Registration frustration

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Registration for spring classes started Feb. 11, leaving many Cal Poly students worried about not getting their necessary classes.

Though students can choose not to use priority if they are anxious about getting necessary classes, priority must be used wisely because it is only available three times.

Debbie Arseneau, the Associate Registrar and employee in the Office of the Registrar for 28 years, said priority enrollment was originally intended for students last three quarters, in which students have less flexibility in their schedules. However, Arseneau said many students do not save their priorities for their intended purpose.

The issue of when to use priorities aside, some students also have trouble getting enough units to be considered full-time.

Ryan Blumenthal, a physics sophomore, has had this problem multiple times at Cal Poly.

"I have had trouble securing even 12 units before," Blumenthal said. "When I don't have a good registration date, I find it hard to get classes I need and classes I require for my major."

Arseneau said acquiring classes was harder before PASS and CPReg were utilized in 2006. Before, Arseneau said, students sent in scantron-type sheets with the classes they wanted bubbled in with hopes they would get them. The schedules then had to be mailed, often taking a month for students to find out their classes, and some students were left with no classes at all.

"Less than 50 percent of the students actually get schedules, and then the rest had to crash classes," Arseneau said.

Before that, students went through "arena" registration in the gym where students would grab cards from representatives of the classes they wanted. If they got a card, then they were enrolled in the class.

Now, with a more effective system, students still have problems but do not have to scramble or wait.

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Smoke and mirrors: smoking ban doesn’t apply to campus

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Despite the May 2010 smoking ordinance in San Luis Obispo, smoking in public places continues to occur, especially on the Cal Poly campus.

The ordinance bans smoking in all public places throughout the city. Exceptions include private residential property, in hotel rooms designated for smoking, in outdoor areas at bars where no food is served and at existing tobacco retailers.

For those Cal Poly students wondering why they still see people smoking on campus, it’s because they can.

Brigitte Elke, the principal administrative analyst for the city of San Luis Obispo, said the city ordinance does not apply to the Cal Poly campus because it is not under the city’s jurisdiction.

“We cannot go onto the campus and enforce it there because Cal Poly is on state land,” Elke said. “The superior agencies regulate (ordinances) there.”

Therefore, students, visitors and employees of the university can light up their cigarettes while in designated smoking locations on campus.

Chief of University Police Department (UPD) Bill Wattan did not know a ban on smoking existed.

“You can’t smoke any place inside a state building, or within 20 feet of an entrance or exit to a building,” Wattan said. “There are also maps on the (Cal Poly) website that show where smoking is allowed.”

If you’re choosing not to smoke, there is no reason why you should have to inhale it on campus.

— Carl Anderson
Kinesiology junior

...but we do not regularly enforce smoking regulations,” Wattan said. Technically Wattan is right; there is no ban on smoking throughout his main jurisdiction, but other regulations do apply to those who wish to smoke on campus.

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— Lisa Nicholson
Associate food scientist and nutrition professor

Emotionally depressed.

“Restrained eating means that all the choices that you make, you’re not making them because you like the food or want the food,” Nicholson said. “You’re making it for other reasons: ‘Oh, that’s the lowest calorie choice. That’s the choice that’s the most protein, least carbs. That’s the choice that fits my rules that I’ve set up to keep my body weight down.’”

But clinically diagnosed with an eating disorder has very strict classifications that some people do not meet despite having unhealthy eating habits. For example, anorexia is categorized by patients being 15 percent below their average body weight and bulimia is defined by a patient vomiting at least two times a week for at least three months. Bulimia can also include bingeing, extreme exercising or fasting. These extreme patterns, while helpful in diagnosing patients in critical need, leave out people who need help breaking their unhealthy, rigid diet patterns.

Many students on Cal Poly’s campus have “disordered eating” but do not meet the clinical requirements for an eating disorder.

“There’s plenty of people who definitely restrict what they eat and maybe it’s not diagnosable anorexia, but there are so many people who have disordered eating or disordered exercise habits,” Engellhardt said.

In an online poll, 32 percent of the 100 students who participated counted calories “sometimes” and 11 percent counted calories “daily.” These students attributed eating disorders on campus to pressure from attractive peers to be thin.

“Mostly everyone at Poly is in really good shape, and I think it’s really high expectations to look good,” one student wrote.

Nicholson said the pressure to look good on campus may stem from the lack of diversity among students. Students begin bolting similar as they move through their four years at Cal Poly, she said.

