Amid dining adaptions, students continue to question campus food practices

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Campus Dining is one of the commercial arms of the Cal Poly Corporation and offers 18 different restaurants on campus with a variety of cuisines — from classic American food to Asian specialties.

Mike Thornton, director of Campus Dining, said the goal of Campus Dining is to try to figure out how to service the various niche groups of people.

“We think about what the kids are going to want and make up a plan based on several different business models,” Thornton said.

This spring, Campus Dining initiated a brand new nutrition key system at 19 Metro station.

Yukie Nishinaga, the marketing and public relations manager of Campus Dining, said the system of nutrition labels was voted on using student surveys.

“This winter term, we discussed nutrition labeling and information and had almost 200 surveys submitted electronically from all class levels,” Nishinaga wrote in an email. “From the data presented and group discussions, we have gained some great ideas on how to improve our nutrition labeling and information that is presented in the restaurants and online.”

The new key system comes after nutrition keys developed by Nishinaga and Thornton were presented in the restaurants and online, said it is difficult to perfect how all of the information is presented and group discussion.

The nutrition keys developed by Nishinaga and Thornton consist of calories, saturated fat, sodium, sugars, protein and total carbohydrates. Each are also color coded — green means the item has less than 500 calories and blue means the item has more than 500 calories.

“We wanted to comply with the initiative as well as put our own spin on the key,” Thornton said. “We decided to stick with the basics on the label but also kept sodium on there for the faculty.”

Nishinaga said the nutrition keys at 19 Metro station will be a pilot program, and eventually, the labels are expected to be at every Campus Dining facility.

For those with food sensitivities at each restaurant, Nishinaga said they agree.

“A proposed nighttime curfew in San Luis Obispo intended to curb criminal activity would prohibit minors from staying out in public from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.,” said Jessica Dailey, a San Luis Obispo High School sophomore.

The pending ordinance, which will be reviewed by the city council and open to public comment on April 19, contains 11 exceptions allowing minors (those younger than 18) to roam the streets during restricted hours, according to a city press release. These provisions include emancipation, emergencies, activities involving school, work, religion or parental supervision, a First Amendment exercise, civic participation and interstate travel.

Violations of the proposed curfew would result in a $100 fine and/or 10 hours of community service and would be considered infractions, according to the press release. Subsequent violations would lead to increased fines and community service hours. Enforcing police officers would be instructed to notify the minor’s parent or guardian and return the youth to the responsible adult.

In defense of the proposal, San Luis Obispo Police Lieutenant B.C. Proll said, “police make a lot of contact with juveniles at night who shouldn’t be out.”

Many of these dealings involve alcohol possession, public intoxication and driving under the influence of alcohol, especially in connection with Cal Poly student partying, Proll said. All cities surrounding San Luis Obispo have already enacted similar curfews.

Local teens, however, said the proposed curfew will neither curtail crime nor keep minors off the street.

“Giving minors more laws is going to make them more willing to break them,” said Jessica Dailey, a San Luis Obispo High School sophomore.

Other minors, such as San Luis Obispo High School freshman Ruby Solomon, said they agree.

“No one is going to follow it,” Solomon said. “There are already a lot of
and click on "STUDY ABROAD" for more information. Thornton also said the food looked better, I would try it ..., but I just don't trust it.

Therefore, De La Huerta resorts to a Chick-fil-A sandwich and fries, which boasts one of the highest calorie meals when combined with a drink, rivaling BackStage Pizza and Toppers in The Avenue, according to the nutrition facts offered on the Campus Dining website.

With some students and faculty complaining that too many students resort to eating high caloric foods, Thornton said he wants the students to see the nutritional data and make choices about what to eat by themselves.

"You make a choice to go get a taco or Chick-fil-A," Thornton said. "There are tempting things, but it is our job to provide the things that consumers desire ... If the people did not want the food, they wouldn't buy it, and we wouldn't continue to offer it."

Nishinaga said, at one point this year, students flooded her office with calls to bring back the macaroni and cheese near the salad bar when it was replaced with a different dish one week.

"We are doing our best to provide the information necessary for students to make good decisions, but I don't believe in dictating what you should eat," Thornton said. "People believe that we should tell you what to eat, but that's not what we are here for. We are here to provide a service."

However, De La Huerta said having the same options every day gets old. "I get sick of eating that same shit over and over again," De La Huerta said. "There's a reason I don't like to eat on campus, especially at VG's - they call it 'the vag' for a reason."

