word “fee” has caused problems for student military veterans trying to collect GI Bill payments for their education at CSUs.

Erik Fallis, a CSU media relations specialist, said problems arose for students at CSUs when the new GI Bill came in out in August 2008.

According to the United States Department of Veteran’s Affairs website, the post-9/11 GI Bill stated that veterans would be reimbursed for the highest state tuition rate for an in-state school.

Since the CSUs are tuition-free, the terminology glitch could cost veterans thousands of dollars toward their education.

“The terminology caused some confusion for students trying to get benefits under the GI Bill,” Fallis said.

Betty O’Meara, a nutrition junior said the use of the term “tuition” would be an easy, simple fix for Cal Poly and other universities.

“I guess that I don’t really know why we use the term ‘fee’ anyway,” O’Meara said. “Most colleges go by ‘tuition.’”

When the public university system was developed, the idea was for a tuition-free education so the pay- ment was originally coined a fee, according to the press release.

“The use of the word ‘fee’ in place of ‘tuition’ references back to when (the CSU system) was founded as a tuition-free university system,” Fallis said.

However, since 1868 things have changed in California and the CSU system has charged fees synonymous with tuition. The increasing state debt and the failing economy meant that it was necessary to raise fees to the point that fees were no longer small charges. But this large payment charged to students amounted to what other universities called tuition.

The money is not going to be spent any differently,” Fallis said. “The money is not going to be spent any differently.”

Wilson said. “Also (tuition) is more of a positive word because fee sounds like a fine. It’s just a simple question if they’re willing to donate for a good cause, especially with the holiday season starting up,” Sparks said.

The change will hopefully provide clarification for students, Fallis said.

“It was hard for students who were comparing out-of-state universities as well as University of California schools to the CSUs,” he said. “It created some confusion.”

The word “tuition” will slowly replace the older term “fee” on Cal Poly’s student “Money Matters” tab on the Cal Poly Portal by the end of the year and students can expect to see the change in lingo incorporated into e-mails and letters sent from Cal Poly as well.

And there’s no telling what you can achieve

New challenges. Global insight. Opportunities to grow. An internship at Ernst & Young can offer you all this and more.

Text EY Edge to 58592 to learn more about our people, culture and opportunities.

Ernst & Young
Quality In Everything We Do

Top U.S. employers. Message and Data Rates May Apply. Text EYHLP for questions or STOP to cancel. Void in states for full terms. Ernst & Young refers to a global organization of member firms of Ernst & Young Global Limited, each of which is a separate legal entity and its parent company is Ernst & Young LLP, a limited liability partnership. © 2010 Ernst & Young LLP.
Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Write a letter to the Editor!

Send your letter in 250 words or less to mustangdailyopinions@gmail.com, or submit it at mustangdaily.com

body & soul

NEW CLIENT PROMO
$65 for one month's unlimited yoga!
For new patrons only.

1227 Archer St. | Downtown San Luis Obispo
805.546.9100 | www.smilingdogyogasl.com

live pain free!

Physical therapy for the body, mind, and spirit

S P I R I T  W I N D S
physical therapy

CUESTA MEDICAL GROUP
We are proud to welcome
Anna Talarico, MD
& Matthew Talarico, MD
to our practice.

Welcoming New Patients!

Our established physicians group includes
Marya Bolyanatz, NP
Mary Brown, MD
Steven Smith, MD
Scott Negri, MD
Robert Schingler, MD
Savitha Nukal, MD
Steven Goodman, MD
Lane Price, PA

Accepting Most Insurances, Including Medicare,
Secure Horizons, Blue Shield, Blue Shield HMO Plan,
Blue Shield Net Value, Blue Shield Access Plus,
Anthem BlueCross HMO, Pacificare HMO

Call for Your Appointment Today

San Luis Obispo
1555 Higuera St.
543-4043

Los Osos
2238 Bayview Heights
543-1305

Atascadero
5900 West Mall
466-0676

Interested in running in Body and Soul call 805.756.1143 or e-mail mustangdailyads@gmail.com
Republicans in Congress are ready to slash excessive spending

David Lightman
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Newly invigorated Senate Repub­licans are expected to take a small but symbolic step Monday to show that they're serious about curbing spending, when they formally back a moratorium on "earmarks," the thousands of local projects stuffed into legislation that add up to billions of federal dollars.

With a fresh boost Monday from GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who previously had been skeptical of such a ban, Senate Republicans are expected to endorse barring the practice. Republicans in the House of Rep­resentatives also plan to vote on a ban later this week.

Earmarks, usually inserted into legislation by lawmakers for bridge­es, buildings and other pet projects back home, accounted for $15.9 billion of the federal budget in fiscal 2010, which ended on Sept. 30. That was less than 1 percent of all federal spending and would have put barely a nick in last year's $1.29 trillion deficit.

Still, earmarks have become symbolic to many of Congress' fis­cal indiscretion, and the GOP push to ban them holds political signifi­cance for that reason, especially now, two weeks after an election when voters resoundingly said they want less, and more responsible, spending.

"I welcome Senator McConnell's decision to join me and members of both parties who support cracking down on wasteful earmark spend­ing, which we can't afford during these tough economic times," Pres­i­dent Obama said Monday. "But we can't stop with earmarks, as they represent only part of the problem. ... I look forward to working with Democrats and Republicans to not only end earmark spending, but to find other ways to bring down our deficits for our children."

Robert Birby, the executive di­rector of the Concord Coalition, a nonpartisan budget watchdog group, said, "It's a good-govern­ment issue more than a fiscal one."

McConnell seconded that view Monday.

"I don't apologize for them," he said in a Senate floor speech. "But there is simply no doubt that the abuse of this practice has caused Americans to view it as a symbol of the waste and the out-of-control spending that every Republican in Washington is determined to fight."