“It’s amazing how many people comment on the conformity of looks here at Cal Poly,” she said. “There’s a lot of pressure on this campus, I believe, in terms of body size.”

These pressures may begin in the dorms, as it did with Nepsic and Engellhardt. Women tend to bond over negative body talk, making picking themselves apart and pointing out their flaws the norm, Engellhardt said. When she lived in the dorms, the girls on her floor began talking about getting in shape in time for spring break. Though Engellhardt’s intention was to lose weight in a healthy way, she began restricting her eating in an unhealthy way.

“If people didn’t eat their whole meal when I was sitting there or they were eating something unhealthy, then I felt like, ‘Oh my god, I’m indulging,’” she said. “It becomes a competition with yourself and also with other people. It’s definitely all-consuming in your mind.”

Nepsic experienced this pressure in the dorms as well. Not wanting to gain the “freshman 15,” Nepsic was sucked into being obsessed with her weight.

“When everyone is worried about gaining the freshman 15 and everyone is preoccupied with how everybody else looks and what they’re eating and what they’re not eating, it kind of almost spreads to you,” Nepsic said. “It’s like a sickness that you can almost catch.”

Disordered eating has very dangerous effects. It can lead to a serious eating disorder or malnutrition, and can also affect the brain and other organs in the body. Nicholson said. She said when there is a lack of calories entering the body, it begins to feed off organs for protein which can lead to heart, kidney and liver failure, osteoporosis and alcoholics problems.

Emotionally, it can lead to depression, a lack of self-worth and impaired relationships.

Trying to help someone with disordered eating is not easy, especially if the person does not want or realize they need the help, Engellhardt said. While she had anorexia at Cal Poly, her friends did not confront her until after she returned to Cal Poly from taking a year off to receive in-house treatment for her disorder.

Nepsic’s friends confronted her only after she went to the hospital for taking too many diet pills. In both instances, their friends did not know how to approach the situation.

Nepsic said it is important to provide a safe place for a friend to tell their problem. If he or she knows they don’t have to give up their eating habits when first admitting they have a disorder, it may help them take that first step toward getting help, she said.

Engellhardt said she encourages friends of people with disordered eating to not be afraid to reach out and touch someone, even if it’s uncomfortable.

Cal Poly’s PULSE peer counseling team, particularly their HEAT team, at the Health Center helps students with eating disorders. Head of counseling at the Health Center, Elke Axelroth said women at Cal Poly are more likely to connect with their self esteem to their weight compared with other women at different colleges.

To receive help, students may stop by Counseling Services to do an initial evaluation with a counselor. From there, Axelroth said, counselors can help treat or refer students to outside help.

“Some students with eating disorders can be helped by seeing a nutritionist,” Axelroth said. “We’ll either refer them to PULSE or to a nutritionist in the community.”

For more information on how to get help for an eating disorder or to talk face-to-face with a peer counselor, visit PULSE’s location in the downstairs area of the Health Center.

“However, we have actually started to ask the police department to enforce the policy more strictly,” Engellhardt said.

At this point, the San Luis Obipos Police Department (SLOPD) has done less enforcing via citations and has focused more on educating and warning those that break the ordinance, Elke said.

Although smoking is a personal choice, secondhand smoke may also put people around a smoker at risk. The 2006 U.S. Surgeon General’s Report stated there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

“‘It absolutely affects everyone around you, so it makes sense that (smoking) shouldn’t be allowed where others are present,” Anderson said.

The World Health Organization estimates that by 2030, tobacco will account for 10 million deaths per year, making it the number one cause of death worldwide.

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Enforcement is more of an issue when it comes to smoking regulations on campus since there was a poll in 1990 that showed only 10 percent of students smoked.

Students like Carl Anderson, a kinesthetics junior, who ban applied to campus.

“I feel like if you’re choosing not to smoke, there is no reason why you should have to inhale it on campus,” Anderson said.

“‘I was just in class and someone was smoking outside, and I could smell it through the window of our building.’

Even though smoking is said to be allowed in designated areas only, cigarettes often seem to be lit up all over with relatively no consequences.

“We don’t really enforce smoking regulations unless someone complains to us about someone who is refusing to comply,” Watton said. “But there have been no issues on campus since I’ve been here.”

Watton said before UPD gets involved, it is up to building management to deal with the issues first.

San Luis Obispo has always been ahead of the curve when it comes to smoking legislation — in 1990 it was the first city in the world to ban smoking inside buildings.

