The debate over gender equality is not new — it is an issue that has been fought over in this country for more than a century. Women and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and ally (LGBTQIA) community are still working to win more recognition and acceptance in society.

Sometimes members of these groups in the Cal Poly community still encounter difficulty in overcoming stereotypes and asserting their right to feel safe and accepted.

Despite the many resources available to address gender and LGBTQIA issues and the positive poll results from students, faculty and staff, campus leaders said there is still work to be done.

"All students come to Cal Poly expecting to be safe, successful and to find groups that appeal to their needs," Vice President for Student Affairs Cornel Moreno said. "We still have work to do, especially in education."

**Some Underrepresented and Many Underreported**

The Cal Poly student body is statistically male-dominated: 55.4 percent male compared with 44.6 percent female, according to the Fall 2010 PolyView report. Although the number of women increased from 43.9 percent in fall 2009, Christina Kaviani is the coordinator of the Women's Center — or the Gender Equity Center as it will officially become after a ribbon-cutting ceremony this month. Kaviani said, "It's still a huge need at Cal Poly for programs about female self-esteem and self-awareness."

"We make presentations with (Campus) Housing and to fraternities and sororities about ways to stay safe, but we still need to focus on empowerment," Kaviani said.

Though Kaviani said she sees a shift in jobs occurring across the country with more women attending college and holding high professional positions, she believes it is still not equal. She said some men love the idea of stronger women, and some are threatened.

"The idea of feminism means different things to different people — it's intended to mean believing that women should be equal," Kaviani said. "We get pretty good results with our programs and events, but we're continually in a push." As a women's and gender studies professor, Jane Lehr said women at Cal Poly are over-represented in some majors and underrepresented in others. Lehr focuses on ways to bring a more social aspect into the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) discipline curriculum.

"There's the idea that women should have some sort of requirement to have a presentation about women's issues and sexual assault, and the number of men interested has also grown. "We want more men involved in learning and teaching others about how to deal with sexual assault — I think every fraternity and club should have some sort of requirement to have a presentation about it," Kaviani said.

She said she would like to see more faculty and staff involved in education about sexual assault because the first person some victims go to is their professor.

Psychology senior Kara Barbieri and the Gender Equity Center's SAFER programming assistant, said the center reaches out to women as well as men and focuses on talking to incoming freshman classes.

"Sexual assault is still a big issue and there's more to be done with spreading the word about protection," Barbieri said. "People still don't think it could happen to them. We do have more men realizing they could be a part of it."

**Ask in a Mustang Daily Poll, more than half of the students, faculty and staff polled felt Cal Poly does a good job at addressing gender and LGBTQIA issues, but campus leaders said there is still more work to be done.**

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**Do you think Cal Poly does a good job addressing:**

GENDER / LGBTQIA COMMUNITY?

Yes 64%  No 36%  156 students and faculty

Yes 57%  No 43%  138 students and faculty

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IRVINE (MCT) — In 2010, 204 companies expanded outside California, moved out completely or decided against moving here — four times the number in 2009, according to Irvine business relocation expert Joe Vranich.

He released his final tally for 2010 — 204 companies vs. 51 in 2009 — adding that he's sure his list is incomplete.

"For every company departure or disinvestment event that becomes public, there are countless others that we don't hear about," he says. "If the event does not become public knowledge, there is no way to add it to the list."

Vranich says he relies on public records, and some companies leave town with no fanfare. Also, he excludes individual retail stores or restaurants of big chains and firms whose departures appear unrelated to California's tax and regulation environment.

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said after meeting with the transport committee.

The two countries have for years discussed establishing fixed road- and rail link across the Fehmarn Belt, a strait between the Danish island of Lolland and the German island of Fehmarn. It is estimated that the link would cost 6.9 billion euros ($7.6 billion) and reduce travel times between Scandinavia and mainland Europe.

The project is envisaged to be completed in 2020. A final decision on a tunnel or bridge link is pending.

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Briebs

FLORIDA (MCT) — The tiny south Florida pharmacy that built a profitable business blowing the whistle on drug companies that over-charge the government won a signal victory Tuesday.

For the first time, one of the companies it reported to authorities had taken the case to court last month. On Tuesday, a Texas jury ordered the company to pay $170 million for cheating the state's Medicaid program.

