Asking Cal Poly the tough questions about diversity

A Mustang Daily poll reveals more than half of students, staff and faculty questioned believe the school does not do a good job at addressing ethnic diversity.

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During the time Cal Poly students spend in college, the campus can become a world within the larger world—a place of learning, business and social interaction. As in any society, some issues on campus become more politically sensitive than others. There are many politically charged issues permeating the Cal Poly campus, and ethnic diversity is one that is part of the Cal Poly experience for every student, regardless of major or year.

However, in a poll of more than 200 Cal Poly students, staff and faculty, 58 percent said the university and the students are lacking in understanding the importance of ethnic diversity.

Dean of Students Jean DeCosta said she sees the Cal Poly student body as open, accepting and quick to support students who are singled out. She said she believes the best way for Cal Poly students to gain a better understanding of diversity is to increase ethnic diversity on campus through exposure.

The Fall 2010 PolyView report published by Institutional Planning and Analysis said the Cal Poly student body is 64.4 percent Caucasian. Multicultural Center (MCC) Coordinator Renoda Campbell said while she doesn't think minority students at Cal Poly are intentionally targeted, they often feel more noticeable and treated like outcasts.

"When it's a personal situation it becomes important," Campbell said. "Sometimes students have the courage to speak out and say 'This is wrong', when others don't have the voice."

Campbell said from an ethnic perspective there are many clubs and organizations on campus to support minority students, but sometimes there is so much going on that those students don't know what to choose. There are faculty and students on campus who do make a honest effort to reach out to other ethnic groups, Campbell said, but that consciousness is not woven into the campus culture.

There are mostly other MCC students helping friends out and no one else.

"There are times when we have to take baby steps backward," Campbell said. "We really do have to start over every quarter."

Environmental engineering junior Kando Ogunrinola said she thinks Cal Poly students are interested in other ethnicities, but in the way they would be interested in a show. "I haven't come across anything really insensitive, but people expect you to be a certain way," Ogunrinola said. "Sports is the main stereotype for me — people ask me if I play basketball. I think it's better to educate them than just get mad."

Ogunrinola said she believes more diversity in the curriculum would have the biggest impact on sensitivity toward other ethnicities.

"Changing the curriculum is a process, and students often say they want to see it happen now," Campbell said. "Congruency between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs would be extremely helpful."

"Inclusive Excellence (IE) is an administrative group that also addresses the issue of diversity of all types in the Cal Poly community. The IE council is made up of Cal Poly students, faculty and administrators who evaluate programs on campus that promote diversity and share the results with the campus community. The council advises the president on how to promote the goals of the Inclusive Excellence initiative, which was designed by the Association of American Colleges and Universities to promote diversity and equity."

Part of the research IE does to evaluate how diversity is handled on campus is through surveys every year. Cal Poly participates in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which determines how university students feel about their education. Freshmen and seniors were asked more than 80 questions about Cal Poly, including some about their opinion of the ethnic diversity on campus.

One survey question asked how much the university encourages contact among students from different economic, social and ethnic backgrounds. Participants ranked their answers from one, meaning "very little" to four, meaning "very much." Between 2001 and 2008, the answers given by Cal Poly freshmen never averaged above 2.5, and the answers given by seniors were never above 2.1. The results given by Cal Poly freshmen and seniors in 2008 were significantly lower than the California State University (CSU) average.

IE council Vice President and co-chair David Conn said from his experience, the Cal Poly campus is not as welcoming of all people as it could be. Cal Poly is pretty homogeneous in terms of "visible diversity," and we commonly deal with issues of insensitive things being said, heard or done," Conn said. "I've heard stories about..."
CSU Board of Trustees discuss financials in meeting

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The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees met on Jan. 25 and 26 for the first time since Governor Jerry Brown took office and proposed the $50 million cut in funding.

Besides discussing how the CSU system will be affected by the cuts, the Board of Trustees also approved the salary of Cal Poly’s new President Jeffrey Armstrong, received the annual audit of the CSU system’s finances, reviewed the class action lawsuit against the CSU and evaluated the Early Start program.

Alice Sunshine, the communications director for the California Faculty Association (CFA) sent out a media advisory to those linked to CSU schools in order to inform people about what is going on with the board.

“The CSU Board of Trustees holds meetings every other month but this one seemed extremely important after all of the changes that have been made throughout the state,” Sunshine said.

