Committee not loving in decision

Mustang Daily Staff Report

A Cal Poly judiciary committee ruled to not reinstate journalism professor Bill Loving as department chair on Nov. 29.

The committee, made up of faculty members Dan Peterson, Marica Tilley, Claire Bautista and John Walker, said in the memo that Loving had not presented evidence to "conclude that any of Professor Lovings' rights were violated in the decision to remove him as Chair of Journalism" and that the dean's decision to remove him was based on her loss of confidence in him to run the department. The committee's memo concludes that the group does not endorse or criticize her decision.

The decision came following a Nov. 19 judiciary hearing in see Decision, page 2.

Architecture students shoot for the moon and end up among the stars

Two Cal Poly architecture students were recognized in an article published by CNN on Nov. 18 for being finalists in the 2010 SHIFTBoston Moon Capital design competition.

Architecture seniors Brian Harms and Keith Bradley worked together on their submission for the international competition, which called for innovative designs for a lunar habitat which could survive the unusual environment on the moon and explore its potential resources.

"We really wanted to push the limits with this design," Harms said. "It was a unique premise and we had more freedom with this design than with school projects."

Harms and Bradley had never worked together on any kind of design project, but Harms said they were both excited about the idea of space design.

Bradley said he and Harms began working on their digital design in August and submitted it on Sept. 21.

SHIFTBoston is a design initiative in Boston that gathers, encourages and works to carry out revolutionary design ideas to make the city of Boston more dynamic and environmentally friendly, according to the company's website. They hold competitions like the Moon Capital competition to challenge architects and designers to come up with creative designs. However, executive director Kim Poliquin said the Moon Capital competition was completely different from any of SHIFTBoston's design competitions.

"The idea behind this competition was education and inspiration," Poliquin said. "I wanted to give see Moon, page 2.
people an understanding of how you would build in this environment — it’s a two design forgiveness — a

Harms and Bradley called their design a Stadium for International Lunar Olympics (SILO) and planned for it to be built inside a lunar crater. Harms said building the stadium inside of a crater provided the potential for microgravity sports and an Olympic stadium design symbolized the idea of a neutral playing ground for the world.

The stadium’s design also included unique attributes that Harms and Bradley said were necessary for a structure in an environment like the moon. The stadium’s roof has a covering that is almost completely flat, which Bradley said wouldn’t be structurally possible on Earth, and has a tower with rooms similar to a hotel to provide life support and administration for inhabitants.

“We were pretty gung-ho about the potential of the idea from the start,” Harms said.

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“We’re pretty obvious,” Harms said.

Bradley said he believes if the country continues to progress as it is currently going at the current rate, the moon will be eventually colonized.

“1 think for the first time this kind of thing happened it was because JFK said: ‘We will go to the moon by 1969,’ and now it’s all about the economy,” Bradley said. “Something like this has to be about the nation coming together.”

Poliquin said she believes the ideas already out there for space architecture are being compared to the Moon Capital competition submissions she saw. The SILO design was visually amazing, Poliquin said, and even though it did receive some criticism, the jury was very impressed.

A few weeks after the awards ceremony, Harms and Bradley were also contacted and interviewed by CNN for an article about the competition called “Imagine a Moon Base in 2069,” according to Harms.

Bradley said the competition’s jury was split between architects and NASA scientists, and the submissions ranged from very practical to very theoretical.

“T think for the first time people got to have a look at what happens behind the curtain and I think it’s evident that based upon what the provost said, deans are able to run their colleges however they see fit,” Loving said. “So if the dean wants to play Donald Trump, he or she can do that and have no regard for the impact on students, staff and faculty.”

Loving said he does not expect to be treated any differently by Halisky or any member of the administration following his call for the grievance hearing because he was exercising his right to grieve. He will, however, continue to disagree with her decision.

“I’ll continue to strongly assert that the dean was wrong in making a personal decision that affected the operation of this department,” Loving said. “I’m hoping that this dean passes and considers what she is going to do before she acts again, because if she decides that she doesn’t like somebody and fires them for that reason, I’ll be there to offer my support and help out any member of the faculty who believes that their rights have been violated.”