"Unless people like me show the American people that we're willing to follow through on small or even symbolic things," McConnell said, "we risk losing them on our broader efforts to cut spending and rein in government."

Senate democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada disagrees.

"Senator Reid makes no apolo­gies for delivering for the people of Nevada. He will always fight to ensure the state's needs are met," said his spokeswoman, Regan Latchappel.

The anti-earmark push has been led by Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C.

"I am proud that House and Senate Republicans have united to end the earmark favor factory," DeMint said in a statement Mon­day. "Earmarks have greased the skids for runaway spending and bad policy for decades. It's time for Congress to stop focusing on parochial pet projects, and instead fo­cus on cutting spending, devolving power and decisions back to states, and working on national priorities like entitlement and tax reform."

The issue isn't lost on potential candidates, either. Former Massachu­setts Gov. Mitt Romney Monday urged support for the ban, saying it would "send a powerful mes­sage that we will no longer tolerate business as usual on Capitol Hill."

DeMint, the vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, which tracks earmarks, explained their symbolic power this way:

"To voters, it's special inter­est spending, and spending where more powerful lawmakers get more," he said, "and they are also a tool to gain votes," since it's com­mon for incumbents to appear in front of a bridge or a building funded by an earmark.

House Democrats are likely to discuss changes in earmark policy later this week, but are unlikely to back a ban.

However, since the GOP will control spending bills in the House next year, they will probably strike earmarks from legislation there.

In the Senate, though, Democrats will retain a majority, setting up a potential showdown on the issue when the two chambers must agree on spending legislation.

Democrats have cut back on earmarks in the past. In 2007, House democratic leaders cut the number of earmarks in half and required lawmakers to disclose any earmarks they received, as well as the beneficiary. Lawmakers also had to certify that they had no fi­nancial interest in them.

Senators agreed to the certifica­tion rule, but not the disclosure provisions.

Last year, the House agreed to require lawmakers to disclose all their requests on their websites, while House Republicans banned all earmarks, a practice all GOP members except four followed. Earlier this year House Democrats banned awarding earmarks to for­profit firms. Senators, however, ad­opted none of the changes.
Brittany Frost, an environmental engineering senior, is the SCS director and said it is an important thing for students, "especially with the economy, to be hungry themselves, she said. "Especially with the economy, there are a lot of students who are struggling to buy groceries and that's an important thing for students," Frost said. "To be able to buy healthy food and good food for you is not the cheapest thing, so ... I think a lot of students who are struggling financially in order to put more time and effort into each separately, Frost said.

Hunger awareness is especially important for students who, due to the economy, may be hungry themselves, she added. "The rest of See the Need Week will focus on collecting food and clothing for those in need. On Nov. 15, volunteers will collect clothing on Dexter Lawn, a food drive competition between colleges continues through Saturday and a screening of "Dive," a movie about a man who lived on a dumpster diving, will be screened at 7 p.m. in the University Union (UU), room 321.

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, there will be a Soup and Substance event at 11 a.m. in the UU, room 204, and a World Hunger Banquet Dinner at 7 p.m. in the UU, room 220. Wednesday will offer breakfast at the Prado Day Center (a day center for the homeless) which will offer the start of a 30-hour famine that ends on Thursday, Nov. 18.

Frost said the famine will show students what it is like for those that are starving and will have bulletin boards on Dexter Lawn for students to write their thoughts. In celebration of the end of the famine, lunch will be held for participants on Dexter Lawn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Friday, Nov. 19 there will be a carnival at the Boys and Girls Club in Paso Robles at 3 p.m. Friday is also the last day for the canned food drive competition. On Saturday, Nov. 20, another canned food drive will be held at local grocery stores to end the week.

Frost hopes more people will volunteer this year and become "passionate" about helping the hungry. However, she said the week is fun even if more people do not volunteer, she said. "I know during hunger awareness week, I feel like we have the most volunteers over throughout the year," Frost said. "People are just stuck to go serve dinner and serve breakfast at the homeless shelter. It's really fun and it's an awesome way to give back."

Those interested in volunteer opportunities or more information can go to room 217 in the UU.

Facebook offers e-mail service to its members

Mike Swift  
SAN JOSE MARIN news

In a bid to become the junction box for people's digital communications, Facebook announced Monday it plans to launch a new communication platform intended to unify e-mail, instant messaging, text messaging and the social network's existing message system through a single "social inbox."

While each of the social network's more than 500 million users will have the chance to get an @facebook.com e-mail address at the new service gradually rolls out to members in coming months.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg said the goal was not to create the world's largest e-mail network, but to merge external e-mail, text messaging, instant messages and Facebook's existing internal messaging service into a new kind of seamless communication system.

News of the new message system, which was the product of 15 months of intensive work within Facebook, dubbed "Project Titan," has received intensive attention in the tech media.

There has been speculation in recent days that a Facebook e-mail service would in one fell swoop eclipse the world's largest e-mail networks — Microsoft Hotmail's 361 million users, Yahoo Mail's 273 million users or Google Gmail's 193 million users.

But Zuckerberg said Facebook's goal was not to steal e-mail traffic from its rivals.

Rather, the intention is to dissolve the fragmentation between the various computer and smartphone communication channels, including e-mail, IMs and phone text messages. "This is not an e-mail killer," Zuckerberg told journalists at a heavily attended announcement in San Francisco, where the tech media is massed this week for the Web 2.0 Summit.

"This is a messaging system that includes e-mail as one part of it. We don't expect anyone to wake up tomorrow and say, 'I'm going to shut down my Yahoo Mail or Gmail account, and switch to Facebook.'"

The new e-mail system will allow Facebook members to send e-mail from within their Facebook page to any external e-mail address.

But it also will allow people to see incoming e-mail from outside Facebook or a text message sent from a friend's smart phone on their Facebook page, all integrated within a "conversation" assigned to that one single person.