One of the biggest changes is the decrease in budgets for the CSU system. Due to budget cuts, the board reviewed and confirmed a decision to increase regular tuition at every CSU.

Besides this tuition increase affecting all students at the 23 campuses, Erik Fallis, media relations specialist for the CSU, said the proposed education doctrine tuition fee increase of 10 percent was also confirmed.

“The education doctrine tuition increase took the same percentage as last year,” Fallis said.

He also said the board discussed internal audits and auxiliaries as it does at every meeting.

“The Board of Trustees discusses these audits as part of the internal control that we have here and they are posted publicly,” Fallis said.

Part of the agenda that specifically affected Cal Poly was the confirmation of President Armstrong’s $350,000 salary.

This number is quite a hefty sal­ary for the board, but faculty should say, ‘What about paying money for the best faculty?’” she said.

Another topic of discussion at the Board of Trustees meeting was a class action lawsuit against the CSU. The plaintiffs are charging that the CSU violated students’ rights by raising their fees after they had already paid at the school’s request, according to a press release from the CFA.

Kim Chin, a nutrition junior, said although this class action law­suit does not affect Cal Poly, it is still an important topic for the Board of Trustees to discuss because it affects so many other students at the other campuses.

“This discussion, however, was during a closed session so the public does not have access to what was discussed in regards to the case. “I feel, like since this affected so many people, we should be able to hear what they have to say, but I guess the legal issues override that,” Chin said.

Despite the desire for students to know how the board plans to act dur­ing litigation, no conclusions have been made public about the issue.

“Legal discussions are normally behind closed doors, but there will be more information to come as it progresses,” Fallis said.

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One African-American student in a class who is expected by others to represent the entire race.”

Conn said with Cal Poly’s small diversity numbers there is not a criti­cal mass of certain minority students, and it is difficult to provide the sup­port these groups need.

“We have a way to go,” Conn said.

“The IE Initiative is built on the idea that all students benefit from diversity, and we’re trying to get the campus to realize how painful it can be to make assumptions based on stereotypes.”

Ethnic studies professor Denise Isom said she interacts with stu­dents in the classroom who have a range of interest in learning about other ethnicities.

“Others one group of people that is sick of the word ‘diversity’ and are hiding their time until they’ve done with the class requirement,” Isom said. “The second group is made up of people who are perfect exemplars of the multicultural society, and think the best approach is to just pretend color doesn’t matter. The third group knows they don’t know much about multiculturalism, but want to learn more and be part of the solution.”

Isom said while there are many resources available for support and education about other cultures at Cal Poly, the school still has glaring issues.

“We haven’t mastered why we have difficulty recruiting students of other ethnicities,” Isom said. “If we were in a more diverse campus, it would open up the marketplace of ideas and discussion.”

Conn said in February the Center for Teaching and Learning will offer a workshop for teachers in the STEM disciplines (science, technology, en­gineering and math) that doesn’t regularly deal with issues of diversity to show them ways to include diversity in their teaching without taking away from the subject matter. Conn also said the university is planning to offer a new two-unit class this fall called Inter-Group Dialogues to teach students more about how to commu­nicate with people who are different from them.

Associated Students Inc. President Sarah Storelli said she thinks students on campus are tolerant of differ­ent groups, but the interest of those groups only applies to students with a personal connection. She said she wants to help create opportunities for students who may not have a strong interest in a subject to be exposed to the different issues out there.

“Association’s priority is everybody’s interests, just the people that are in­terested in that subject,” Storelli said.

Cal Poly President-elect Jeffrey Armstrong said he believes being ex­posed to people who are different in and out of the classroom is part of Cal Poly’s “learn by doing” experience.

“The overall experience at Cal Poly is very good — more diversity would make that something good even bet­ter,” Armstrong said. “I have several top priorities that I plan to focus on, and diversity will be one of them.”

One of the other topics on the agenda was an update on the Early Start program offered by the CSU.

The Early Start program begins the remediation process before un­dergraduates enter the university, ac­cording to a CSU press release.

Beginning in summer 2012, stu­dents who need remediation in math and English will have to demonstrate they have begun remediation process before enrolling at a CSU campus, according to the press release. They must do this by either taking an ex­tra math or writing class during high school or by taking an online class or a remedial class at a community college.

The Board of Trustees will con­tinue to meet every other month to discuss issues involving the CSU sys­tem as they arise.