Neither Halisky nor the committee members were available for comment.
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a member of the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Public Affairs Advisory Committee and the American Society for Cell Biology Public Policy Committee.
At open forums for students, university staff and community members held Tuesday, Nov. 30, Palazzo said he was interested in Cal Poly because of the vast opportunities it offers to students, and the overall academic success of the student population.
"I find the quality of the students here to be outstanding and that attracted me," Palazzo said at the student forum. "The excellence of you all here and the intellectual capacity is extreme."
He also said he was surprised when he discovered the average grade point average in 2010 at Cal Poly was 3.9.
If elected president, Palazzo said he hopes to make the university more student and faculty-friendly by developing a relationship with the campus and becoming an approachable figure for students to voice their concerns.
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Associated Students, Inc. President Sarah Storelli asked Palazzo how he would facilitate and propel the "learn-by-doing" attitude the school values. His response focused on the reality of resource allocation.
"The learn-by-doing philosophy is going to be really challenged by resources," Palazzo said. "One of the big challenges for the next president will be assuring (students have those) resources necessary and even how to advance it."
He said in order to maintain this strategy include: adjusting student fees to maintain that resource platform, requiring a certain ratio of faculty to student advising, relying on the annual gift giving of the endowment and the corporate foundation relationship.
As a student representative, Storelli said each candidate will showcase what they have to offer to the students and staff of Cal Poly during their respective forums this week.
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Graphic communications junior Ruben Custodio said he is eager to find out who the new permanent president will be, but he wonders how important his major in the College of Liberal Arts is in regards to this school being a polytechnic university.
"Something I'm looking for in the new president is whether they will have an appreciation for not only the engineering department but for the liberal arts," Custodio said.
At both the student and university and community open forums, Palazzo was presented with the issue of whether or not he saw importance in Greek life, as a student representative, Storelli said.
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Food safety bill strengthens inspections after major egg recall

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The Senate on Tuesday passed a bill giving regulators more power to inspect the U.S. food supply, order recalls and issue penalties.

Concerns about safety intensified last summer after the Food and Drug Administration ordered retailers to remove more than half a billion eggs in one of the largest recalls ever. Several million Americans suffer from food poisoning each year. The Food Safety Modernization Act won bipartisan support in a 73-25 vote.

The bill grants the FDA more authority to inspect and track products, including imported foods, as the food moves from farms to processors to supermarkets. It also gives the FDA the ability to order recalls instead of letting companies decide whether to issue them voluntarily.

"This bill will have a dramatic impact on the way the FDA operates, providing it with more resources for inspection," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who sponsored the bill.

In the egg-recall case, for example, inspectors later found dead chickens, live insects and mounds of manure in several farms where the eggs were produced. It also took regulators several months to track the eggs back to the source and order the recall because of incomplete recording keeping.

The food-safety bill, however, was not without opposition. Critics say the U.S. food supply is already quite safe and that the new bill represents bureaucratic overkill. Costly new regulations will raise the price of food or American families but do little to reduce risk, they argued.

Small farms and producers also complained about the cost of compliance, prompting Democratic Sen. Jon Tester of Montana to push an amendment exempting them from the most stringent requirements.

On the opposite side were large companies and consumer-advocacy groups, who argued that every producer should follow the same rules.

Once the Senate works out differences with the House, which passed a similar bill last year, the proposed law will be sent to President Barack Obama for his signature.

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— Dick Durbin
Illinois Senator (D)
California toxic waste dump sued by EPA for poisoning farm town

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has levied a $300,000 fine against a toxic waste dump near Kettleman City in central California for failing to properly manage polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs.

The EPA said Tuesday that the company had failed to decontaminate a PCB handling area before continued use. In a statement, Jared Blumenfeld, the EPA regional administrator for the Pacific Southwest, said: "Companies charged with safely disposing of society's most toxic materials need to faithfully follow the protective laws established to secure both the public safety and public trust. Violations of legal environmental laws at the Kettleman hazardous waste facility are unacceptable."

Bob Hert, senior district manager of the Kettleman Hills Facility, stated: "While USEPA regulations typically require cleanups achieve a 25-part-per-million standard, we elected to excavate to a significantly more stringent 1-ppm level — the level EPA considers suitable for level of high-occupancy areas such as residences, day care centers, schools and other areas where children or adults might be exposed to soil." Waste Management said Tuesday that the EPA had "confirmed that the company's cleanup meets all applicable standards" and remains authorized to handle PCBs under federal regulation.

"Extensive monitoring has confirmed that the small concentrations of PCBs were isolated to an area adjacent to the PCB storage and flushing building — well within the facility boundary — and did not present any risk to public health or the environment," Brian Bowen, Waste Management's director of environmental protection, said in a written statement. Last year, the Kings County facility took in about 4,000 tons of PCBs. Exposure to the compounds can cause cancer and adversely affect the nervous, immune and endocrine systems as well as liver function.