“’So far there have been no negative reactions,” Watton said.
Republicans in Congress move to block environmental protections

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Congressional Republicans this week added amendments to a spending bill that would knock out environmental protections for air, water and wilderness.

Among the amendments, which fill hundreds of pages, are ones that would block the Environmental Protection Agency from limiting hazardous pollutants at power plants, from studying whether the farm herbicide atrazine has health hazards and from tightening rules on toxic coal ash. Many of the amendments would strip the agency of funds to carry out pollution restrictions that industries have fought.

Tea party backers in the House of Representatives support the provisions. They could win support from other Republicans and pass the GOP-majority chamber this week. The Senate, where Democrats have an edge, is likely to block most of them. Even so, the amendments reveal how far many House Republicans are prepared to go in trying to stop environmental regulations.

A bipartisan poll released Wednesday suggested that a large majority of Americans strongly oppose such efforts, particularly where air pollution is concerned. The survey, sponsored by the American Lung Association and conducted by two polling companies, one Republican and one Democratic, found that 69 percent of voters favored the EPA updating the Clean Air Act to put stricter limits on air pollution, 26 percent opposed it and 5 percent had no opinion or didn't answer.

An amendment by Rep. John Carter, R-Texas, would block money for the EPA to enforce a new rule that will cut toxic emissions of arsenic, cadmium, lead and other pollutants from cement plants. The toxic pollutants are linked to cancer, respiratory illness and other health hazards. The rule also would reduce emissions of soot, which is linked to heart attacks and lung diseases, including asthma.

Rep. Ralph Hall, R-Texas, the chairman of the Science and Technology Committee, proposed asking the National Academy of Sciences to spend two years studying whether arsenic, lead and other toxic pollutants from large industries are harmful. He would block the implementation of an upcoming EPA rule to regulate emissions from the boilers that provide industrial heat and power until the study was finished.

Tea party supporter Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Idaho, offered an amendment that would strip the EPA of money to finalize the rule.

Tea party-backed Rep. Morgan Griffith, R-Va., proposed blocking funds for the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to carry out an Obama administration policy that requires closer scrutiny of mountaintop mining permits.

David Goldston, the director of government affairs at the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group, said at a briefing that the dozens of amendments would produce a significant rollback of public protections. He called them a "free-for-all for any industry that has had a problem with how it was treated under the law."
Unemployed may have even more difficulty finding work

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As if finding work weren't hard enough already, a federal agency warns that some employers are excluding jobless workers from consideration for openings.

The practice has surfaced in electronic and print postings with language such as "unemployed applicants will not be considered" or "must be currently employed." Some ads use time thresholds to exclude applicants who've been unemployed longer than six months or a year.

Evidence of the practice has been mostly anecdotal, and information about how widespread it may be is sketchy.

But with unemployment at 9 percent and millions of people struggling to find jobs, the practice has caught the attention of regulators, lawmakers and advocates for the unemployed.

"At a moment when we all should be doing whatever we can to open up job opportunities to the unemployed, it is profoundly disturbing that the trend of deliberately excluding the jobless from work opportunities is on the rise," Christine Owens, the executive director of the National Employment Law Project said.

Members of Congress contacted the Department of Labor and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission last year to see whether the practice violates federal employment laws against discrimination.

While the unemployed aren't a protected class under civil rights laws, the practice could be legally problematic if it has a disparate or discriminatory effect on groups of job seekers who are subject to civil rights protections.

In a public meeting Wednesday at EEOC headquarters, several witnesses testified that excluding the unemployed from job openings could disproportionately affect groups like African-Americans, Hispanics, people with disabilities and older workers — all federally protected groups whose jobless rates are well above the U.S. average.

Blacks and Hispanics are particularly vulnerable, said William Spittge, the Labor Department's assistant secretary for policy, because they represent a large share of unemployed workers and a smaller portion of those with jobs.

"When employers exclude the unemployed from the applicant pool, they are more likely to be excluding Latinos and African-Americans," Spittge testified.

Most seem to agree that the overwhelming majority of job postings don't contain such language. James Urban, a partner at Jones Day law firm in Pittsburgh who counsels large employers, testified that he's never dealt with a company who wouldn't hire the jobless.

Listings that exclude unemployed applicants would violate terms-of-use policies against discrimination at Monster.com, which posts hundreds of thousands of job openings.