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Activists gather to push for marijuana initiative

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The drive to put another marijuana legalization initiative on the Califor­
nia ballot took a step forward Saturday when activists from across the state poured into a crowded conference center in Berkeley to launch the debate over writing the next ballot measure.

The campaign for Proposition 19, which lost 54 percent to 46 percent in November, wants to start drafting a new initiative in the spring and to complete it by July, turning then to the expensive and time-consuming task of building support for it in the November 2012 ballot.

Saturday's conference, sponsored by the California chapter of the Na­
tional Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws, was aimed at reaching out to marijuana, legalization activists, medical marijuana growers and dispensary operators, many of whom opposed the last measure.

"We know there was a lot of dis­
satisfaction," said Dale Gieringer, the organization's California director who orga­nized the conference, the first in more than a decade. "A lot of people felt excluded because the writing pro­
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used as a stepping stone to get to where they want to go," she said.

Jones said medical marijuana pa­
tients are tired of the lack of suc­
cess of any initiative because they can reach out to voters to dispel myths about marijuana.

"It's largely going to be the message spreading through the medical community and those that love them that can put this over the top," she said.

The campaign intends to create a broad-based committee to oversee the next initiative, replacing the singular role played by Lee at the last attempt to launch the conference. "It's not about him anymore. It's about the issue, which is what's going to drive us," she said.

Jones said the campaign has not yet

named the committee because it is not

designed to create an early target for

critics. "When you start planting your flag in the ground, people find reasons to stand under that flag," she said.

Although the state Legislature's two most marijuana-friendly lawmakers dropped in to tell activists they will continue to keep the issue in the forefront, some activists say they are worried about the initiative being sidetracked.

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The FBI disclosed to a presidential board that it was involved in nearly 800 violations of laws, regulations or policies governing national security investigations from 2001 to 2008, but the government won't provide details or say whether anyone was disciplined, according to a report by a privacy watchdog group.

The nonprofit foundation said it obtained documents from a variety of intelligence agencies, but most of the records were so heavily censored that they couldn't be properly evaluated. The FBI provided the most substantive disclosures, although the documents were redacted to withhold identifying details, and they don't say what action was taken to remedy or punish the violations.

Nevertheless, the documents "constitute the most complete picture of post-911 FBI intelligence abuses available to the public," says the report, which is to be released Monday but was obtained in advance by The Tribune Washington bureau.

"The documents suggest," the report says, "that FBI intelligence investigations have compromised the civil liberties of American citizens far more frequently, and to a greater extent, than was previously assumed."

In 2007, the Justice Department's inspector general told Congress that the FBI may have violated the law or government policy as many as 5,000 times since 2003 in the course of secretly collecting telephone, bank and credit card records without warrants, instead using so-called national security letters. As many as 600 of the violations could be "cases of serious misconduct," Inspector General Glenn A. Fine said, based on his audits.

The violations were largely unintentional, Fine said, but were the result of "mistakes, carelessness, confusion, sloppiness, lack of training, lack of adequate guidance and lack of adequate oversight."

The records obtained by the foundation go beyond national security letters. About one-third of the reports of violations involved rules governing internal oversight of intelligence investigations, and about one-fifth involved potential violations of the Constitution, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act or other laws governing criminal investigations or intelligence-gathering activities, the report says.

Valerie Caproni, the FBI's general counsel, said in an interview Friday that most of the FBI's reports to the oversight board were about technical errors that did not add up to misconduct. "The number of substantive violations of someone's rights is very small and we take them very seriously," she said.

"These guidelines were put in place to prevent civil rights abuses," said Mark Rumold, the foundation lawyer who used to obtain the records. "And when the FBI is glibly treating violations as technical mistakes, it's indicative of a broader problem — the FBI's attitude toward dedicated, effective oversight. Moreover, President Obama promised to have a more transparent government, but when it comes to national security and intelligence investigations, that just hasn't been the case."

Caproni said details in the reports couldn't be disclosed for reasons of national security.

"We've fixed the problems that have been identified" on national security letters, she said, "and have put into place processes that should identify any problems that were previously not identified."

"Am I confident that, by and large, 99.9 percent of the time our agents are acting in compliance with the Constitution, the statutes, executive orders and FBI and DOJ policies on civil liberties? I am."