EPA officials on Tuesday said the company had cleaned up the PCB contamination and that the agency would continue to inspect the facility regularly. In addition, the company has modified its practice to minimize and detect hazardous spills, the officials said.

There was no evidence to suggest that it had posed any danger to near­ by Kettleman City, an impoverished community of 1,500 people just off Interstate 5 between Los Angeles and San Francisco, EPA officials said. A week ago, state health investigators ruled out the 28-year-old landfill as the cause of severe birth defects including heart problems and cleft pal­ ares and lips in Kettleman City. But many residents remain dis­ trustful of Waste Management, which has requested a county permit to expand its landfill operations. State environ­ mental authorities said no decision would be made on that request until ongoing environmental exposure investigations are completed this year.

Bradley Angel, executive director of Communities for Health and Envi­ ronmental Justice, described the EPA's action as "an enormous fine for enor­ mous violations."

"The next step is for state and federal regulatory agencies to take that into consideration and delay the company's request for an expansion permit," Angel said. "If a permit is granted, it will be appealed and chal­ lenged in court, guaranteed."

In 1985, the EPA fined the company $2.1 million for violations that included operating additional landfill fills and waste ponds without author­i tation. In 1990, residents defeated a pro­ posed commercial toxic waste incin­ erator project by pointing out that the environmental impact report had not been translated into Spanish, the primary language of the town's citizens. Now, residents are voicing con­ cerns about the recent state investiga­ tions, which failed to find a common cause for the 11 babies born with physical deformities between Septem­ ber 2007 and March 2010. Three of them died. "Why add more bad chemicals into the environment of a suffering community?" Angel asked.
Republican earmark bill rejected by Senate, but may do better next year.

An effort by Senate Republicans to temporarily ban earmarks died on the Senate floor Tuesday, but it was far from the last word on the controversial practice. A three-year moratorium on lawmaker-directed funds for pet projects back home was proposed as an amendment to a food safety bill.

The food safety bill passed, but the earmark amendment failed to gain the required 67 votes — two-thirds of the Senate — under a procedural hurdle. The proposal failed by a 39 to 56 tally.

Still, momentum appears to be on the side of anti-earmark forces in Congress. Next year, the new GOP-led House is expected to either formally ban the practice or block any appropriations bill that contains earmarks, which often fund new road and bridge projects critically important to lawmakers for home districts and states, but which also have long been criticized for supporting vanity projects.

In the Senate, supporters noted that they garnered more votes on Tuesday than in previous attempts to end the practice. Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., who offered the amendment along with Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., invoked the now-infamous $223 million island bridge in Alaska which in 2005 became a symbol of congressional largesse.

"Five years ago, the Senate voted to protect the 'bridge to nowhere' by a vote of 82 to 15. Today, 39 senators voted to end earmarking altogether," Coburn said. "I'll continue to offer this amendment until Congress ends this egregious practice once and for all."

In another sign of the movement's growing force, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., reversed his long-standing support for earmarks and voted for Coburn's proposal.

President Barack Obama also has said he supports such a ban.

Senate Republicans earlier this year voted to impose their own, nonbinding ban on earmarks. And even if a formal ban does not come to pass in this lame-duck session or in the new congressional session that begins in January, there may be enough votes in the Senate to block any spending bill that contains earmarks regardless.

The new Senate will also include a growing force. Senate Minority Leader Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., invoked the "bridge to nowhere" on the Senate floor Tuesday, but it was far from the last word on the controversial practice.

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According to the nonpartisan Taxpayers for Common Sense, House and Senate spending bills for 2011 contain $9 billion.

Those numbers are not final, however, as an omnibus bill to fund the federal government for 2011 has yet to pass.

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Word on the Street

What helps you study for finals?

"I like to go to Linnaea's in the morning to study. It helps me focus." — Emily Cassie, history senior

"I like to listen to soothing music." — Free Pina, art and design senior

"I go to the fourth floor of the library or the community center in Centra Vista." — Chris Quance, general engineering freshman

"I use online flashcards and teach myself. It's quiet but not too comfortable." — Andie Y相亲, art and design senior

"I listen to classical music. It makes me relax and I also like going to the fourth floor of the library." — Lauren Yuccio, biological sciences sophomore

"I use online flashcards and teach myself. It's quiet but not too comfortable." — Andie Young, art and design senior

Google will be investigated by the E.U.

Jim Puzzanghera
Los Angeles Times

European regulators announced on Tuesday that they had launched a formal antitrust investigation of Google Inc. to determine whether it has abused its search-engine dominance to squelch online rivals.