Nishinaga and Thornton both said that complaints like these are heard all the time.

"We tend to get people who complain," Thornton said. "Sometimes I just think that it's considered trendy to complain. Many of the freshmen don't like the idea of having to be on a meal plan but when I sit down and discuss options with them, many do not have too much to say after that."

Nishinaga said there is a dining advisory committee and a student dining committee, which are comprised of student members who live both on and off campus and come from different majors and years. These students give feedback and help make changes for Campus Dining.

"On the student dining committee, we discuss dining-related topics with the goal of sharing information, feedback and insights from the student's perspective," Nishinaga wrote in an email. "There is a segment of the meetings called, 'the customer insights segment,' where we explore relevant food topics that students want to talk about."

Nishinaga also said customer feedback is received often.

"We are constantly working on ways to better serve the campus community," she said. "We respond proactively with a business marketing class to gain customer insights about different dining-related topics through customer interviews, surveys, and focus groups, and surveys, which are then presented to the management team."

Annie Fuller, a food science junior, who must work in an array of Campus Dining restaurants as a lab for class, said her only qualm about Campus Dining is that not all of the food utilized by Campus Dining is fresh.

"There is a lot of canned, processed food," Fuller said. "But it is also a matter of cost. It is hard to make their meals using fresh goods, so it is understandable."

When asking students on campus about VG Café and other on-campus restaurants, most responded with disgusted looks, but Fuller said in general, she thinks Campus Dining does a great job considering the high demand for food and the necessity of being cost effective.

"Personally, I didn't see anything unsanitary," Fuller said. "People think that the food tastes bad (on campus) because it's unsanitary, but it is a matter of the quality of ingredients that are used. I think that (Campus Dining) is doing a good job but they need to keep listening to what students want."

Besides food quality, other students, such as kinesiology junior Lauren Matthews, said people with food allergies and intolerances are not accommodated well on campus.

"Many students on campus who have special dietary needs do not have sufficient options on campus," Nishinaga said. "Some of our restaurants offer built-your-own salad bars, sandwiches, burritos, omelets, etc. for free, which allows our customers to modify the meals, ingredients and portions as much as possible.

At most restaurants and markets on campus you can find foods that are dairy-free, gluten-free, vegetarian and even some vegan," Nishinaga said. "Several of our restaurants offer built-your-own salad bars, sandwiches, burritos, omelets, etc. for free, which allows our customers to modify the meals, ingredients and portions as much as possible.

At Campus Market there is also a display of gluten-free foods as well as food samples. On the "Healthy Food Options" page on the Campus Dining website under the Dining Programs tab, foods that are vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and dairy-free are identified. Nishinaga said, "Most people with food allergies call us, and we have a detailed list of foods that will not be appropriate for them each week."

Nishinaga said, "We have been working so hard for allowing students to make the meals that they want to have, and hopefully, these changes, as well as future ones, are helpful to students."

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SANTA MONICA (MCT) — Federal prosecutors filed a lawsuit Thursday accusing a Kansas woman of sending a threatening letter to a physician who is considering opening an abortion practice in Wichita.

The lawsuit said the letter that Angel Dillard of Valley Center, Kan., wrote in January was an effort to intimidate physician Milla Means.

“Will you be checking under your car every day — because maybe today is the day someone places an explosive under it,” the letter said in part.

The lawsuit, which was filed under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, said no abortions have been performed in Wichita since George Tiller was shot to death in 2009. It said Means is training to become an abortion provider.

SANTA ROSA (MCT) — In the first days he felt more energy than usual. Then came weariness. Then he was lightheaded.

But Santa Rosa immigration attorney Richard Cohnheur has persisted in a hunger strike which today reaches its 11th day.

In refusing to eat, the 53-year-old activist has become an extreme example of the passions over illegal immigration issues.

Cohnheur, who is a drinking water and fruit juice, said he is trying to force Sonoma County supervisors to look into and stop local cooperation with federal immigration authorities. Raise public awareness and energize immigrants to pressure the board. Specifically, Cohnheur wants supervisors to act on a recommendation made in February by the county's Commission on Human Rights.

SANTA MONICA (MCT) — Law enforcement officials believe that an explosion outside a Jewish organisation in Santa Monica on Thursday — first believed to be some type of gas blast — was actually a homemade explosive device purposely placed there, according to sources.