A 2005 document obtained by the foundation says an agent used improper information, presumably intelligence-related, to obtain a grand jury subpoena, in violation of the law. Not every mistake was the fault of the FBI, the foundation found. Sometimes companies turned over more private information than the FBI was seeking, contributing to the FBI's unauthorized receipt of personal information.

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The FBI admitted violating national security hundreds of times in past seven years

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Washington's law new power players — the speaker of the House and the White House chief of staff — differed in separate television interviews Sunday on how to best deal with the rising government debt and proposed federal spending cuts, reflecting a realignment in the nation's capital and sharp political differences over a looming battle of the budget.

Speaker John A. Boehner urged the White House to join with Republicans in the next two weeks and agree to major cuts that will lower spending to 2008 levels. Without compromise, he said, the government will once again have to raise its debt limit.

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"We want to reduce spending, Peri­" said the Ohio Republican, making his first appearance as House speaker on the Sunday TV talk shows with an interview on the Fox News Sunday program. President Barack Obama has "got to be willing to cut up the credit cards," he said.

William Daley, the new White House chief of staff, in his first Sunday television appearance, said on CBS's Face the Nation program that his past experience as a businessman tells him that government investments in private enterprise, along with spending cuts, are the best way to spark the economy.

"We all agree there must be cuts to this government," Daley said. With the U.S. debt climbing to record levels, he urged patience, noting that Obama's plan for a five-year freeze in spending would save $400 billion.

Next month, the White House and House Republicans are scheduled to release separate budget proposals and the political posturing on Sunday sug-

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California man arrested for attempted bombing of largest mosque in Detroit

A California man is in jail on a terrorism charge after he was ar­rested in Dearborn, Mich. for allegedly trying to blow up the biggest mosque in metropolitan Detroit, Dearborn officials said Sunday.

The suspect was arrested in the parking lot of the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn last Monday, while hundreds of people were inside the mosque, police said.

He came to the city because of its large Arab-American and Muslim population, police said.

Roger Stockham, 63, was ar­raigned Wednesday on one count of a threat of terrorism and an explosives charge, Dearborn police said.

"He's very dangerous," Dear­born Police Chief Ron Haddad told the Free Press. "We took his threat to be very serious."

Haddad said the man was known to law enforcement officials in other parts of the country.

"He’s had a long history of be­ing angry with the United States government," Haddad said.

Stockham, in jail on a $500,000 bond, drove from California to Dearborn and was caught with a car packed with high-end fire­works.

The FBI has been notified about the incident, Haddad said.

"He picked Dearborn as a stop because of the huge Arab and Muslim population," Haddad said.

Dearborn has the highest con­centration of Arab-Americans in the U.S. and has attracted in­creased attention in recent years as a center of Islam.

Haddad said a witness said Stockham was planning to blow up the mosque. The suspect "appeared to be acting alone," Haddad said.

"His threat has been mitigated."

An employee at a local bar called police after overhearing vi­olent threats allegedly made by the man, said Kassem Allie, executive administrator of the Islamic Cen­ter of America.

The employee was afraid that Stockham was going to target Muslims or Arabs in the area, he said.

The Islamic Center was holding a funeral at the time the suspect was found in the parking lot, with as many as 700 people inside.

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We call it Trincest because we're clever in the liberal arts dorm (we live in Trinity Hall). And let me tell you, it happens all the time.

I won't say I know from experience (though my hall mates may tell you otherwise), but given even a minor ripple — say, two people going to lunch together, just the two of them — the gossip wheel starts turning.

"What's going on with Jim and Cathy?"

"We saw Jim and Cathy making out."

I don't know anyone named Jim or Cathy, but I do know that word travels fast, and Trincest is our favorite thing to talk about. Stories get twisted and feelings get hurt before you know it, you have a real-life version of "Easy A" and you're Emma Stone — you might as well be walking around with a big red "A" on your clothes.

I won't say Trincest (let's be universal here and call it dormcest) is a bad thing because my best friend's parents met in Fremont Hall back in the '80s and now they're happily married. But then there's the girl from the third floor and the guy from the first floor who can't even make eye contact after their short-lived relationship — awkward.

Relationships or hook-ups or even innocent lunch dates are hot topics of common room discussion. I guess that's where we go when we need to revert back to our high school ways of gossiping about anyone and everyone whose lives are undoubtedly more interesting than our own.

I will not deny that I had definitely had my fair share of dorm crushes. But I'm too chicken to act on them. However, if you're one of those kids who isn't too busy sitting around playing the "What if?" game instead of making a move, and you give dormcest a shot, just be prepared for the aftermath.