The inquiry was triggered by complaints from websites that Google treated their results different from its own in displaying unpaid and sponsored search results, the European Commission said.

"This initiation of proceedings does not imply that the commission has proof of any infringements. It only signifies that the commission will conduct an in-depth investigation as a matter of priority," the commission said.

Google acknowledged that European competition regulators contacted it about complaints received from three websites — Britain's Foundem, a price comparison site; France's PriceRunner, a legal search engine; and Ciao! from Bing, a product rating site run by Microsoft Corp. in several European countries.

"While we will be providing feedback and additional information on these complaints, we are confident that our business operates in the interests of users and partners, as well as in line with European competition law," Google's senior competition counsel, Julia Wolf, wrote on the company's European Public Policy blog in February.

"Though each case raises different issues, the question they ultimately pose is whether Google is doing anything to choke off competition or hurt our users and partners. This is not the case," European regulators said they will investigate whether Google lowered the ranking of unpaid search results of competing services, such as price comparison, and gave its own services "preferential treatment ... in order to shut out competing services."

The inquiry also will look into complaints that Google lowered the so-called "Quality Score" for sponsored links of competing services, which would affect the price paid by advertisers.

And the European Commission said it will probe allegations "that Google imposes exclusivity obligations on advertising partners, preventing them from placing certain types of competing ads on their websites, as well as on computer and software vendors, with the aim of shutting out competing search tools."
FDA deems Four Loko dangerous and removes from shelves

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It was in 1933 that prohibition, which caused gangsters and moonshiners to profit from the illegal production and sales of liquor, was lifted.

Now, nearly 80 years later, certain areas of the United States are facing a more narrowly targeted prohibition. It is one which may cause many Cal Poly students to change their weekend routines.

Due to pressures by activists around the country, the sale of the alcoholic energy drink Four Loko has been banned in several locations. Following a press release by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Four Loko's parent company, Phusion Projects, released a statement announcing that the company has stopped production and shipment of its products that include caffeine.

On Nov. 17, the FDA sent a letter to four companies that produce and sell caffeinated alcoholic drinks. The letter said the drinks were unsafe and the FDA could ban the drinks under Federal Law. Phusion Projects was a recipient of the letter.

But is it dangerous? There have been several reports in the media of Loko-related incidents. However, there have also been reports which label Four Loko as perfectly safe to consume.

Phusion Projects said its product has "roughly the same alcohol content as wine and some craft beers, and far less alcohol by volume than hard liquor."

What the company did not mention is the fact that most students who consume Four Loko don't drink it in the same way they drink other types of alcoholic beverages mentioned in Phusion Projects' statement.

Eddie Barakut, manager of Cork N' Bottle in San Luis Obispo, said he watched the drink's representatives come into his shop and pull the product off of the shelves. Barakut said that if the FDA thinks Four Loko is dangerous, they must have legitimate reasons.

"It was a very popular drink here," Barakut said.

Now the shelves where Four Loko sat, along with other caffeinated alcoholic drinks, are empty.

"I don't know when we're going to get the new version without the caffeine or even if we're going to carry it," Barakut said. Most of Barakut's customers are

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Alcoholic energy beverage Four Loko was removed from shelves after the FDA announced that the drinks were an unsafe mix of alcohol and caffeine.

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Finals week stress can wait, go fornicate

Karlie Petree is a journalism junior and the Mustang Daily sex columnist.

As finals are approaching, we Mustangs are in need of better ways to spend our quick, precious study breaks and relieve stress. So I suggest that instead of letting the stress get to you, take advantage of a stress reducer had an effect similar to that of you ever wanting to do a few minutes to orgasm from pleasure induced by another, according to the Kinsey study.

Fortunately — or unfortunately depending on how you look at it — it takes the average male just two minutes to reach orgasm after penetration, according to the Kinsey study. Therefore, if you are willing to give up more time than you feel you have and partake on some private tutoring (pun intended), think about the possibilities post-O. Just make sure both participants leave satisfied, so plan for about a 15 minute break just to be safe.

There are a few different ways to fit a "study break" into your dead week regimen. First of all, turn to the person next to you, pull off a layer of clothing and say, "I need some afternoon pleasure in the brain pathways by inhibiting anxiety responses in the brain, according to a recent article by Samantha Smithstein for Psychology Today.

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To some, "Study breaks" of these sorts can be achieved in two distinct ways: self-induced or partner-induced. The former will leave you on top — of the world that is — and feeling like you could study for several more hours straight.

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college students, regardless of what they're buying. This makes it hard for him to determine exactly who was purchasing Four Loko, he said.