Danny Sullivan, editor-in-chief of the website Search Engine Land, said the release of the new system will depend on how easy people find it to use.

"It might not trump more functional e-mail platforms like Gmail overnight, for Facebook "it'll tie people to the service" more closely.

The system will also allow essentially unlimited archiving of messages with an ongoing conversation with a particular person.

This means that a Facebook user could see their entire communication with that person in one place, across a variety of communication methods.

And Zuckerberg said that because Facebook knows its users' networks of friends, it would be much more efficient at filtering out spam or less important e-mail messages.

Andrew Bosworth, the Facebook engineer who headed "Project Titan," said Facebook's main thrust was to allow people to focus on the conversation, rather than whether they were doing it through e-mail, and instant message or a text message, and not to eclipse existing e-mail networks.

"The goal for us is to make it easier for people to connect with the people they care about," he said.

"If they find it easier to do that through Facebook, cool."
California Supreme Court gives immigrant students a break on in-state college tuition

Howard Mintz
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

The California Supreme Court on Monday upheld a state law that enables illegal immigrant students to pay lower in-state tuition at public colleges and universities.

The justices rejected arguments that the policy unfairly discriminates against students from other states who pay higher fees yet are U.S. citizens. In a unanimous ruling, the justices concluded that the state provision providing tuition aid to undocumented students does not run afoul of federal laws restricting public education benefits to illegal immigrants.

They emphasized that it is not up to the courts to address how the issue fits into the broader debate over illegal immigration. "This court does not make policy," Justice Ming Chin wrote for the court. "Whether Congress' prohibition or the Legislature's exemption is good policy is not for us to say."

The case has attracted widespread attention across the country as another legal battleground over illegal immigration. The ruling is being closely watched because a number of other states have similar laws that are expected to come under legal attack by groups that consider such policies as public encouragement of illegal immigration.

The ruling is expected to affect hundreds of California students who currently benefit from lower in-state tuition at community colleges and in California's state university and University of California systems. But the decision may ripple into those other states that provide lower fees to immigrant students.

A group of non-California residents sued in Yolo County to block the state law in 2005, arguing that it violates a 12-year-old federal law that bars states from providing benefits to illegal immigrants based on their residence.

A state appeals court sided with that argument, but the state Supreme Court overturned that ruling.

Among other things, the Supreme Court concluded that residency is not the sole factor in providing the benefit to undocumented students. The justices noted that the law requires a student to attend a California high school for at least three years to qualify for the in-state tuition, as well as satisfy other criteria.

The lawyers on both sides could not immediately be reached for comment, but the group suing to overturn the law could still appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

You deserve a break.
Erik Hamen is a graduate student pursuing a Master of Public Policy and the "When I Was a Mustang..." columnist.

Last week we covered tattoo removal. Now let us go over removing the tattoo's more mild-mannered cousin, the piercing.

Specifically, this article is directed at anyone who:
- Has/had plugs in their ears up to a gauge of about four.
- Let their friend pierce their ears with a rusty safety pin at the age of 14, only to have been left with a couple of discolored holes they still wear earrings in.
- Or, is (a male) stuck with jock marks in both ears after the *NSYNC hoop earring wave slowly and regretfully receded.

Those lip, eyebrow and nipple piercings you hide from your parents every time you head home for winter break will usually heal on their own once you take the jewelry out, or are already nondescript. However, while you will fit right in with the rest of the bike messenger crew in San Francisco or Williamsburg with those plugs in your ears (along with that snazzy tattoo of a bike on your calf), even if you take them out, the holes in your ears will still make you look goofy at your new job at American International Group, Inc. (AIG) after you graduate.

Do not be sullen though; there is hope for you yet! In an age where you can get implants in your butt to look like Jennifer Lopez, stitching up your ears is chump change. Time to make an appointment with your favorite dermatologist — typically the same one you go to get all your Retin-A from to clear up those post-puberty zits that just won't go away. Dermatologists deal with piercings and plugs often; from tears and infections to minor surgeries.

Once you have made your appointment and are seated in the doctor's chair, a nurse will put a topical anesthetic on your ears and give you a shot in both ears to numb them. These shots are pretty important because the doctor is about to slice off the skin around the holes. This will usually only be done to the front of your ears (no one sees the back anyway), as the doctor does not want to form a new hole to form by slicing up the back as well. The doctor will then place one (or two for plugs) stitches on both ears, pulling the skin together and that is it — all done!

The procedure is quick, lasting no more than 10 minutes. Post-procedure care is easy too, only requiring your lazy ass to put Vaseline on the stitches in the morning and evening for the first five days — surely you can handle that. The stitches come out in two weeks and you can re-pierce your ears in six weeks (or whenever *NSYNC has that reunion tour you've been waiting for).

Beware that there are a couple of things to keep in mind before getting a piercing removed. The whole procedure will cost you about $200 to $300 per ear and, unless it is a life-threatening infection, insurance will not cover it. Also, similar to getting your tattoos removed, you will likely still be stuck with some sort of permanent reminder of decisions past. This will be in the form of very small, white scars on your ears where the stitches were. Like all scars, they will fade over time. A couple months after the procedure, they will only be noticeable if someone is uncomfortably close to you. Finally, anyone with plugs larger than a gauge of about four can still get a consultation from their dermatologist, but will likely be referred to a plastic surgeon.

I wish you all the best of luck stitching up those regretful holes in your head.
"Eh...whats up, doc?"

The famous words of one very popular bunny unintentionally gave a quick peek into the life of the bright orange carrot Bugs is always seen munching on.

If you guessed the clue from last week correctly, you know British pilots were forced to eat carrots to help their vision during WWII but, were you aware the British government wasn't just promoting pilots to increase vegetable consumption, but all citizens? A whole campaign was created to increase vegetable consumption and Doctor Carrot spearheaded the operation.