Be prepared for everyone and their mother in Sequoia Hall to ask you what's going on with you and what's-her-face from the second floor. Don't get defensive, don't say "nothing," because we know it's anything but nothing. Own up to it, or the stories will continue, and that's when things get messy. Even if the stories aren't true, they circulate around the hall fast enough that they become true enough.

Even if you two are just sitting in your room studying, with the door locked, just explain the situation — for your own sake.

There's two sides to every coin I suppose and there's risk involved in everything. I've always thought the biggest risk in life was not taking risks. And given the opportunity, I'll take the dormcest risk. Maybe I'll get lucky, and my life will play out in some picturesque way... and I will get my MBA degree here.

Be adventurous, take risks, down a little liquid courage and tell 'em how you feel. Maybe you'll end up like my best friend's parents and your kids will be here to carry on the tradition.

Dormcest or not, think for yourself. Who cares if they ask about you in the common room? If you're happy and the people around you are happy, then what's the problem?

So be happy and get some.

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Residence halls are small. And I don't mean just in the sense that my roommates and I share a room the size of a refrigerator box (lucky me, randomly selected to share a room meant for two with two other people). I mean it's like living in one of those stereotypically small towns where everyone knows everything about everyone else (Hello, Winteria Lane).
Bio professor brews beer

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Cal Poly biological sciences professor Raúl Cano, extracted 45 million-year-old yeast from amber back in the '90s. Since then, his dream of making the yeast a main ingredient in beer and selling it to the public has become reality.

In 1995, Cano was researching the survival of bacteria in amber containing a preserved bee, and among the bacteria he studied, there happened to be a few yeasts.

"At the time we were studying the long-term survival of bacteria ... the yeast was just serendipity," Cano said.

While conducting the research, Cano realized some of the yeast from the amber resembled brewer's yeast.

"We noticed the resemblance (of the yeast) so we started looking at it, and the rest is history," Cano said. "We were focused on using it for products that were commercially valuable products that come from this organism."

When thinking of products with yeast as an ingredient, bread, wine and beer are three that come to mind.

"This (yeast) was more suitable for the beer so we pursued that," Cano said.

Cano attempted to create the beer using the million-year-old yeast back in 1995, as well as multiple times after that, but it was not until 2006 that his idea truly came to life.

"Things fell through the cracks and that's always the story with research," Cano said. "When I met Chip Lambert, he was intrigued by the whole idea and he actually was the one who talked me into doing it again."

When the two met, Lambert was the director of research at a biotech company. The two were introduced and became good friends, Lambert said.

"We decided to form our own biotech company and then formed an environmental studies company," Lambert said. "Then in 2006 we had a client and asked if they'd brew beer with 45 million-year-old yeast, and they said yes."

Finally, Cano, Lambert and Scott Bennett, an attorney from Oakland, started up Fossil Fuels Brewing Co.

The beer debuted in 2008 at a launch party at Kelley Brothers Brewing Co. in Manteca, Calif, where the beer is produced.

"We had a couple of other important people as well — Peter Hackett, who brewed the first commercial batch and Joe Kelley who is now the brew master for our beer in Manteca," Cano said.

The beer has been made available mostly in Northern California, but is also served locally in San Luis Obispo at Gennano's Grill and Garden.

"I believe that we are going to look at new styles of beer," Cano said. "We would like to expand the numbers of beer that we sell from wheat to an IPA, to an amber ale, to a pale ale. We are going to start experimenting with different recipes."

Although Fossil Fuels Brewing Co. is not yet at the status of companies like Anheuser-Busch, Lambert said he hopes others realize they have produced a good beer and their company can continue to be successful.

"The company is growing in the number of customers and that is the bottom line — it grows almost daily," Cano said. "We sold more beer today than yesterday ... we will get there eventually if the beer is good and we do it right."

Peretz, who also does research with yeast at Cal Poly, said Cano serves "props" come his way.

"I bet it was hard as hell with a ton of trial and error," he said. "This is some Jurassic Park type shit."

— Mark Perez
Biological sciences junior

Of Cano's creation is a little different from traditional wheat beer.

"Usually wheat beers are cloudier than the beer that we brew and it may be a function of the yeast or it may be a function of the recipe — we don't know for sure," Cano said.