Travis Schecter was one of those customers until he graduated last spring.

Schecter estimated he drank an average of two to three Four Lokos per week before graduating from Cal Poly. That estimate does not include the other alcohol Schecter consumed alongside the Four Lokos, he said.

"I think it's a good idea they're getting rid of the caffeine," Schecter said. "In the most amazing way possible, there were times where I drank a couple in a night and I felt my heart racing after. I'm probably still going to drink coffee or energy drinks before I go out. It's not going to change anything. If people want that rush and they've experienced that rush, they're going to find a way to imitate and emulate that feeling. If they didn't take the caffeine out, I would definitely still be drinking them."

In college campuses across the country, the abuse of alcohol is a constant topic of discussion and controversy. Cal Poly head of counseling Elke Axelroth said a vast majority of instances where students are kicked off campus are alcohol related.

Axelroth couldn't comment professionally on whether or not caffeine induced drinks like Four Loko are more dangerous than other alcoholic beverages, but she did share advice she said she often gives students who struggle with substance abuse.

If a student is worried about the use of a substance there are a few things the student can do, Axelroth said.

"One thing they can do is look at their own drinking behavior. Another is if they are getting exercise and eating right. Are they experiencing more anxiety? And then they should ask themselves if the drinks are the cause. It makes sense for the students to ask themselves, how is it affecting them.

Whether or not the drink is officially declared dangerous is up to the FDA.

The key issue the FDA focused on in its letter to the four beverage companies was stimulants coupled with alcohol. These stimulants include three of the drink's active ingredients — caffeine, taurine and guarana — all of which are found in non-alcoholic energy drinks like Red Bull, Monster and Rockstar. The addition of the fourth ingredient, alcohol, is what makes Four Loko unique from its competitor energy beverages.

In California, Four Loko contains roughly 24 ounces of flavored malt-liquor at 12 percent alcohol content. One tall can is equivalent to almost six Natural Light beers, to put it in perspective.

In an official statement released by the company's three co-founders — Chris Hunter, Jeff Wright and Jaden Freeman — Phusion disclaimed any claims that its product is unsafe or marketed in any sort of deceiving fashion.

"We're pleased that the FDA commended us for our decision to reformulate our products nationwide to remove caffeine, guarana and taurine," the statement said. "As we stated on Nov. 16, we have stopped the production and shipment of all our products containing these ingredients. We will continue to work closely and cooperatively with national and state regulators."

Currently, Phusion is not taking any requests for interviews, a spokesperson for the company said.

The FDA gave the four recipients of its letter 15 days to respond with a written explanation of how they plan to change the product. It was Phusion's decision to pull its product off the shelves and to stop making the caffeinated beverage.

Consumers like Schecter may not be able to get their caffeine-alcohol combo from one drink, but he said there still are other options.

"When I say it's going to be a Four Loko night my friends know exactly what that means," Schecter said. "It means you are going to party as hard as you can possibly party and there is at least a 50 percent chance of blacking out. After hearing myself talk about it, I realize that this is exactly why they're taking the caffeine out."

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Kanye West tweets to create own publicity

Chris Lee and Todd Martens  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Early this fall, before any kind of promotional push for Kanye West’s new album, “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy,” had begun in earnest, the Grammy-winning rapper-producer took to his widely read Twitter account to vent. Even for a creative firebrand whose career has in many ways been defined by outrageous behavior and controversial statements, West’s remarks stood as a defiant dismissal of every rule in the major label marketing playbook. Call it a tweet as mission statement.

“& I love twitter,” West posted on Sept. 4. “I’ve always been at the mercy of the press but no more.”

And so began a campaign of nearly unprecedented, self-styled image control and media spin that culminated Nov. 22 with the album’s release. Even in an era when social networking tools allow artists ever greater freedoms to communicate directly with fans, the so-called Louis Vuitton Don has taken the notion of personally generating his own hype to further extremes than just about anyone in popular culture.

The upshot: “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy,” had begun in earnest, the album to promote a personal agenda nor to venture to the world.”

“I think it’s a beautiful thing,” West tweeted. “By now, you know who Kanye is. If he feels like he was disrespected, he’s not only going to say it, he’s going to stand on a chair and scream it. That’s who he is, a master of PR. He knows what he’s doing.”

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“In any case Twitter as his personal soap box — or in lieu of a publicist — in the manner of West, Timberlake demurred.

“That works for some people. Everyone has a way of using social media to engage an audience,” he said.