November is the prime season for carrots so this is as good a time as any to investigate just how the British saw it appropriate to honor the humble carrot with the gallant title of Doctor. A brief look into the history of the carrot may offer a glimpse into the carrots' qualifications for such a title.

In earlier seasons, carrots were typically seen in color varieties such as purple, white, yellow and red but not orange. These carrots were often used for medical purposes to treat ailments that ranged from dog bites to syphilis. As time continued and carrots became cultivated, the orange carrot, which rules the Western markets today, was selectively bred into existence.

Now that the orange carrot exists, what does it have to offer nutritionally that will benefit our health? The vitamin was what the British used for medical purposes to treat ailments that ranged from dog bites to syphilis. As time continued and carrots became cultivated, the orange carrot, which rules the Western markets today, was selectively bred into existence.

To investigate just how the Brits saw it appropriate to honor the humble carrot with the gallant title of Doctor. A brief look into the history of the carrot may offer a glimpse into the carrots' qualifications for such a title.

In earlier seasons, carrots were typically seen in color varieties such as purple, white, yellow and red but not orange. These carrots were often used for medical purposes to treat ailments that ranged from dog bites to syphilis. As time continued and carrots became cultivated, the orange carrot, which rules the Western markets today, was selectively bred into existence.

Now that the orange carrot exists, what does it have to offer nutritionally that will benefit our health? The vitamin was what the British used for medical purposes to treat ailments that ranged from dog bites to syphilis. As time continued and carrots became cultivated, the orange carrot, which rules the Western markets today, was selectively bred into existence.

Now that the orange carrot exists, what does it have to offer nutritionally that will benefit our health? The vitamin was what the British used for medical purposes to treat ailments that ranged from dog bites to syphilis. As time continued and carrots became cultivated, the orange carrot, which rules the Western markets today, was selectively bred into existence.

Now that the orange carrot exists, what does it have to offer nutritionally that will benefit our health? The vitamin was what the British used for medical purposes to treat ailments that ranged from dog bites to syphilis. As time continued and carrots became cultivated, the orange carrot, which rules the Western markets today, was selectively bred into existence.

Now that the orange carrot exists, what does it have to offer nutritionally that will benefit our health? The vitamin was what the British used for medical purposes to treat ailments that ranged from dog bites to syphilis. As time continued and carrots became cultivated, the orange carrot, which rules the Western markets today, was selectively bred into existence.

Now that the orange carrot exists, what does it have to offer nutritionally that will benefit our health? The vitamin was what the British used for medical purposes to treat ailments that ranged from dog bites to syphilis. As time continued and carrots became cultivated, the orange carrot, which rules the Western markets today, was selectively bred into existence.

Now that the orange carrot exists, what does it have to offer nutritionally that will benefit our health? The vitamin was what the British used for medical purposes to treat ailments that ranged from dog bites to syphilis. As time continued and carrots became cultivated, the orange carrot, which rules the Western markets today, was selectively bred into existence.
Holiday season marks hit and miss movie releases

Colin Covert
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

What's going on here? The winter release schedule looks like some kind of apocalyptic weirdness predicted by the Mayan calendar. No Yuletide-themed movies for year-end? Jeff Bridges competing against himself in the two most highly anticipated releases of the season? Shakespeare with a sex change? Half a Harry Potter Hick? A feel-good movie about a guy who hacks off his own arm? Movies opening on Christmas Day, a Saturday???? Has the world gone mad?

As 2010 rolls to a close, Hollywood's L.A.-la lunacy smells riper than usual. Sure, there are such franchise stalwarts as "Harry Potter 7.5," "Narnia: Better Than the Last Sequel," and "The Little Fockers: Now With Added Dustin Hoffman." But we've also got a psychological thriller about a ballerina sprouting pinfeathers, Johnny Depp playing dumb and dumpy, and an English import about the w'orld gone mad?

Among the movies that will be making their way to the big screen this holiday season is the first half of the final movie of the "Harry Potter" saga, which will be premiering this Thursday at midnight.

Christmas Day, a Saturday!?!?!?! Hasn't the world gone mad? As 2010 rolls to a close, Hollywood's L.A.-la lunacy smells riper than usual. Sure, there are such franchise stalwarts as "Harry Potter 7.5," "Narnia: Better Than the Last Sequel," and "The Little Fockers: Now With Added Dustin Hoffman." But we've also got a psychological thriller about a ballerina sprouting pinfeathers, Johnny Depp playing dumb and dumpy, and an English import about the w'orld gone mad?

So what's going on here? The winter release schedule looks like some kind of apocalyptic weirdness predicted by the Mayan calendar. No Yuletide-themed movies for year-end? Jeff Bridges competing against himself in the two most highly anticipated releases of the season? Shakespeare with a sex change? Half a Harry Potter Hick? A feel-good movie about a guy who hacks off his own arm? Movies opening on Christmas Day, a Saturday? Has the world gone mad?

As 2010 rolls to a close, Hollywood's L.A.-la lunacy smells riper than usual. Sure, there are such franchise stalwarts as "Harry Potter 7.5," "Narnia: Better Than the Last Sequel," and "The Little Fockers: Now With Added Dustin Hoffman." But we've also got a psychological thriller about a ballerina sprouting pinfeathers, Johnny Depp playing dumb and dumpy, and an English import about the w'orld gone mad?

Student DESIGN / BUILD project

CALL FOR CONCEPTS

Create a MEMORIAL SPACE that addresses the issues related to student stress & suicide and serves as a peaceful refuge for students.

Due November 19

visit: cpdesignbuild.tumblr.com

Want Some Attention!? Advertise in the Mustang Daily

805.756.1143 MustangDailyAdvertising@gmail.com

Winter 2011 Registration

Know Your Prerequisites

View the catalog description for a course to check its prerequisites before adding the class to your schedule. Many courses have prerequisites that are enforced in CPregr during enrollment.