Santa Monica police on Friday issued an alert to other law enforcement agencies, saying there was a specific man who detectives want to talk to in connection with the case. They said the man has been to several synagogues and Jewish community centers and should be considered "extremely dangerous."

Law enforcement sources told the Los Angeles Times the explosive device contained gunpowder and concrete. The blast sent a 300-pound metal pipe encased in concrete hurling through the air and crashing through the roof of a home next door to the Chabad House synagogue.

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NEBRASKA (MCT) — The man suspected of robbing the Bellagio casino of $1.5 million in gambling chips and later selling some to an undercover police officer will stand trial on multiple felony counts, a Las Vegas justice of the peace ruled Friday.

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CHINA (MCT) — Chinese police on Sunday detained more than 100 people who tried to hold an outdoor prayer service on a pedestrian bridge in Beijing after they were refused permission to open a church.

Although it is not uncommon for police to raid unregistered churches, this latest bust in the heart of Beijing suggests that the focus on activists, bloggers, lawyers and intellectuals has been expanded to include Christian groups that in the past were able to slide under the radar.

The 8-year-old Shouwang Church, with a congregation of about 1,000, was popular among young professionals and academics, but in recent years complained that the government pressured landlords not to rent space in various hotels and office buildings where they wanted to hold services.

IVORY COAST (MCT) — United Nations and French helicopter pilots in Ivory Coast on Sunday attacked the home and presidential palace of the country's longtime leader, who has refused to step down since an election last November that the U.N. says he lost.

The attacks on Laurent Gbagbo's residence, and the presidential palace, were the U.N.'s second military intervention, after similar attacks a week earlier.

The U.N. said Friday that forces loyal to Gbagbo used a cease-fire last Tuesday as a play to consolidate and gain ground in Abidjan. After the cease-fire, Gbagbo's forces drove back soldiers loyal to rival Alassean Ouattara in several areas of Abidjan, the country's commercial capital and where the battle for power is playing out. The attack Sunday followed a request by Ouattara to neutralize Gbagbo's heavy weapons.

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Two hours before the federal government would scrunch to a midnight halt, House Speaker John A. Boehner, a one-time Cincinnati plastics salesman, faced a restless group of Republican lawmakers.

The Republican leader did not have the news they wanted: a budget deal.

But Boehner went into the Friday night meeting anyway. He talked for 45 minutes, building the case for compromise. And just when some in the Capitol basement conference room were starting to wonder, an aide slipped into the room. He nodded to the speaker.

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His salesman's calm showed Boehner as an effective negotiator in the midst of rising anxiety over a federal government shutdown.

On both ends of Washington's power corridor, leaders had dug in for a negotiation they knew would be needed. "We have a deal," Boehner said.

Tempers erupted, and at times closed doors. He told them about the House bill to show that another offer would be needed. "I'll tell you what," Reid said. "I'll take up HR-1 for a vote."

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The president summoned all sides and Obama picked up on the levity. "I'll take up HR-1 for a vote," Boehner appeared relieved. Obama later called Boehner and thanked him for that meeting. But nearly a month passed before Boehner agreed — six days before the deadline for another possible shutdown. The president summoned all sides to a Tuesday morning meeting at the White House. Boehner, outmaneuvered by Democrats at the meeting, made the decision to go up the ante. His demand: $40 billion in cuts — $7 billion more than Democrats had on the table at the time.

The next day, a buoyant Boehner met with fellow Republicans behind closed doors. He told them about the higher offer, and said he had them to thank for supporting him in the move.

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"Cut it or shut it." "Tea party" activists protested outside the Capitol again called for a government shutdown. Obama convened the parties, late at night. Boehner had not agreed to a number, and pushed for Republican policy provisions. Boehner, Reid and Obama sat down to hash out disputes over abortion, environmental regulation and health care. But the list was long, and there was only one copy.

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Line by line, they resolved most of the thorny policy issues sought by conservatives. But the absurd policy-provision remained. Obama would not budge on that measure. "That was our line in the sand," said an aide.

Boehner, too, dug in his heels. After a long go­around, the stalemate was wearing nerves as they dis­cussed riders — provisions attached to the budget bill. Biden had had enough. After listening quietly to the discussion, he blew up.

"It's going to be about riders, let's take it to the American people," Biden said.