West was sufficiently infuriated by two 2009 skits on “Saturday Night Live” — one featuring Swift and another in which “Twilight” star Taylor Lautner decapitates an effigy of the rapper with a katana kick — to pen a rhyming couplet on his May single “Power” that told the comedic variety show where it could go (and what body part it could kiss) in so many four-letter words. Still, the performer was not only invited back on the air in October, “SNL” gave him carte blanche to mount one of the most elaborately staged and art-directed performances in the show’s history — of the very song that closes “Saturday Night Live.”

The show’s creator and longtime executive producer, Lorne Michaels, said West’s fighting words never burned his bridges with “SNL.”

“He reacted the way he reacted, but I never thought twice about having him back on the show,” Michaels said. “If the music hadn’t been good? Then I wouldn’t, obviously. But when a person is that talented, of course. Kanye is the real thing.”
Zuckerberg creates new 'social inbox'

Neal Gabler is at work on a biography of Edward M. Kennedy. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

America's favorite genius, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, has announced a new form of message-sending, the last Internet link to traditional, epistolarily, inter-personal communication, is, he said, outmoded. Young people, by which he meant younger than his own, desired something more nimble for their iPads, mobile phones and other devices. What he proposed was a "social inbox" where users could readily access messages from friends and then sort them — sort of a cross between instant messaging and Twitter.

We are so accustomed by now to declarations of new technological revolutions that another one hardly gets noticed, especially when it comes to finding new ways of mini-mizing how we communicate with each other. And it is entirely possible that this proposed geological change will be no more geological than all those other alleged game-changers.

But whether his messaging system really transforms how people communicate remains to be seen. Zuckerberg issued what amounts to a manifesto in which it's own terse way conveys what it is already alerting our lives — not only how we interact but also how we think and feel. It may even challenge the idea of rational, ordered thought that was rational, ordered thought that was the visual, thanks largely to television. He felt that print's uniformity is the medium is the message, thanks largely to television. He felt that print's uniformity is the message, and that was rational, ordered thought that was rational, ordered thought that was imitable to them. Print not only welcomed ideas, it was essential to them. Television not only repelled ideas, it was imitable to them.

One wonders what Postman — who died the same year Facebook's precursor went online — would have thought of Zuckerberg's Revolution. Facebook is still typographically self-referential. Its message area is basically printed notes. But contra-
Music industry fires back at online pirates

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Sunday, Nov. 28.

Imagine having a nemesis who assaulits you daily (often mocking you as he does) yet somehow stays beyond the reach of the law. That’s a rough approximation of the entertainment industry’s view of online piracy — particularly the kind practiced by the likes of Sweden’s The Pirate Bay, Lavitz’s Megaupload and a growing number of websites that stream bootlegged movies and TV shows from digital lockers. Such sites exist almost exclusively to promote illegal downloading or streaming of movies, music, video games and software, making money through advertisements or even by selling unauthorized copies of the works themselves.

Copyright holders have shot down some offending sites through civil suits and federal investigations, but those actions have not been completely effective. Meanwhile, new sites and services have emerged to replace the shut-down ones, and the amount of copyright infringement has increased over the years as broadband connections have proliferated.

Fed up, the entertainment industry has lobbied hard for a more powerful legal weapon against online piracy. It found a receptive audience in the Senate Judiciary Committee, which unanimously approved a bill this month that would speed the process of policing such sites. The goal of the Combating Online Infringement and Counterfeits Act (S 3040) is a good one — there’s no defense for online businesses whose raison d’estre is infringement. But some of the methods employed by the bill could create significant problems of their own.

Sponsored by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the bill would make it easier for the Justice Department to obtain court orders cracking down on sites “dedicated to infringing activities.” Such orders could be obtained against foreign-based sites that attract U.S. Internet users as well as domestic sites.

Sites that use a U.S. domain-name registrar (a company that sells domain names, such as Godaddy.com) or registry (a company that oversees the registrars for a category of domain names, as Verisign does for .com, .net, .edu and .tv) would be subject to the most direct penalties. In those cases, a court could order the registrar to disable the site’s domain name, removing it from the global database that Internet service providers use to direct traffic online. That’s akin to ordering road authorities to erase a street from their maps — it would still be there, but it would be much harder to find.

The bill would take a different approach to sites that used foreign registrars and domain-name providers beyond the reach of U.S. courts. In those cases, courts could order U.S. Internet service providers to prevent Internet-service processing companies (such as Visa and MasterCard) and online advertising networks to stop sending traffic to the offending sites or ads to the offending sites.