Spring said the problem might still occur behind closed doors, without the explicit language. That's because employers are looking for ways to cut through large numbers of applications quickly. On average, there are nine job applicants for every two openings, he said.

Others suggested the practice reflects a bias that workers who were laid off aren't the most talented.

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**SACRAMENTO (MCT) —** The California Supreme Court on Wednesday decided to accept the case whether the sponsors of Proposition 8 have special authority to defend the anti-gay marriage initiative in court.

The state high court, in a closed session, agreed to a request by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to determine the status California law gives initiative sponsors.

The court was unanimous in deciding to accept the case. The court's order set an expedited briefing schedule to permit a hearing by "as early as September." The court must rule on a case 90 days after oral argument.

A panel of the 9th Circuit has indicated it would have to dismiss an appeal by proponents of Proposition 8 on procedural grounds unless the California court determines that the initiative's sponsors have legal standing.

A procedural ruling would not affect gay marriage outside California.

**SAN DIEGO (MCT) —** A Marine at Camp Pendleton, Cal., has been ordered back to prison for his role in the killing of an unarmed Iraqi man in 2006.

Sgt. Lawrence Hutchins was cleared in April by a military jury of the murder at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, while appeals courts considered whether he was denied a fair trial at Camp Pendleton. Hutchins had served four years of an 11-year sentence after being convicted as the ring leader of a plot to kidnap and murder a retired Iraqi police officer in Hamamadiya, west of Baghdad.

But his appeals have proved unsuccessful. Hutchins' attorneys have filed another appeal, but Hutchins was ordered back to prison on while that appeal is considered.

A last-minute request for clemency was rejected Tuesday, without comment by the commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton.

Hutchins is set to surrender to authorities at Camp Pendleton and be sent to the brig before being transferred to Fort Leavenworth.

**WASHINGTON D.C. (MCT) —** The Obama administration Wednesday awarded $241 million in grants to seven states to develop new Internet-based systems that would let many Americans shop for health insurance online.

These so-called exchanges, a key foundation of the health overhaul that President Barack Obama signed last March, are intended to make buying a health plan comparable to shopping the Internet for an airline ticket or a hotel room.

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**Iraq (MCT) —** Three people were reported killed and dozens were wounded during a demonstration in the southeastern city of Kut after protesters torched several government buildings as the country was roiled by popular demonstrations for the second time in three days.

The protest in Kut was the latest demonstration in Iraq, inspired by the popular uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt that ousted longtime Arab heads of state.

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Some students still worry about their place in the registration rotation. The rotation periods vary from Feb. 11 at 8 a.m. — for qualified students with disabilities — to March 3 at 4 p.m., leaving some students registering far after the majority have.

To combat not getting classes, Arsenault said students should be flexible. Not only are classes added during later rotation periods, but departments also monitor how classes fill in case they fill faster than anticipated. In that case, Arsenault said, more sections of those classes will be made available for students. Even then Arsenault said students may not get their classes because of availability.

"Sometimes a class will be available and sometimes it won't, or it may be available at a time when you really don't like it, but that's a time when it can be offered where it creates the least amount of conflict," Arsenault said. "And sometimes for a quarter you have to kind of suck it up and take the class, even if it isn't at the preferable time."

Statistics sophomore Diana Said said when she had late registration rotations, she would just be a little more flexible with her class choices.

"I got into ENGL 134 on a super late registration just by being flexible and taking early morning classes, and being willing to take Friday classes," Said said. "I think it's a good idea that Cal Poly does put more classes for people in the later rotations."

The rotation schedules allow students to get into the top third of rotations once a year, but this qualifies for the lower third as well. The summer term is also included in the rotations, so sometimes students get into the top third during the summer when they may not be attending classes.

Mark Lerner, a software engineering sophomore, said Cal Poly's method of registering was more effective than some alternatives.

"In others, registration is done by grade level, then by GPA," Lerner said. "I feel that a rotation schedule like that becomes almost self-propagating, in that the people that are doing well get the classes they want, while people that may be suffering can't choose the classes they need."

Arsenault said at one point, Cal Poly used a year system, but it became problematic with a growing number of seniors.

"I think the most difficult part when we were doing it by year was that we had so many students who were seniors, because they would get to a certain number of units that would determine whether you were a senior or a junior or a sophomore or whatever," Arsenault said. "Once you meet that unit limit, you were a senior until you graduated, and that could be if you changed your major and were here for another two or three years after that. So, you had that big pool of students, and it just kept getting larger and larger."