Check course descriptions in PASS or at www.catalog.calpoly.edu.

A message from the Office of the Registrar

Among the movies that will be making their way to the big screen this holiday season is the first half of the final movie of the "Harry Potter" saga, which will be premiering this Thursday at midnight.

OK, maybe a story about the King of England and his speech therapist doesn't sound like a high-falutin' entry from director Julie Taymor, but anything starring Mirren is worth seeing.

The second "Narnia" film has garneredhellacious prerelease publicity because one person with health issues got sick in a screening somewhere. Never fear. I've seen it and I promise you can stomach "Jackass," you'll have no problems here. Danny Boyle's film is intense but quite light on gore.

"The Crown" serves as a peaceful refuge for students who made that laugh riot "The Lives of Others." You know what they say about Germans and comedy. Also, Natalie Portman dances "Swan Lake" and imagines that she's becoming a ballet thriller "Black Swan." I remain agnostic about whether this will be brilliant or excruciating. I don't see much middle ground.

"The Tempest," with Helen Mirren as a female Prospero, sounds like a high-falutin' entry from director Julie Taymor, but anything starring Mirren is worth seeing.

The gay jailbird comedy "The King of Childhood" turns out to be quite nice. You Philip Morris" — the shorthand for this one is "the gay jailbird comedy" — features Imogene Coca'sreal-life mountaineer/self-amputee Aron Ralston. The film has garnered hellacious prerelease publicity because one person with health issues got sick in a screening somewhere. Never fear. I've seen it and I promise you can stomach "Jackass," you'll have no problems here. Danny Boyle's film is intense but quite light on gore.

"The Crown" serves as a peaceful refuge for students who made that laugh riot "The Lives of Others." You know what they say about Germans and comedy. Also, Natalie Portman dances "Swan Lake" and imagines that she's becoming a ballet thriller "Black Swan." I remain agnostic about whether this will be brilliant or excruciating. I don't see much middle ground.

"The Crown" serves as a peaceful refuge for students who made that laugh riot "The Lives of Others." You know what they say about Germans and comedy. Also, Natalie Portman dances "Swan Lake" and imagines that she's becoming a ballet thriller "Black Swan." I remain agnostic about whether this will be brilliant or excruciating. I don't see much middle ground.

"The Crown" serves as a peaceful refuge for students who made that laugh riot "The Lives of Others." You know what they say about Germans and comedy. Also, Natalie Portman dances "Swan Lake" and imagines that she's becoming a ballet thriller "Black Swan." I remain agnostic about whether this will be brilliant or excruciating. I don't see much middle ground.

"The Crown" serves as a peaceful refuge for students who made that laugh riot "The Lives of Others." You know what they say about Germans and comedy. Also, Natalie Portman dances "Swan Lake" and imagines that she's becoming a ballet thriller "Black Swan." I remain agnostic about whether this will be brilliant or excruciating. I don't see much middle ground.

"The Crown" serves as a peaceful refuge for students who made that laugh riot "The Lives of Others." You know what they say about Germans and comedy. Also, Natalie Portman dances "Swan Lake" and imagines that she's becoming a ballet thriller "Black Swan." I remain agnostic about whether this will be brilliant or excruciating. I don't see much middle ground.
Remembering the Crops House incident

Eric Baldwin is an electrical engineering student and Mustang Daily libertarian columnist. This article is purely his opinion about this incident and not related to his libertarian columns.

The last few weeks mark the two-year anniversary of a great blot in Cal Poly's history — the Crops House incident. However, the events may seem simple and straightforward in retrospect, the accounts of what happened at the Crops House — since demolished — were a confusing and contradictory mess.

I still can't entirely figure out what happened. There was a prior-existing Confederate flag of sorts, a nose somewhere nearby (for what it's worth, this was Halloween and the students at the Crops House were involved with the corn maze) and there may or may not have been a sign with any number of inane or offensive statements. The New Times first caught on to the story and Cal Poly was quickly caught up in a whirlwind of conflict.

The central flaw in the majority of responses was that they weren't based on definite information. There were several rumors flying around with sometimes radically differing accounts, and many people simply ran with whichever version suited their preferred form of victimhood. Many of the responses that ended up proven correct after the facts became known were inappropriate anyway because they had been based on uncertain information.

Especially at first no one really knew what was going on, but that didn't stop people from leading marches through campus, writing hysterical letters and articles and calling for the expulsion of the students involved. Departments on campus competed to see who could write the loudest and most critical denunciations, and one department took out a two-page spread in the Mustang Daily enjoining readers simply to "hate the". The response to the Crops House incident was far more definite and violent than the incident itself; in my mind, the response was the incident — it provides a clearer and more alarming view into the heart of our culture than what did or did not happen at the Crops House two years ago.

The most obvious flaw was the apparent belief that this situation was so heinous that people couldn't afford the time to make sure they knew exactly what had happened. Do only minor wrongdoings deserve to be examined critically? Do extreme reactions deserve a lower standard of proof? Is anything so evil that we can't afford to waste our time determining whether or not it actually happened — and to what extent? More to the point, is any accusation so powerful that it circumscribes the need for verification? For many people, feelings of outrage seemed to draw a far clearer picture than the available facts justified.

For others, it seemed the need to feel virtuous overwhelmed the need to be virtuous. Racism is a very real threat to human rights and it deserves to be fought. While it is good to invest in that fight, I can also be tempted to permanently take up the banners of broad-mindedness and equality and thereby injure those very ideals. Actions must follow logically from known facts if they are to be truly virtuous; simply feeling good about what you are doing is not enough — even if your response turns out to be accidentally correct.