That not only means the whistle-blower, Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys, is in line to get several million dollars in reward money, but it also means the company's remarkable whistle-blowing winning streak continues.

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Weather predictions may not always be reliable

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By Wednesday night, you'll know whether the stronger, faster computers of today are any better at predicting severe storms than the weather balloons and pen on paper used in the old days.

The same advanced computer software and satellite images have been tracking the movement of a large storm since it churned off the coast of Los Angeles last week.

The brute of the massive storm sweeping in from the south was expected to bring high winds and inches of snow, including as much as two feet in parts of Chicago.

The unpredictable nature of severe storms has always made weather predictions a bit of a guessing game. On Jan. 26, 1967, the forecast was for four inches of snow in Chicago. The city got 23 inches. On Jan. 13, 1979, the forecast again was for four inches, but 18.8 inches of snow fell. On Jan. 1, 1999, the forecast was for six inches of snow, but the city got 21.6 inches.

Even in this age of supercomputers and satellites, the best scientific predictions come with some level of uncertainty. But experts said new computer models that factor in the inherent unpredictability of these storms bring meteorologists closer than they've ever been to a sure thing.

"Today the technology has improved so that we get a really good idea of the magnitude of what is about to occur," said Richard Castro, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Chicago.

Castro's computer models predicted an 85 percent chance that Chicago would see at least eight inches of snow between Tuesday and Wednesday. The odds that the city would see a foot or more was about 75 percent.

A far cry from when meteorologists simply charted rudimentary weather balloon data on a map to gauge the course of the storm, today's Weather Service computers constantly process atmospheric profiles of temperature, moisture and winds taken throughout the country by surface observation, weather balloons, satellites, commercial airlines and advance weather instrumentation on Weather Service aircraft.

Computer modeling has also improved, now taking the means of up to 20 different computer-generated scenarios of a storm's impact, said John Ferree, a severe storm expert at the National Weather Service in Oklahoma. By factoring in uncertainties about how a storm will behave, these models are a vast improvement over the days when computer simply ran one scenario and left the rest up to chance, experts said.

As a result, this "ensemble" method of computer modeling that was not widely used even five years ago has quickly become a critical tool in the science of weather forecasting.

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Congress pushes plans for spending cuts

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In Congress, lawmakers from both parties have begun pushing bipartisan plans aimed at cutting federal spending, efforts that are proceeding slowly — but they are proceeding.

"As I left my office, some of my staff said, 'Good luck walking off that plank.'" said Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo. "This is politically risky. This is like saying 'to' when you're a parent.'

Tuesday she joined Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn, and others to outline a plan to mandate sharply reduced spending over 10 years.

It was the third time in recent days that budget-writers have made serious efforts to produce bipartisan dialogue on budget cuts.

Senators Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., and Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., are urging changes in the budget process that would give lawmakers more certainties about how a storm will behave, these models are a vast improvement over the days when computers simply ran one scenario and left the rest up to chance, experts said.

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Congress will consider soon whether to raise the current $14.3 trillion debt ceiling, which could be reached by the end of next month. Republicans have threatened to hold the effort to raise the debt ceiling hostage until they're forced to agree on deep spending cuts — a tactic the Obama administration warnsd could panic financial markets.

"We're having serious talk all the time (about deficit reduction)," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. Asked what Republicans he's talking to, Reid mentioned a conversation with Conrad, a Democrat.

The McCaskill bill would cap all spending — including Medicare and Social Security — at 20.6 percent of Gross Domestic Product, in line with the 40-year spending average. Spending currently averages about 24.7 percent of GDP.

The plans would mandate a "glide path" to the lower figure, so the cuts wouldn't jolt the economy. It would take effect in 2013, "giving us time to redesign the entitlement programs, especially Medicare and Social Security," Corker said.

If the 20.6 percent of GDP goal isn't met, the White House would be required to make "evenly distributed, simultaneous cuts throughout the federal budget."

The political obstacles are clear.

"People should leave Social Security alone," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., who looks to Democrats to protect the entitlement program.

Conrad argued that the McCaskill-Corker plan "doesn't solve the problem," because it doesn't consider raising taxes.

But the McCaskill-Corker plan is at least an attempt to create the kind of bipartisan solution that President Barack Obama called for in his State of the Union address, analysts said, even though he has done little to promote it.