With the advancements Cal Poly has made, Arsenault said there is still always room for improvement. There is a registration said scheduling committee that discusses improvements in the system to make it easier for students to get the classes they need to graduate. Arsenault said the priority system currently in place actually came from this committee. Now, the system may need updating.

For Lerner, the Cal Poly system would be more efficient if PASS were updated to be more "individualized."

"That is, have PASS detect your major, and what classes you've already taken, and show you what classes would be most benefit you," Lerner said. "Something to that end would make it much more efficient. Also, I wish that they'd let you save more schedules in PASS."

Lerner also said departments should make their course lists available sooner.

"I feel like the individual departments need to make their offered courses more available," Lerner said. "For instance, I tried to plan out my schedule for this coming quarter a whole ago, but I couldn't find a list of offered courses for a couple of the different departments that I needed."

Yet, even with registration woes, there are resources for students to use in order to get the classes they need. Arsenault said students should use their resources, such as the Office of the Registrars office and department advisers.

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Lerner felt the registration process has improved significantly.

"From getting a card in the gymnasium to then submitting a request and getting it back a month later, to now when it's instant and available," Arsenault said. "I think definitely things have changed. And all for the better. They will continue to change for the better."
Vagina Monologues return to Cal Poly for eighth time

Cal Poly’s cast of the Vagina Monologues is comprised of 17 women who tell the stories of other women and their vaginas.

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The monologues that have swept the stage internationally for more than the eighth year in a row to once again (formerly Women’s Programs), is sponsored by the Gender Equity Center.

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The monologues collected by feminine activist Eve Ensler in 1996. The monologues themselves bloomed from anecdotes from friends, and soon other women contacted Ensler to tell her their stories. Ensler transformed these tales into theatrical monologues, which have since been performed in more than 140 countries.

Coordinator for the Gender Equity Center Christina Kaviani said Ensler wanted the monologues to cover all topics that stem from having a vagina.

“She wanted to bring awareness to some of the issues that women face such as rape, menstruation, masturbation, sex — anything involving the vagina,” Kaviani said.

“So she set out on this journey to collect monologues that hit each one of those topics.”

Along the way, Ensler kept the momentum going. In 1998, she began the V-Day campaign, which is a global movement demanding an end to violence against women and girls. And every year, the campaign focuses on a country facing harsh conditions for women and girls, Kaviani said. This year, the spotlight is on Haiti.

“Haiti is little you will have to complain about when your mistakes revisit you in return. "She goes into the country and sees the need, so The Vagina Monologues raise money, and all of the proceeds have to be donated to organizations that help end violence with women and girls,” Kaviani said.

To be exact, 10 percent of the proceeds from the show benefit the V-Day campaign, and the rest are donated to such organizations. Furthermore, the campaign is tied into the production itself. Every year, one monologue changes — the spotlight monologue. This particular part is directed toward educating the audience about the highlighted country.

Assistant Director for the production and journalism senior Ali Moore said the closing monologue is in the form of a letter written by Ensler to a feminine activist in Haiti who was killed in the recent earthquake. Moore said the monologue will have an enormous impact.

“We couldn’t have cast a more perfect pair with the women and the monologue.” Moore said. "It’s just perfection. I think it will be a perfect pair with the women and the monologue."
showstopper."

The other monologues cover all facets that come with having a vagina — from a young girl's first menstruation to the connotation of the word "cunt," Kaviani said. Two of her favorites are "My Angry Vagina" and "The Woman Who Liked to Make Vaginas Happy."

"One talks about the annoying things about being a woman and having a vagina, and the other one is about orgasms and moaning and it's really funny," Kaviani said.

Kaviani, who has performed in the production and attended in the past, said the show is always an uplifting experience.

"Every monologue is a true story — nothing is made up," Kaviani said. "So that's what also makes it really impactful — there was no one sitting there creating it. It was someone telling that story to Eve Ensler."

The production at Cal Poly has a cast of 17 women directed by both Moore and director/theatre senior Anna Acuna. Moore, who had no prior directing experience, said she had seen the production and performed in it, and finally found the opportunity to direct it as a part of her senior project.

"I was really interested in being a part of it, and I wanted to try something new," Moore said.

The two have been working non-stop with rehearsals five days a week. However, Moore said the effort is already worthwhile.

One theme the directors, as well as the Gender Equity Center, incorporated into the Cal Poly production was informing and educating the cast members about the V-Day campaign and the reality of the issues discussed in the monologues.