Some people, I think, had a much longer view of the situation — for them it was the centuries-long turmoil of racism that was the central fact, and the incident at the Crops House simply a glimpse into that ongoing event. It was the idea of racism, racism in the abstract, that required a quick and vehement response. They weren't responding to racism — the event; they were responding to racism — the idea. The opportunity to prosecute the larger war was more important than determining the specific nature of what happened.

Racism is wrong. It is wrong because it causes people to see a person as a person. It provides an easy shortcut for perception worth, about significance and about purpose. By stating that certain people have less worth than others, it seems that you deserve less consideration than others. By stating that you have less significance, it's easy to say that we don't need to be as careful with them. By stating that their purpose is to serve us, it means that they are our possessions.

The evil of racism is its dehumanization. To divide worth on racial grounds is an instantly-identifiable evil because of our long history of that exact division, but is it in a sense arbitrary; it is the dehumanization itself — not the racism, wrong, however it may be applied. By rushing to judge the Crops House incident, we dehumanized the people involved. We stated that they didn't deserve to have the facts presented and analyzed before a decision was made. We were willing to shortchange the principles of justice in order to rush ahead to the point where we felt good about our broad-mindedness.

I am not saying that there was an easy resolution to the situation; the history of racism is so long and perverted that perhaps sometimes there aren't any resolutions. But we are never excused from trying.

The fight against racism must be fought. But if we betray the principles of justice upon which that war depends, we assuage our stated goals. Justice, after all, is not solely for the innocent.

Eric Baldwin
Electrical engineering senior

House was simply a glimpse into that ongoing event. It was the idea of racism, racism in the abstract, that required a quick and vehement response. They weren't responding to racism — the event; they were responding to racism — the idea. The opportunity to prosecute the larger war was more important than determining the specific nature of what happened.

Racism is wrong. It is wrong because it causes people to see a person as a person. It provides an easy shortcut for perception worth, about significance and about purpose. By stating that certain people have less worth than others, it seems that you deserve less consideration than others. By stating that you have less significance, it's easy to say that we don't need to be as careful with them. By stating that their purpose is to serve us, it means that they are our possessions.

The evil of racism is its dehumanization. To divide worth on racial grounds is an instantly-identifiable evil because of our long history of that exact division, but is it in a sense arbitrary; it is the dehumanization itself — not the racism, wrong, however it may be applied. By rushing to judge the Crops House incident, we dehumanized the people involved. We stated that they didn't deserve to have the facts presented and analyzed before a decision was made. We were willing to shortchange the principles of justice in order to rush ahead to the point where we felt good about our broad-mindedness.

I am not saying that there was an easy resolution to the situation; the history of racism is so long and perverted that perhaps sometimes there aren't any resolutions. But we are never excused from trying.

The fight against racism must be fought. But if we betray the principles of justice upon which that war depends, we assuage our stated goals. Justice, after all, is not solely for the innocent.
ANNOUNCEMENT

Have you ever tried to quit smoking or chewing? Do you know someone who you would like to quit smoking or chewing?

If so, help us celebrate the Great American Smokeout Thursday, November 18th! Come visit our booth outside Campus Market from 10-3 to receive a free Quit Kit and valuable information regarding tobacco use. If you quit cold turkey the Great American Smokeout day, you will also receive a voucher for a turkey sandwich! Also don't forget to see the graveyard on Dexter Lawn of some unfortunate familiar faces who passed due to tobacco use.

The New York Times Crossword

Note: The answers to the 12 starred clues have something in common. Hint: It is a 9-letter word.

Across
1 "Hanoi and Saigon," Across, for two 1939-1945 combatants 37 Nevada
7 Maze runner 38 See 1 Across
13 A pied piper 40 Based-out co. In 2009 news
15 "Proctor & Gamble" 41 Latter-day Saint
18 Sweet Italian prune olive oil 42 "Actress Lucia" among others
20 "Sweet Italian" wine 43 "Actress Lucille" among others
23 "Flying" 45 "Hanna-Barbera's" Doggie
26 Indy initials 46 Stewie of "The Family Guy"
27 Mural 47 Knight's need
29 Create a website 48 Desert river
32 Cagney lake 49 Mongol's toe
36 Band with the 50 Small violet flower
38 Electric "Free" 51 Stop sign
40 "It's all coming back to me now"
43 Parental disease
50 "RD's and M.D.'s"
51 "Nadya" Subban, mother of 14, familiarly
52 "Roundabout", for one
64 "Nays"

Down
1 "Hapert of the Office"
2 "Santa"
3 "Not wider. Abbr.", for Canadian query
4 "Outgoing and others"
5 "Pub" (away), for waitstaffing
6 "In"
7 "Start of a spell"
8 "Help me! The office" (Flemish)
9 Dude
10 "Workout unit"
11 "Dance"
12 "Parsimonious"
13 "Inclination of the telescope who said, "I know the Hellenic people because I am the Hellenic people."
14 "Like some" U.P.O. signees
15 "Theme" (2008 song)
16 "Game in which only one team scores"
17 "Working well together"
18 "Private eye"
19 "Heart of a sort of firearm"
20 "7 Did the watusi, for" (eg.)
21 "Taking a trip"
22 "One person cert shirt" headlined at J.Carroll
24 "J.Carroll"
25 "Screen Printing & Embroidery" at El Corral Bookstore
26 "2006 song"
27 "Did the watusi, for"
28 "Shoe, eg.
29 "36 _______ Nevada"
30 "'It's all coming back to me now'"
31 "Marilyn, outcast"
32 "In" (1999 news)
33 "Shoe, eg.
34 "Step into the Monthly to find out"
35 "Sable's foe"
36 "Stopstart?"
37 "Small vortex"
38 "Lode deposit"
39 "Stop starting?"
40 "J.Carroll"
41 "Mystic" (MEDIUM)
42 "The DMV"
43 "Get a 4.0 in the 4 Cs of diamond grading, we'll give you the chance" (Kjon's)
44 "Mystic"
45 "Stop starting?"
46 "Spin-off"
47 "Get a 4.0 in the 4 Cs of diamond grading, we'll give you the chance"
48 "It's a Hell of a day on the farm"
49 "It's a Hell of a day on the farm"
50 "It's a Hell of a day on the farm"
51 "It's a Hell of a day on the farm"
52 "What do you do if you're going to the movies?"
53 "What do you do when you're going to the movies?"
54 "What do you do when you're going to the movies?"
55 "What do you do when you're going to the movies?"
56 "The way you do it"
57 "The way you do it"
58 "The way you do it"
59 "The way you do it"
60 "The way you do it"
61 "The way you do it"
62 "The way you do it"
63 "The way you do it"
64 "The way you do it"
65 "No idea, I need more info"
66 "Happens of The Shroud of the Lamb"
67 "Happens of The Shroud of the Lamb"
68 "How far can we take your career? Three desires. How far do you want to go?"
69 "I need more info"
70 "I need more info"
71 "I need more info"
72 "Friend" (Without a "p"