Some sort of consensus is crucial, since Republicans comfortably control the House of Representatives and Democrats control 53 of the Senate's 100 seats.

House Republicans want to cut at least $60 billion from this year's budget; more conservative members have proposed as much as $300 billion savings, including deep cuts in a long list of programs popular with Democrats.

"This is a period in which legislators are struggling with procedural fixes to a policy problem," said Steven Smith, a former congressional aide who teaches political science at Washington University in St. Louis. "The cynic would say, 'Why don't you just pass a budget instead of putting in procedural fixes?'"

But the response is: 'We need to discipline ourselves and future Congresses. Let's put in place procedures that will be difficult to overcome by the next Congress and the next, and the next president.'"

Agreeing on specific cuts will be difficult politically. For instance, conservative Republicans are offering a proposal that would cut $2.5 trillion over 10 years, eliminating or dramatically cutting funds for programs such as the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Legal Services Corporation, the National Science Foundation, the Peace Corps, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Corporation for National and Community Service, and others.

"Anybody who thinks that's going to happen, I've got a tutu you need to wear down the hall tomorrow," McCaskill said.
"That's a ridiculous proposal. That's impossible to do."

And probably impossible to get through the Senate. But getting the two parties to agree will take enormous political risk.
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of the movement — they're just as much a part of it as women and can be victims too.”
Lehr said she can tell in her intro to Women's and Gender Studies classes when her students have been abused and knows how hard it is to talk about.

"There's a desire to believe things like that don't happen in a place like San Luis Obispo, but bad things do happen," Lehr said. "The Gender Equity Center does amazing work in teaching out, especially in partnering with fraternities, sororities and dorms."

Morton said from an administrative view he believes Cal Poly has good programs for supporting women, but there are still programs and areas of the school where women are underrepresented and have reported hostility and disinterest from faculty, staff and students. Morton said he also believes the number of sexual assault cases on campus are underreported.

"My intuition says these incidences are happening at a rate that mirrors the country," Morton said. "We need to offer more avenues and access for people to report these incidents and reassure the victims that it is taken seriously."

More of a spectrum than black and white

The LGBTQIA community is another group on campus that deals with issues of respect and acceptance. The number of students in the LGBTQIA community is lower at Cal Poly than at other CSU universities, Pride Center Coordinator Erin Echols said.

"On the whole I think the campus is pretty welcoming," Echols said. "I do hear about people getting offended by phrases like "That's so gay.""

Echols said there is an interest on campus to be sensitive toward the LGBTQIA community, but she often hears from people outside of the LGBTQIA community that they can't keep up with the changing terminology. Echols said she believes the trend of acceptance is attributable to more students having gay friends and gay alliances at their high schools.

"It's becoming more socially acceptable, and people are more comfortable with the issue than they were five or 10 years ago," Echols said. "At the Pride Center, we try to be as visible as possible and encourage more discussion."

Echols said the Pride Center offers Ally Training sessions four times a quarter, or more if a specific group requests a session. The Pride Center is also currently pushing for increasing the number of gender-neutral bathrooms on campus. There are just under 300 state-maintained restrooms on campus, according to a report by Facilities, and 24 are unisex or "non-gendered" restrooms.

Civil engineering sophomore Paul Armer is the housing liaison for the Pride Center, and said as a student he has had experiences with people refusing to sit near him or speak to him if he is wearing something that makes it clear that he is gay.

"But there are also the people who surprise you with things they are, there are more of those," Armer said. "It's cool to know that I can be gay and in a major that isn't stereotypically a major that gay people are a part of and not be judged."

Armer said he was afraid of living in the dorms when he arrived at Cal Poly as a freshman, but Campus Housing pushes for diversity and acceptance in incoming classes.

"The idea of male or female is becoming more of a spectrum for some people than just black and white," Armer said. "There are some people who don't identify with either groups."

Armer said the Cal Poly community is actively seeking more information and more ways to be involved in the Pride Center's efforts. According to the Pride Center website, there are 194 students and 103 faculty, staff and Campus Housing employees who are involved in or have completed Ally Training since 2007. Armer said he has seen a huge influx of people who want to complete the training since he became involved with the Pride Center.

Lehr said the staff and student work in the Pride Center has been fantastic, especially with the attention paid to transgender students.

"The problem of homophobia isn't just a problem for the LGBT community," Lehr said. "It's also used to police the norms of male and female behavior, like the idea of men crying or women sticking up for themselves."