Some critics have complained that such a site-suffocating approach is targeted narrowly enough, so it conceivably could be used against sites that provide a useful service for legitimate content, like it does for bootleggers. Another criticism is that the bill wouldn’t go after offending sites a fair chance to defend themselves. In fact, the Justice Department wouldn’t even have to inform the actual operator of the site before obtaining an injunction against it — it would simply have to send a notice to whoever is listed as the domain-name registrant.

Such problems, although potentially serious, could be addressed by refining the bill’s definition of what it means to be a site “dedicated to infringing activities” and the process it lays out for obtaining court orders. A more troubling question is whether the Justice Department should be focusing on domain names at all.

A site’s actual Internet address isn’t its domain name but rather a series of up to 12 numbers separated by the occasional period. The domain name — the portion of the URL that comes after “www.” — is just a form of branding. When someone types a URL into a browser, the software looks up the corresponding numerical address in a database of domain names, typically that furnished by the user’s Internet service provider.

The court orders made available by the bill would be removed from the offending site’s name from the databases used by U.S. service providers, but they wouldn’t stop people from typing in the site’s numerical address into their browsers. Nor would people be prevented from using alternative means of accessing the site, such as through its Megaupload database. It’s also possible for some sites to be registered under different names.

The reason this remark, which must seem obvious even to self-evident supporters of the bill, is to indicate the first moral stirrings of a desire to behave more responsibly.

The reason this remark, which must seem self-evidently sensible to most readers, was left off because it would be seen as being nothing more than a hollow promise. But that’s a good thing. Before moving on the bill, lawmakers should take a closer look at whether its domain-name provisions are likely to work, as well as their implications for the health of the Internet as a whole. Copyright owners, the left defends against the Pirate Bays of the world, but the proposed seizure of domain names is the least promising enforcement mechanism in the Leahy bill.

With Congress set to adjourn soon, the bill’s likely to progress to the Senate, and it’s in the Senate Judiciary Committee that when Congress decided to crack down on Internet gambling globally in 2006, it didn’t give the Justice Department the new power to seize domain names — instead, it focused on cutting off the flow of money from gambling sites in the U.S. to betting sites around the world. Similarly, it makes sense for Congress to crack down on the revenue flooding to piracy hotbeds online, as the Leahy bill’s provisions for advertising networks and payment processing companies.

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Pope Benedict XVI neither condones nor condemns condoms

Timothy Rutten is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

The international controversy generated by leaks from German journalist Peter Seewald’s book-length interview with Pope Benedict XVI — officially issued last week as “Light of the World” — may be a public’s dream, but what does it really signify?

Benedict’s thoughts on the morality of condom usage don’t go nearly as far as those of us who feel that the Roman Catholic Church’s absolute prohibition of artificial contraception is a moral disaster would like, but they push church doctrine a good bit further than the traditionalists want to acknowledge.

Here’s the pope’s controversial remark, which came in response to a question about the use of condoms to prevent the spread of AIDS in Africa: “There may be a basis in the case of someone who is married, where a male prostitute uses a condom, where this can be a first step in the direction of a moralization, a first assumption of responsibility, on the way toward recovering an awareness that not every-
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1. Director Lee

8. Blythe Danner

15. Film star

16. Makes less than a living

17. Chocolate soda

19. Nut with caffeine

20. Comment on the fit

23. Like some slates

24. Hangs around

28. Deposit and withdraw site

30. Lamebrained

34. Disagreeing more violence

35. Result of an encounter with 50-Across

40. Binge for random

42. Make, e.g.

43. Crab playing for a losing St. Across

48. Ruffled up Vampire Slayer, e.g.

51. Stiffness.

61. Hebrew name for God

62. Part of a vampire

64. Pied Piper’s sound

66. Down

71. Like the heart

72. Tone for a moribund move

73. Frighten

74. Weary to pay

75. Like mechanics’ hands

76. Voicing of a va-va-voom

77. Poem this start

78. 18-foot ship of the line

79. Spot to pick up spot

81. Spanish shepherd

82. 12-bar future, maybe

83. Frig. Que.

The New York Times Crossword

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Marshall brings a reference to ensure fair play