Currently, Fossil Fuels Brewing Co. offers a wheat beer, which tastes similar to Belgian beer with some clove and a little fruitiness to it, Cano said. However, the company is looking to expand into other types of beer in the future.

"I believe that we are going to look at new styles of beer," Cano said. "So we would like to expand the numbers of beer that we sell from wheat to an IPA, to an amber ale, to a pale ale. We are going to start experimenting with different recipes."

Although Fossil Fuels Brewing Co. is not yet at the status of companies like Anheuser-Busch, Lambert said he hopes others realize they have produced a good beer and their company can continue to be successful.

"The company is growing in the number of customers and that is the bottom line — it grows almost daily," Cano said. "We sold more beer today than yesterday ... we will get there eventually if the beer is good and we do it right."

Peretz, who also does research with yeast at Cal Poly, said Cano serves "props" come his way.

"I bet it was hard as hell with a ton of trial and error," he said. "This is some Jurassic Park type shit."

Although Cano will not resurrect any dinosaurs, he does plan to keep the yeast alive for years to come.

"I'm just a microbiologist, so I am just a keeper of the family jewels," Cano said. "I maintain the yeast and make sure that they are pure and thus there are no troubles with the quality of the yeast product. If I do (my job) right, the yeast will never die."

With yeast that will never run out, Fossil Fuels Brewing Co. will be able to continue selling its special beer.

"We are all just living the dream," Lambert said. "The main goal of our company is to keep having a lot of fun and sell premium craft beer."
Democracy unstable in a global sense

Marfris Perez-Stabile is a columnist for the Miami Herald.

Even before the Great Recession, democracy across the globe was suffering setbacks. In 2007, Freedom House recorded a net decline in its ranking of countries as free, partly free or not free. Since then, the downturn has continued, making the last four years the longest period of decline in 40 years.

In the Americas, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Venezuela experienced the most serious deterioration. Five other countries ranked partly free with Cuba as the unfree loner. Still, most countries are free and democracy is holding its own. Freedom House’s index provides the backdrop for “The Political Culture of Democracy, 2010,” a study based on interviews with almost 44,000 respondents in 26 countries. Since 2004, the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) — housed at Vanderbilt University — has issued reports on the region’s citizens.

The most recent is especially useful. Despite hard economic times, Latin Americans did not turn on democracy. Mitchell Seligson and his research team offer an intriguing explanation. In many countries, governments tackled the crisis ably. Sound economic policies had already established good macroeconomic foundations and kept inflation low, which, no doubt, helped. For the most part, political classes had learned their economic lessons. Even if two out of five respondents hold the current administration or its predecessor responsible for the crisis, only one in 20 attributed it to democracy. About 13 percent blamed the economic system and a similar share put the onus on themselves, the citizens. Less than 8 percent pinned responsibility on rich countries.

Havana, Caracas and other kindred capitals take note.

Given Latin America’s not-so-distant past, many citizens probably didn’t think the latest crisis to be the worst. In the late 1990s, for example, hard times did take a toll on the public’s attitudes toward democracy. Once growth returned in 2003, however, many countries made inroads against poverty and expanded the middle classes. The 2010 LAPOP survey results reflect a growing maturity that should bode well for the region. All the same, political and economic elites better not rest on their laurels. There’s much yet to do to consolidate democracy in Latin America. Even if a widespread return of dictatorship is unimaginable, the institutional architecture that sustains open and democratic societies is not secure.

In Bolivia, Brazil and Nicaragua, support rose significantly from 46.4 to 60.4. Before the coup, a majority held the system in low esteem. In Honduras, support soared. Ecuadoreans and Venezuelans ranked the political system significantly higher than Venezuelans rated theirs about the same (just below 50).

Public opinion applauded the election of opposition parties. In Uruguay, Panama, Paraguay and El Salvador, citizens expressed notably higher support. Uruguay has the highest ranking. In 2010, Paraguayans still gave their political system a score below 50 but strikingly higher than the under-30 figure of 2008. Panamanians voted for a center-right government. Salvadorans elected the center-left Mauricio Funes, the most remarkable alteration of all, given the country’s bloody history.

Like Cuba, Haiti is an outlier but for different reasons. Haitians don’t trust their justice system nor respect their political institutions nor consider their basic rights protected nor have pride in the political system. Still, Haitians rank highest in activism, whether political protests or participation in religious and community groups or parents’, professionals and women’s associations.