Within the last 15 years, students have become more open to a wider range of interpersonal relationships, Lehr said, but they do still live in a world with homophobic stereotypes.

"Some people think that if we just wait 50 years everything will get better, but that's not true — we need to act now if we want to see a difference," Lehr said.

Conn said from his experience, larger offenses like the crops sciences incident don't happen too often, but smaller, more continuous offenses can be more upsetting.

"A few years ago during Pride Week someone painted the rainbow on the "P" back to white — things like that say a lot symbolically," Conn said.

Morton said the university is making progress in supporting the LGBTQIA community, but there are still people who say and do things that are manifestations of stereotypes.

"When I attend programs put on by the Pride Center, I do see a pretty good cross-section of students," Morton said. "There's some great support out there, but there's also a need for students to engage in discussions of how this diversity can enrich their experience."

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Spice up your vocabulary with dirty talk

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There you are: lights off, under the sheets getting down and it's going good. But then, your partner pauses and whispers those four little words in your ear: "Talk dirty to me."

The tone of your dirty talk can take on either a dominant or submissive style. It's easy to slip into those roles: either focus on what you're doing to them or what they are doing to you.

You can praise your partner for doing that special thing with their tongue, or firmly tell your partner that they need to roll over, move their hips up, etc.

For example, a good line may be: "Oh yeah, you like that? I'm going to spank you hard like the naughty girl you are."

The example incorporates all four sweary words and the ever pervasive "f-bomb." If your partner starts to not respond, just take it back to the moaning level.

Dirty talk is like "Inception." Sometimes, you need to go deeper. But when you're in the midst of a hot session, things can get out of control and your mouth may start coming up with phrases that don't belong in the bedroom.

I have a friend who, while in the middle of an otherwise fantastic banging, stopped mid-thrust when the girl he was with started calling him daddy. Some people might be into name-calling, but I know quite a few people who aren't.

The same goes for intense name-calling, like bitch, slut and other so-bad-they're-sometimes-good terms. If you're with a girl who likes being called one of these, there is a solid chance she'll be asking you to call her that already.

Which brings me to my last point: If you want to talk dirty, don't feel uncomfortable about it. Bring it up in a non-sexual situation if you really want to suss out what things they may like to hear (as in, don't already know if you want to have a serious discussion about it — wait until the blood flows back to your brain from your genitals).


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LOMA offers drop-in watercolor classes

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For less than the cost of a movie ticket and popcorn, the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art (SLOMA) is holding a drop-in art class where anyone can learn the basics of watercolor painting.

Show up for $15 — or $12 for members — and SLOMA provides the space, material and instruction by professional art teacher Mary-anne Nucci. The class is held every Saturday in February from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"I'll spend 30 minutes, 40 minutes demonstrating, talking about what we're going to do," Nucci said. "Then the rest is everybody goes to work. So it's easy to get around to each student and spend time (with them)."

Nucci has taught watercolor painting at Cuesta College for 23 years, as well as various classes held at SLOMA. This is her first time teaching a drop-in class, but she said it's a great idea.

"To commit to every Saturday in February is a big deal," she said. "But to say, 'Oh this Saturday I'm going to go and paint' — it's a great idea."

Nucci said her lesson plan will be dependent on the students who attend the class — whether or not they are new to painting in general or just need feedback on their own pieces, and just how large the class is. She plans to go over the basics, like creating edges and mixing paints.

"It has this stigma of being really hard to work with — it's not," Nucci said. "I really love working in watercolor."

The drop-in class format is something new to SLOMA. The program began last fall and has been going for several months as an experiment. Last January, the museum offered drop-in acrylic classes.

Gallery manager and registrar of SLOMA Wendy Walter said the nicest thing about the drop in classes is the fact that guests can attend just once with no commitment, or as many times as they like.

"It depends on what you want to get out of the class," Walter said. "Whether it be beginners or someone who just wanted to get pointers."

Call art professor and international portrait artist Tricia Reichert said she encourages people to take lessons in watercolor. She recently published a manual on observational watercolor painting titled "The Watercolor Journaling Handbook." She said watercolor painting is a "very easy medium" that requires little in the way of supplies while at the same time being inexpensive and full of variety.