Psychology senior and educator and programming assistant for the Gender Equity Center Kara Barbieri said she wanted to get involved with the play without actually acting in it, so she put together presentations for the cast addressing topics such as the history of the play, rape and relationships and sexuality as an instrument of control.

"I feel the Vagina Monologues isn't just a play," Barbieri said. "It's a part of a movement, and it's part of something bigger. I wanted them to feel like that as well." Barbieri said she received good responses from the dialogue.

"A lot of the women were sharing their stories, which is what I wanted," Barbieri said. "I wanted it to bring them together and show them that it's not just a monologue, it's life."

Moore said she and Acuna also wanted to focus on the relationships between the cast members.

"We wanted the experience to be not only about putting on this perfect production, but we also wanted them to have an experience where they come out of it with really good friends," Moore said. "We didn't focus just on the production, but also the relationships of the cast and their relationship to the V-Day campaign."

Kaviani said she's excited for the higher level of production that Cal Poly has adopted over the last few years. This, she said, helps raise funds.

"We like that it's taken that step to become a real production rather than just having it in Chumash Auditorium and being really casual about it," Kaviani said.

Kaviani also wants to assure audience members that the monologues aren't all serious, nor are they all funny.

"It's not solemn the whole time," Kaviani said. "There are really serious monologues that are really impactful, but there are also hilarious ones that are just funny and you have to just let yourself laugh and have a good sense of humor about it."

Tickets for the all-ages show are on sale for $15 at the PAC box office, by phone at 805-756-2787. The showtime for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday night showings are 7:30 p.m.
Audiences may be shocked to find Elvis Presley is not the king of rock ‘n’ roll.

That title should belong to Alan Freed, a once blacklisted disc-jockey from the ‘50s, according to Kevin Harris, director of San Luis Obispo Little Theatre’s upcoming original musical, “This is Rock ‘N’ Roll.”

Audiences will be taken through the historically accurate life and journey of Freed, from his days as a DJ, when he first introduced a style of R&B in the ‘50s — which he called R&R — to the days of his reputation being ruined during the payola scandal when record companies paid DJs to play their artists’ music. He is credited by some as the inventor of rock ‘n’ roll.

Dozens of popular songs from 1947 to 1961, representative of the genre and Freed’s contributions, will be featured in the show and performed by a live five-piece band.

Harris said the biography-play is meant to show American audiences some of their cultural roots.

“Not many people, especially young people, know about Alan Freed and just how much he’s completely shaped every aspect of our pop culture,” Harris said. “There would be no Ryan Seacrest; there would be no Lady Gaga. Michael Jackson and ‘The New Kids On the Block’ — they’re all descendants of him. It’s important to know how it all ties together and to know your past.”

The musical was a long time coming for Harris, writer David Vienna and choreographer Drew Silvaggio. After 10 years of searching for the right project to work on together, Vienna and Harris started collaborating on a musical about seven months ago that eventually became “This is Rock ‘N’ Roll.”

Silvaggio, who directed the Nutcracker at the Civic Ballet in December, is an old friend of both Vienna and Harris. He has also been waiting for a project like this to team up on.

“It’s great for the three of us to get together after knowing each other for so long,” Harris said.

Freed’s character will be played by Chad Stevens, who has always looked up to Freed and knows his history.

Stevens said he learned about Freed from “American Hot Wax,” a movie based on a portion of Freed’s life. The movie revealed to Stevens how the DJ didn’t take any crap was a pioneer of music.

“People credit Elvis with bringing a black sound to white America, but Freed was there before Elvis and was really trying to push the original music,” Stevens said. “He was called the king of rock before Elvis.”

Freed now stands as one of the first inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio. The location is a credit to Freed since he coined “rock ‘n’ roll” there.

“I think it’s a great thing that we’re bringing Freed’s name to the forefront,” Stevens said. “We have a lot of really good singers and dancers, and it’s music everyone knows. Whether you’re from that era or not, you’re going to recognize the songs.”

Stevens appears in every one of the 35 scenes in the two-hour musical, which might be daunting to some, but is almost normal for him, he said. He has been acting on and off since 1973, fulfilling many leading roles and will be partaking in his 11th performance at the theater.

“It’s not intimidating; it’s actually kind of a cool challenge because there are very few times when I walk off the stage,” Stevens said. “The great thing about this show is you don’t need 500 lines to get the point across.”

Harris said he expects a full run-out for the rock ‘n’ roll musical.