The answer to the 12 starred clues is a 9-letter word.

Get a 4.0 in the 4 Cs of diamond grading, we'll give you the chance! (Kjon's)

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1012

Bradley's Tips for a Healthy Relationship

Tip #2: Use Reversal Psychology.
Wrestling
continued from page 12

co-head coach. Perry, who won two individual national titles at Iowa in 2007 and 2008, said in his eyes, Azevedo is still the head coach.

"He is modeling me the way he feels appropriate and after this season I'll take over," Perry said.

Perry's recent experience as a nationally recognized collegiate wrestler may prove pivotal in helping the Novachkovs toward championships of their own.

"I think there's some things they can learn from me," Perry said. "The Novachkovs have to do things right if they want to be NCAA champions this year, in every aspect of their lives." As for the Novachkovs, they are determined to do just that.

"My ultimate goal is to win nationals," Filip Novachkov said. "It's my last year and I'm putting everything out there. I have nothing to hold back. I want to wrestle the way I'm capable of and end up on top."

Tommy Kelly, ends Matt Shaughnessy and Lamar Houston and numerous others are feeding off Seymour's intensity and leadership.

The result is the No. 3 pass defense, a tie for the second-most sacks and less pressure on the linebackers, cornerbacks and safeties to execute their assignments beyond three seconds.

"Tommy and Richard, there's times when they're unblockable," Cable said. "They're really playing at a high level."

The consistent play of the defensive line has enabled the Raiders to impose their will on their opponents.

"We're lining up and we're playing and we're saying, 'Here we are, let's fight,'" Cable said. "That has probably paid off more for us than anything else."

3. Young and new faces

Only five of the 22 offensive and defensive starters — left guard Robert Gallery, right guard Cooper Carlisle, tight end Zach Miller, cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha and Kelly — were starting for the Raiders at the end of the 2008 season.

Seymour, linebackers Groves and Kamerion Wimbley, center Samson Satele and quarterback Jason Campbell arrived via trade within the past two years.

Middle linebacker Rolando McClain, Houston and Shaughnessy, strong safety Tyvon Branch, wide receiver Louis Murphy, Dur- rious Heyward-Bey and Jacoby Ford came in the past two draft classes.

"Youth is probably the best thing because this is a young man's game," Groves said. "We are growing together as a team. College is one thing but the NFL is a totally different thing. We're learning how to win. We're blowing guys out but, at the same time, we're fighting back, too. That's the thing that molds and builds a team."

The Raiders carried numerous ignominious streaks into this season.

One by one, they are falling.

The Raiders beat the San Diego Chargers on Oct. 10, snapping a 13-game losing streak to the AFC West's dominant team the past four seasons. Their victory over the Kansas City Chiefs last Sunday at the Coliseum ended a seven-game losing streak against the Chiefs at home.

In the process, the Raiders cob­ bled together their first three-game winning streak since 2002. They also are 3-0 in the division for the first time in eight seasons.

The Chiefs game attracted enough fans for the Raiders to notch their first sellout of the season and first since the 2007 regular-season opener. Media from several national publications were there to take note.

Slowly but surely, fewer and fewer people look at Cable as if he is delusional or seeing things through silver-and-black-colored glasses.

"Results are always the exclama­tion point," Cable said. "But the real truth of it is, you get to more stubborn as a coach than the prob­ lem, if that makes sense. We've never ducked trying to change the attitude, trying to change the environment in the locker room and that sort of thing."

"We've never dodged that. We've dealt with it. We've talked about it. We've learned to communicate, learned to trust each other. You have to do those things. You have to work at those things. They just don't happen.

Knowing what the problem is, you have to be willing to stand up to the problem."

"If you're bigger than the prob­ lem, then you can make it happen. If you're not, the problem wins. So, I feel like, as a coaching staff and as a football team, together, that we've become bigger than what our negatives are, and that's why we're suc­ ceeding."
Wrestling aims for return to NCAA Championships

J.J. Jenkins
jjjenkins.md@gmail.com

Fresh off an 18th place finish in the NCAA tournament, the Cal Poly wrestling team is back with its sights set on a Pac-10 championship. Of the 10 spots in the starting lineup, seven wrestlers rank in the top-25 in the country including one All-American. Junior All-American Boris Novachkov, who is ranked No. 4 in the country at 141 pounds, said his goal is to win nationals.

"I've had a taste of it, I took seventh," Boris Novachkov said. "I'm just trying to climb that ladder."

Boris' big brother Filip, who is ranked 10th and will compete at 131 pounds, will be at his side all season.

"My brother is definitely one of my best workout partners, if not the best," Filip Novachkov said. "I drill with my brother everyday. He's one of the toughest people that I've ever wrestled. It's definitely good for both of us."