"Draw a little paint a little, have sketch with a little bit of color or a full painting," Reichert said. "It's a great medium for painting outside, for journaling, for little tiny sketches of things that you love."

Watercolor isn't only an art form; it can be a form of therapy when an artist is stressed or frustrated. At least, that's what artist and owner of SLOMA Wendy Walter says.

SLOMA is located at Broad and Monterey streets, beside the creek. It is open every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed Tuesday. The watercolor classes are held inside the building every Saturday in February from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
the art supplies store Art Central Eny Pacifico believes.

"It's cheaper than a shrink," Pacifico said. "It's extremely good therapy. Even (for) somebody with absolutely no artistic knowledge, understanding or even appreciation."

Pacifico said she has put paper and materials down for her friends and offered them the words of encouragament: "Don't think, just do."

"It's a wonderful way to express yourself and if you give yourself the freedom to do it, and don't have any expectations of what it's going to look like or what it's going to feel like, it could be extremely cathartic," she said.

Those who are more interested in watercolor artists living on the Central Coast can attend the grand opening of Art Central on Feb. 4, where the Central Coast Watercolor Society (CCWS) will display their works.

Cal Poly students can get the "Student Membership Package" at the lowest package price of $20 a year. Members get discounts on shows and exhibitions and receive a monthly newsletter. Members also can display and sell their works.

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"Student Membership Package"

Towerling above her pint-sized cohort in blue suede heels, Heidi Klum was doing what she does best: seducing the camera. She wasn't preening sexily in lingerie, as you might expect from a former Victoria's Secret model, nor was she standing in judgment of a couture gown, as befits the host and executive producer of "Project Runway." On this particular day, the TV camera paused in as the German bombshell flailed her arms, stuck out her tongue and, yes, did the Roger Rabbit dance.

In one of this year's strangest career transitions, Klum is shifting from glamorous to goofy. Her new Lifetime series "Seriously Funny Kids," which premieres Tuesday night, is the latest program to elicit the honesty of young children. Also incorporated into the show are hidden camera bits, including one that finds the sexy host spurring an unlikely accessory: "slimy boogers."

"We thought it was a no-brainer," said John Alfano, Lifetime's head of entertainment. "As an ambassador for the network, we love being in business with (Heidi). And it's a side we don't often see. She's someone mostly known as a supermodel, but you don't think of her as being silly, and fun and effervescent."

Although she's a mother to four children younger than 6, Klum admitted that her interactions with the kids on the show were more difficult than she expected.

"When you deal with grown-ups, they always kind of know where you want to go when you ask a certain question," she said. "When you're talking to Jay Leno or (David) Letterman, there's this kind of routine about it. You're there to tell a funny story as you try to promote something. But when you do it with kids, it doesn't really work the same way. At all."

But there are always the adults of her other Lifetime series to balance it all — even if attempts to reach some of them (Tim Gunn, Michael Kors) to comment on Klum proved unsuccessful.

Klum insisted that her involvement in "Seriously Funny Kids" doesn't mean a death knell for "Project Runway," which will shoot its ninth season this summer.

"Look, 'Project Runway' isn't going anywhere," she said. "And I don't think if something ends that I have to hurry up and find the next thing. If 'Seriously Funny Kids' would have come to me four years ago, I would have done it then. I just thought it was a good idea."

It's an idea that further broadens Klum's reach beyond the supermodel guise, in the vein of fellow-runway troter Tyra Banks — who solidified herself as brand with "America's Next Top Model," "The Tyra Banks Show," philanthropic foundations and a production company.

After more than a decade as a face and body of Victoria's Secret, Klum announced last fall that she was parting ways with the lingerie giant to focus on other projects. A surprising move, but she said the decision came with careful consideration.

"It wasn't like I'm going to walk down the runway with my G-string and then the next day I wasn't going to do it anymore," Klum said. "You think about it over the years and you think about how at some point it has to end — I have to do something different! I want to do something different. And the world doesn't end. When someone hangs up their 'wings' there's always someone new ready to take them. That's just how things are."

Klum has a dizzying number of projects in motion. She recently announced plans to partner with fragrance company Coty Inc. to create a perfume called Heidi Klum Shine. She's a clothing designer (recently fashioning maternity clothes for A Pea in the Pod and Motherhood Maternity), a jewelry designer (her Mouawad jewelry collection debuted on QVC in 2006), a television host ("Project Runway," "Germany's Next Top Model") and the face of European cosmetics company Astor.