“We’re trying something a little bit new with the show and people are stoked David Vienna is working on it and Drew Silvaggio,” Harris said.

The “new” components of the show include a renovated, state-of-the-art sound system, made possible by a $50,000 grant the theater received from the Hind Foundation, associate director of the show Lisa Woske said.

“It will support the multimedia effects (Harris) has incorporated into this stage musical: wide-screen projections, sound effects, band, monitor and speaker adjustments, etc.,” Woske said. “So audiences get to experience rock ‘n’ roll music live through a brand new, high-tech system.”

Woske, who is also the public affairs coordinator for Cal Poly Arts, said the musical will be different from previous shows not only because of its audio and video enhancements but in the way the story develops. It is a book musical, she said, with a beginning, middle and end.

“(It’s) different because the un venerality of the beginnings of rock ‘n’ roll,” Woske said. “((It’s) different from what we hear today. But then again, not so different because early rock was born from remaking, revisiting music that had been done before.”

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Local financial service group Blakeslee & Blakeslee has been a long time sponsor of the theater, largely in part to Diane Blakeslee, a now retired certified financial planner.

“I have been very impressed with the history of the theater and been involved with them since I arrived here in 1965,” Blakeslee said. “I think that their plays are fantastic and the talent here locally is just unbelievable.”

The musical acts as the theater’s largest fundraiser and has the potential to bring in 15 to 20 percent of its gross annual budget. “This is Rock ‘N’ Roll” opens Feb. 18, with tickets starting at $35 for regular performances and $50 for Saturday Martini Nights (dinner included).
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You can’t fool me, McDonald’s

A new McDonald’s commercial shows off its newest addition, “Scrumptious Fruit and Maple Oatmeal,” featuring some beautiful shots of cascading oats, glamorous fruit and a good-looking brunette chowing down on this classic breakfast favorite.

The commercial’s appointing display, bright colors, clean design, and relatable font woman, almost make me want to try some of this purportedly “scrumptious” oatmeal. It almost makes me reconsider my long-standing hatred for fast food; almost makes me forget that it’s a McDonald’s advertisement. But after that 16-second lapse of forgotten principles, I readily come back to my senses.

Nice try, McDonald’s, but you can’t fool me.

You can’t slap your logo on a cup of my second favorite breakfast food and expect me to forget years of disappointing french fries, tasteless chicken nuggets and the prolonged presence of baby fat. You can’t parrot Starbucks’ famously delicious beverages in an elaborate ruse called “McCafe” and think that I will be tempted by your lower-priced mocha.

You are McDonald’s and will forever be fixed in my mind as first place in fast food and last place in health.

The restaurant’s efforts to appeal to the healthier crowd in the last few years — and perhaps to shrink the double chins of their already established customer base — can be seen on menus, advertisements, window displays, even in their overall design. Their website, with a surprisingly clean design, has an even cleaner tagline on the nutrition page: “You rely on us to deliver quality food, and we take that responsibility seriously. From our team of registered dietitians to our trusted suppliers, we’re dedicated to making you feel good about choosing McDonald’s foods and beverages.

And perhaps they are making gains. McDonald’s was listed as the eight healthiest fast food chain in the nation, after Panera Bread (No. 1) and Chipotle (No. 6), according to StockMatters.com.

Recent growth in sales is credited to McCafe and healthy choice options. An article titled, “Three challenges to McDonald’s growth” reads: “It tweaked its menu beyond its core offerings of burgers and fries, grabbing all kinds of new customers, from the health-conscious with its latest oatmeal breakfast to the cost conscious with its dollar menu items. And watch out Starbucks isn’t the most diet-friendly establishment, by any means. But at least I don’t feel caged with grease within its doors.

Sure, McDonald’s is making strides in the nutrition world. Sort of. But its reputation in my eyes is tarnished, ruined and irrepairable.

Save your wishful thinking for someone else. McDonald’s. I am not convinced.

Anecia Ayler is a journalism senior.
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THE GREATEST THREAT TO THE CLIMBER'S FOOD SUPPLY ARE HAWKS FUELED BY POWER BARS.
Men's basketball routs Cal State Northridge

RYAN SIDARTO

Cal State Northridge — check. Next up, Long Beach State. After the Matadors defeated the Mustangs 80-65 earlier this season, Cal Poly (14-11, 9-4 Big West) routed Cal State Northridge 72-49 Wednesday night in Mott Gym. Guard Shawn Lewis scored a team-high 20 points with 11 rebounds. The Mustangs square off against No. 1 Long Beach State next Thursday, Feb. 24 in Long Beach.