Haitians — the poorest in the Americas — are the best citizens.

The Vanderbelt team doesn’t include Cuba. LAPOP after all, studies public opinion in democracies. Yet, I suspect that, even after a transition, Cubans may well rank toward the bottom. Rebuilding the spirit will be harder than establishing democratic institutions.

Honestly, when reading a newspaper published by a nationally ranked university, this is the last thing I’d expect, want or, to find. Articles like this are published in trashy magazines, not school newspapers. I don’t care if this is a public university where free speech and expression are encouraged. This article is disgusting and unnecessary.

— Ashleigh Allard

In response to “A look at nature’s Rubik’s Cube: the clitoris.”

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guard Tamara Wells.
UC Santa Barbara then turned the tables with a run of its own and took an 18-13 lead on a layup by Nicole Nesbit with 5:58 left in the half.

The Mustangs were able to fight back to make it 24-23 advantage on a layup by center Molly Schlenker and made it 27-23 at the half with an Ashlee Burns 3-pointer.

Clancy’s jumper to open the second half gave Cal Poly a six-point lead, but then UC Santa Barbara gave the Mustangs the biggest scare of the night. The Gauchos went ahead after a 13-0 run made it 30-29 with 13:04.

The Mustangs climbed back and tied the game at 40-40 on a jump shot by center Abby Bloeschner with 3:05 left. UC Santa Barbara would take its final lead at 49-48 on a jumper by Johnson with 3:05 left, but Clancy hit a 3-pointer from the right side to put the Mustangs up two with 2:44 left.

Jone Ervin made a three point game when she hit the front end of a one and one at 1:56.

UC Santa Barbara cut the lead to one (52-51) when Johnson came up big once again with a clutch shot in the lane, but Clancy, once again, hit a jumper to put the game out of reach for the Gauchos.

Kayla Griffin and Clancy both racked up 15 points and Ervin scored nine points.

The Mustangs look to continue their hot streak next Thursday at UC Davis. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.
Mustangs win two conference duals

Since the Mustangs’ loss to Boise State, they have won two straight duals.

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In the Mustangs’ 23-12 win over Cal State Bakersfield Friday night, 197-pounder Ryan Smith faced his nemesis, No. 17 Riley Orozco, who slimied the Mustang in four previous matches.

Co-head coach Mark Perry put it bluntly.

“(Orozco) has been Ryan Smith’s kryptonite,” he said.

After giving up the first points, Smith turned the match on its head when he scored a buzzer-beating take­down, to take a 3-2 lead into the sec­ond period. He would score one more takedown in the second period coupled with two escapes, moving the score to 7-5 with one period remaining.

The quick-paced match wore on both wrestlers as Smith gave up

Their first lead of the game until there was just 1:40 left in the first half. With jumpers by center Will Lewis helped the Mustangs with a career-high 29 points. Guard Shawn Donahue and guard Malik Lovel, the Mustangs took a 29-27 lead into the break.

The Mustangs started the sec­ond half firing from the 3-point line. They hit three attempts in the first six minutes to take a 45-35 lead.

Donahue and guard Maliik Love, had enough. He tallied nine con­secutive points in two minutes and then decided he

In the Mustangs’ 54-51 win over UCSB, they defeated the Gauchos for the first time in Santa Barbara since the 2006-07 season.

Still perfect

Mustangs extend winning streak to eight games

Mustangs rebound from UCSB loss with win over Cal State Bakersfield

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A 3-point attempt by UC Santa Bar­bara’s Kelsey Adrian gave what was the closest shot anyone had to knock the Mustangs off their high horse. But Adrian’s shot rimmed out at the buzzer and continued the one story­line the Mustangs have had all season.

They’re still undefeated.

From their last-second loss to UC Santa Barbara with a 77-61 win over Cal State Bakersfield Saturday.

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David Hanson racked up a career-high 29 points against CSUB Saturday.

Hanson led the team with a career-high 29 points. Guard Shawn Lewis helped the Mustangs with a 20-point effort as well, all of which he scored in the last 10 minutes of the game.

Despite Hanson and Lewis’ ef­forts, the Mustangs didn’t take

in 2006-07. It was also the first time the Mustangs handed the Gauchos a home loss in four years.

However, it was close to not hap­pening at all. The Gauchos started off with a 6-0 lead before the Mustangs responded with a 9-1 run, capped by a layup by

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