And on top of all of that, now she's extracting comical quips from children for "Seriously Funny Kids" — and finding that they really do say the darnedest things.

"Yesterday I was talking with a kid and she was like, 'I know you! My mama told me that you sold panties!' she recalled. "You can't control what your legacy is."

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Last week, President Obama gave his annual State of the Union address, outlining the path his administration would take over the next two years. As many pundits and journalists predicted, the policy proposals he outlined are more centrist. Yet, many Conservatives still disparage his ideas as the usual liberal business as usual, putting their efforts towards the center, they must not forget that Obama came into office with a huge democratic majority in both houses of Congress. The politically expedient plan for Obama and the Democrats was to pass legislation that would not pass under other circumstances such as financial regulation and, most notably, health care reform, which administrations had been attempting to pass since the Great Depression.

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It will be interesting to chart the course of Obama’s presidency over the next two years. Surely, it will focus more on fiscal issues than social issues. No doubt there is a lot of spending outlined in his State of the Union address. It will be interesting to see how the country accepts his plan of investing in a new America. It will also be interesting to see how they frame the debate. Already you can see the parties taking credit for making Obama move in the right direction. According to Keynesian theory, the government provides the “spending increases.” In fact, the day after the speech, many conservative columnists decried Obama’s call for increasing investments as a cover for increased spending. But this adds nothing to the discussion of course. Investing is spending because investing means spending now to gain some type of benefit in the future. And that is precisely what spending on infrastructure and education will do — we will be “investing in tomorrow.”

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started as the Bruins' third-string receiver, catching 59 receptions for 695 yards and five touchdowns, one in particular that still makes some UCLA faithful kick themselves for the fact that a playmaker got away.

"He was a good-sized, athletic player who was able to make natural plays," Moore said. "His ability was tremendous. He had some of those intangibles and tools that you just can't coach.

At Cal Poly, where he graduated in December with a bachelor's degree in history, it was the same story. Johnson quickly made good impressions. He snagged catches with the number nine painted on his uniform, because when Johnson — he is the kind of kid that goes out there every day and does it," Shorter said. "I don't have to ask three times a week about his protein intake, he is doing all of that by himself. He is doing everything I am asking him to do."

That is why there is no doubt in Shorter's mind that Johnson's name will be called on draft day. "Scouts have me projected at a 4.62," Johnson said. "If I can run 4.5 on my pro day or in the combine, I know that is only going to benefit me. Hopefully, it shows me up the charts."

To those closest to him, there is no doubt in their minds he will achieve his goal. Johnson is fighting his weakest link with his strongest — his motivation.

Since moving to Arizona, Johnson has been hard at work. Scenes of artificial field turf and dumbbells are starting to become his life. Johnson is currently working harder than he ever did at Cal Poly, he said. He goes through five day-a-week workouts with two two-a-days twice a week. Drills range from NFL combine drills, to one-on-ones with defensive backs or weightlifting exercises.

And he is blowing through his workouts, no problem. Shorter said. "He has an extremely strong work ethic; he is not one of those guys that take any drills off." Shorter said. "No matter how tired he is, no matter what the challenges are, he works his way through it. No matter how hard I have challenged him, he has filled the bill."

Even when he isn't working on the physical side of it, Johnson is a student of the craft. He asks tough questions and makes sure he is not only training his body, but doing so in the right way.

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proved with the addition of Garza. Garza has joined the Mustangs for her first season at Cal Poly, coming from Wright State University, where she was head coach.

"She has made a big impact," Condon said. "She teaches hitting and base running, infield and outfield, and she is great at them."

Garza is bringing important focus to these aspects of the game and is working with the Mustangs to strengthen the areas that struggled last season.

Last year's freshmen recognize what happened and are not planning on allowing history to repeat itself.

"Players like Ashley Romano at second base and Kim Westland at shortstop — they have all the right moves and coordination," he said. Cahn and Patton both agreed. They said the sense of energy and determination in this new group of athletes could be the push they need to finish on top.

The team's ultimate goal is to make it to Oklahoma City this year to have the chance to compete for a national championship. The first game on Feb. 11 is at Arizona State University. It will be the first test to see if the Mustangs are adapting to a young team and overcoming the obstacles previously holding them back.

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