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— Mitch Haniger
Sophomore outfielder

son can win the Sunday starting job,” Lee said. “He continues to get better and better, and if he keeps progressing, he'll earn himself the start.”

The Mustangs will also see the return of big bats, with junior outfielder Bobby Crocker and sophomore outfielder Mitch Haniger. Crocker finished last season with a team-best .351 batting average, and Haniger, last year’s Big West Freshman of the Year, finished with a .326 average while adding seven home runs.

In order to be successful with last year’s 10-27 start in mind, Haniger said, the team needs to keep fighting no matter what and learn to win.

“Last season, we fell behind early in some tough games and it was hard to get back into it,” Haniger said. “We just can’t make early mistakes, and if we do, we have to make sure to learn from it and come back playing better from it.”

Haniger said he is already seeing the team work even harder than last season.

“I see a big difference in the work people have been putting in this fall,” Haniger said. “It’s a total different environment. Everyone’s been putting in extra time and work, and the time in the weight room has been unreal. Everyone is really confident right now.”

Last season, in a preseason poll of the Big West’s nine coaches, the Mustangs were picked to finish third overall in the conference. After their devastating start, the Mustangs were able to pull themselves out of last place with a 13-5 record in May and finished fifth in the Big West. This season, the Mustangs were picked to finish fourth.

The Mustangs will be on the road for the first three weeks of their season, traveling to Los Angeles to begin the year, where they will face Missouri, North Carolina and USC this weekend. Then the Mustangs travel to Oklahoma State for a weekend series and a mid-week showdown against Fresno State March 1.

Cal Poly will play in home opener in Baggett Stadium against Valparaiso March 4.

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With the past behind them, the Mustangs have rekindled their NCAA Division I aspirations as they begin the new season with renewed confidence.

It was two years ago when Cal Poly's baseball team received its first NCAA regional berth in the program's 15-year Division I history. After being eliminated with back-to-back losses to Oral Roberts and Kent State, the Mustangs were left yearning for their first postseason win.

But with a 10-27 start to their 2010 season, the Mustangs were not able to meet expectations following one of their most successful seasons in program history.

“They're hoping this year is different,” coach Larry Lee, who is heading into his ninth year with the team, said he is looking at a more improved team this year that can pitch and hit effectively.

“In the past, we might have been heavy on the offensive side of the equation and possibly not as deep on the pitching end,” Lee said. “This year there is a little bit of everything, and it’s the most pitching depth we’ve ever had.”

Junior Mason Radeke, who finished last season 3-1 with a 2.96 ERA, is pegged as the Friday starting pitcher. Radeke started only four games before an elbow injury sidelined him for the remainder of the season. This weekend, Radeke is expected to take the mound in the Mustangs’ season opener against Missouri at the USC tournament.

But the starting pitchers after Radeke have yet to be determined. The Mustangs anticipate the return of right-hander Steven Fischback, who hasn’t pitched since his sophomore year in 2008 due to a torn labrum. In his last season with the Mustangs, Fischback posted a 5-4 record in 14 starts with a 4.55 ERA, striking out 79 batters.

Lee said he is hoping Fischback can take the Saturday starting role, and he is continually monitoring his progress. He is expected to go four innings in his start this weekend — most likely against North Carolina — with a close eye on his pitch count.

“We’re really hoping (Fischback) can become our Saturday starter,” Lee said. “When he left out for the fall practices, he wasn’t quite there and progress was slow. But since he’s been back, he’s really turned a corner.”

Fischback said he is actively trying to get back into his best shape and is eager to return to the mound.

“It’s kind of weird,” Fischback said. “I’ve been getting excited for this year, but it has been rough knowing that I’m not at full strength as I was sophomore year. Velocity-wise, I’ve been throwing 88 miles per hour, which is more than enough to compete. It’s just a long way to go back out there.”

Other possible starters include sophomore Joey Wagman, who finished last season with a 1-2 record and 7.09 ERA, and newcomers Nathan Gonzalez (a transfer from Merced College) and Chase Johnson (a true freshman from Fillmore High School).

Lee said Johnson is a strong candidate as the third starter in the rotation.

“We’re hoping that Chase Johnson comes back,” Lee said.

After going 37-21 and clinching the program’s first regional berth in 2009, the Mustangs went 23-32 last season.