21. Fierce sort, maybe

13. Squares stuff

21. Fierce sort, astrology

25. Awesome, in slang

26. Bird

27. Neighbor of Turk.

29. Tiny bump on a graph

30. Career (Chicago newspaper)

31. Commercial lead-in to Sweet 34 "Coo-ee"

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right now is so key to the team.”
It has been a rough start for the team with injuries, but Clancy said they have responded well. Cal Poly usually has around 17 players on the team but it seems now there are 12 to 13 players when it comes to practice because of injuries, Clancy said.
Despite all the injuries, she remains one of the healthiest players on the team. She has only missed one day of practice due to sickness in all her years in college.
“I’m really lucky when it comes to no injuries but I think sometimes you make your own luck,” Clancy said. “I go to bed plenty early so I feel like at practice I’m able to respond quicker. I never miss practice. I’m always healthy, fit and ready to go.”
Clancy’s dedication to the game keeps her “fit and ready to go.” During summers, she would play on the Irish National Team. The team was cut this summer because of funding.
But Clancy did not take a break. Instead, she focused on her own development. This included a weight program and running with weighted vests. The conditioning over summer improved her athleticism.
“I want to be in great shape so I can contribute as much as I can, as often as I can.” Clancy said. “I want to be physically ready. I think I did a good job preparing myself for that. It’s working because I don’t feel tired at all.”
Clancy gives credit to her parents for supporting her through her basketball career. They supported her when she moved from Ireland to pursue basketball at the highest level in college. They also supported her when she deferred her master’s degree program at Trinity College, Dublin to play as a Mustang for a little while longer.
Clancy’s mother, Sheila Clancy, visited Clancy last week. She saw her daughter play against both Loyola Marymount and Illinois.
“It’s great to travel now and actually see her getting time because it’s very tough for parents, especially when you travel so far, and for a player not to get minutes,” Sheila said. “For the last two years, she’s gotten a lot of minutes. She’s playing very well; she seems to be a bit of a leader.”
Sheila noticed that Clancy’s hard work and dedication to the sport paid off.
“Everybody puts in a lot of effort but very few people leave their country and leave their family,” Sheila said. “It’s been tough in a lot of ways and I think now she is getting her reward — now she is getting the time, getting the minutes, getting the respect of her teammates. And she has earned it.”
Her dedication has not gone unnoticed. Cal Poly athletic director Alison Cone acknowledged Clancy’s commitment to the team.
“She is a very skilled player but there are two qualities that stand out to me even more than her exceptional skill and that’s leadership and she is smart,” Cone said. “She’s smart so she’s not going to overstep her role. I think she’ll have more of a leadership role now, but she’s also surrounded by talented players. She is very much a team player, she’s not about Rachel Clancy — she’s about the Mustangs and helping the team win. Such a great quality.”

Gore
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Even without Gore, the 49ers offense rebounded from its wretched start to post a 21-3 shutout loss to Tampa Bay eight days earlier.
They came out blazing, with both teams from their accommodating hosts. Arizona struggled from its early on the 38.
lofted an arcing spiral to Michael Crabtree, who made a diving catch in the back of the end zone. Crabtree juggled the ball as he thudded to the turf, something the Cardinals apparently didn’t see in time. They chose not to issue a re-play challenge, and the touchdown held up, giving the 49ers a seven-point lead with 9:35 to play in the first quarter.
Anthony Dixon (1-yard run) and Westbrook (8-yard run) also scored early touchdowns as the 49ers built a 21-3 halftime lead.
After that, the 49ers defense did what it does best, throttled the line of scrimmage, and the touchdown held up, giving the 49ers a seven-point lead with 9:35 to play in the first quarter.

We are the Mustangs
Rachel Clancy looks to step up with Kristina Santiago out

Only 50 points was the team’s second-best point total of the season. The Mustangs’ 67 points was the team’s second-best point total of the season. The Mustangs’ 67 points was the team’s second-best point total of the season.

Both players focused on finding ways to improve their game no matter what. There’s no point in changing it, what she does best. Minnaha values Clancy more than just her athleticism. "Who she is as a person is perhaps the biggest blessing we’ve had in our program," Minnaha said. "She is one of the greatest human beings in the planet.

Mathematics sophomore Ashley Casiaco is one of Clancy’s closest friends on and off the court. Clancy was on the team when she came to Cal Poly. "She is dedicated; whenever she has free time she works out more and is always doing something to get ready and play," Casiaco said. "I can see that and it makes me want to do more. She always does jump roping after practice so then I started jumping roping.

In addition to jump roping with Casiaco, Clancy would condition outside of practice with Santiago. Both players focused on finding their chemistry together on the court.

Even though the two won’t be playing together anymore, Santiago has confidence in her teammate. "Rachel is an amazing player and with or without me she’s going to be a scorer and a leader on the court," Santiago said. "She’s going to get a lot more touches now but Rachel is just Rachel, she’s going to play her game no matter what. There’s no point in changing it, what she does she does.

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