Ryan Smith, a junior who will wrestle at 197 pounds, said there is a reason why the team has such high goals.

"(My goal is) to be a National Champion," Smith said. "You've got to set your goals high so if you fall short you are still hitting All-American."

An added dimension to the team is the addition of two transfers, senior Barrett Abel from UC Davis, which cut the wrestling program last spring, and redshirt sophomore Articus Disney from Minnesota. Both wrestlers found themselves in the preseason top-25 after changing schools.

Even though the addition of transfers did not change the dynamic of the team they are "a lot better than last year," Boris Novachkov said.

A sign of that improvement was visible on Saturday as Disney and Abel won their first matches as Mustangs in a dual meet against Cal State Fullerton.

Disney did not waste time against Kurt Klinek, who was ranked ahead of the Mustang heavyweight. Disney found an opening in the first 15 seconds and stepped into a head throw, taking his opponent straight to his back. After a brief struggle, Disney got the pin to end the dual.

"It went well, what more can you say?" Disney said. "First collegiate match ever, so it was fun to come out and get a pin in front of all these people."

Disney's pin solidified the Mustang's 36-14 win over Fullerton, as Cal Poly won seven of the 10 matches.

The Mustangs will wrestle at home three more times while students are in school, but an important match takes place against Wyoming in Most Gym on Jan. 14. The contest is the first in a series of three tough matches as the team travels to Oregon State and Boise State, which is ranked No. 2 as a team, the following week.

Another change from last year is the head coaching position as Mark Perry, an assistant from last season, now accompanies John Azevedo as

Steve Corkan
kontakt costa times

OAKLAND, Calif. — Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable has told anyone willing to listen the past two years that the team he inherited from Lane Kiffen was on to something, that the Raiders were making steady progress toward ending their skid that began in 2003.

For the most part, it fell on deaf ears as the losses mounted and the tangible signs of a turnaround failed to manifest themselves in a concrete manner.

Three weeks ago, the Raiders entered a game against the Denver Broncos at 2-4 and at the precipice. Today, they are 5-4 and the talk of the league for their remarkable resurgence.

"You all thought I was crazy when we were struggling early in the year, and I just knew that we were that close," Cable said.

"Cable isn't ready to pronounce the Raiders' arrival as an elite team just yet. However, he now has everyone's attention and a slew of evidence to support his contention that there's a revival taking place from the ashes of seven straight seasons of at least 11 losses.

The Raiders are above .500 this late in the season for the first time since 2002 as they enjoy their bye week. They tied with Kansas City Chiefs atop the AFC West and one win away from surpassing their victory total from any of the past seven seasons.

His players are all-in, that's for sure. Outside linebacker Quentin Groves was told by peers that he was going to a place where players "go for your career to die" when he was traded to the Raiders in the offseason.

He said he told himself that it couldn't be that bad and his faith has been rewarded.

"The sense that we have and the presence that we have is not the old Raiders, the Raiders of old, the Raiders of these past seven years," Groves said. "We have a sense of OK, we can compete against anybody. If we strap on our helmet, buckle our chin strap, we can compete with anybody. And that's the thing we take into each game, that, hey you're not going to beat us, we can only beat ourselves. So once we do that, we're a hard team to beat."

The Raiders have seven games left this season. A game against the 3-6 Denver Broncos is the only one that qualifies as somewhat of a breather between now and the playoffs. Yes, there's hope this late in the season, where in seasons past there was none.

What follows is a look at the reasons there are people beyond Cable thinking the Raiders are a legitimate playoff contender and not just a first-half feel-good story:

1. Rushing offense

The Raiders are second in the league at an average of 162.2 yards per game. Darren McFadden has developed into one of the league's best all-around backs in his first season as the featured running back.

McFadden's ability to break tackles, turn short runs into long ones and keep the Raiders in favorable down-and-distance situations paves the way for an efficient offensive attack.

Michael Bush and Marcel Reece complement McFadden well and make the Raiders difficult to defend for an entire game. The ability to run the ball well also keeps the defense off the field for longer stretches and, by extension, fresher late in games.

2. Defensive pressure

Tackle Richard Seymour is playing as well as any defensive player in the league. Fellow tackle Ryan Siskidto Mustang Daily

Keddy nab conference Player of the Week honors

Ryan Smith, a junior who will wrestle at 197 pounds, said there is a reason why the team has such high goals. "(My goal is) to be a National Champion," Smith said. "You've got to set your goals high so if you fall short you are still hitting All-American."

An added dimension to the team is the addition of two transfers, senior Barrett Abel from UC Davis, which cut the wrestling program last spring, and redshirt sophomore Articus Disney from Minnesota. Both wrestlers found themselves in the preseason top-25 after changing schools.

Even though the addition of transfers did not change the dynamic of the team they are "a lot better than last year," Boris Novachkov said.

A sign of that improvement was visible on Saturday as Disney and Abel won their first matches as Mustangs in a dual meet against Cal State Fullerton.

Disney did not waste time against Kurt Klinek, who was ranked ahead of the Mustang heavyweight. Disney found an opening in the first 15 seconds and stepped into a head throw, taking his opponent straight to his back. After a brief struggle, Disney got the pin to end the dual.

"It went well, what more can you say?" Disney said. "First collegiate match ever, so it was fun to come out and get a pin in front of all these people."

Disney's pin solidified the Mustang's 36-14 win over Fullerton, as Cal Poly won seven of the 10 matches.

The Mustangs will wrestle at home three more times while students are in school, but an important match takes place against Wyoming in Most Gym on Jan. 14. The contest is the first in a series of three tough matches as the team travels to Oregon State and Boise State, which is ranked No. 2 as a team, the following week.

Another change from last year is the head coaching position as Mark Perry, an assistant from last season, now accompanies John Azevedo as see Wrestling, page 11