Still, the parties ended the meeting Thursday with a loose agreement on the size of the package and the resolution of most policy provisions. Boehner asked to sleep on it. Meanwhile, aides worked through the night on the specifics. But the details proved elusive, and aides hit an impasse around 3 a.m. One emailed Reid to tell him things did not look good.

Friday morning, as the nation became absorbed with the real possi­bility of a shutdown — troops going without pay, workers furloughed, markets shaken — Obama called Boehner again.

"I'm the president of the United States; you're the speaker of the House. We are the two most conse­quential leaders in the United States government," the president said. "If we have any hope of keeping government open from this point forward then what we talked about last night has to be reflected in the negotiations."

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The negotiators for the speaker, the Senate majority leader and the White House shook hands on the deal. Time: 10:30 p.m. EDT.

Cellphones started to ring. Obama and Reid were calling. Boehner aide rushed to the Capitol basement and nodded to his boss. Then came Boehner's announce­ment, and the cheers.
Brown names new head of state National Guard

Anthony York
LOS ANGELES TIMES

California Gov. Jerry Brown announced Gen. David Baldwin as the new head of the state National Guard on Saturday, swearing in the Afghanistain veteran at a California Cadet Corps celebration here.

Under a makeshift canopy in a stiff wind, the governor administered the oath of office to Baldwin, who spent 30 years in the Guard and served as deputy commanding officer of the Army's 101st Airborne Division's Tactical Command Post in eastern Afghanistan.

The 47-year-old Fair Oaks resident is a Stanford graduate and holds master's degrees from the University of California and the United States Army War College.

"It's an honor and a privilege to lead the 21,000 men and women in the California National Guard and Air National Guard," Baldwin said in brief remarks. "Years ago, when I was a young cadet, I would never in my wildest dreams believe that I (would) become the adjutant general."

Baldwin's Guard experience includes stints as chief of the Joint Staff and as emergency plans and operations officer. He also served as a spokesman during a 2005 investigation into charges that a battalion of California guardmen abused detainees and harassed civilians in Iraq and subsequent allegations of domestic spying by state Guard troops.

After Saturday's ceremony, Baldwin said the biggest challenge he faces is that we continue to have several thousand soldiers and airmen deployed around the world prosecuting the war on terror.

"In addition," he said, "we have to meet our commitments to the governor and the people of California to maintain readiness for state emergency response in the event that we're the next place to get hit with an earthquake or tsunami."

Baldwin replaces Mary Kight, who was the first woman and first African-American to lead California's militia. During Kight's tenure, the Guard was embroiled in scandal.

Federal authorities are investigating claims of fraud involving up to $100 million in student loan repayments and cash bonuses handed out as recruitment incentives. Investigators are also probing whether top Guard officials received double and triple their allotted pay.

The Guard's troubles were the subject of a state Senate hearing in Sacramento last month. Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman and state Sen. Lou Correa said at that hearing, "You have to change the attitude, the personality of the Guard in California."

Brown alluded to some of the problems as he left the Saturday event but said, "I don't think now's the time to try to hash out all the different issues. I think the main thing is, I wanted someone that I picked and that understood my vision for the Guard." He did not expand on that vision.

Baldwin said he, too, was aware of the problems but also declined to comment.

"I just got back from Afghanistan about a week ago," he said. "I'm putting together my team in consultation with the governor and his staff."

Baldwin, a Republican, must be confirmed in his new, nonpartisan post by the state Senate, which has a year to do so. His pay is $180,201.

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— Gen. David Baldwin
Head of the state National Guard

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orders that everyone breaks."

Another concern of a potential curfew is the complications in police distinguishing juveniles from young adults of legal age.

Former four-term mayor and Cal Poly professor Allen Serle opposes the proposed ordinance.

"Curfews are problematic," he said. "You can't tell the difference between a 17-year-old and an 18-year-old, and in some cases, you can't tell the difference between a 17-year-old and a 21-year-old. Government should not try to micromanage."

When asked if police would target 17-year-olds at Cal Poly, Proll said even if the person in question is a Cal Poly student, they are still 17 and considered a minor.

Business administration senior Alii Terpenny said she disagrees with that attitude.

"I turned 18 during (Week of Welcome)," Terpenny said. "How is it that one day I was incapable of roaming the streets unsupervised at night, but the next day, walking down a sidewalk at 4:20 in the morning with a can of spray paint is perfectly legal?"

Terpenny also said she questioned to whom the police would return the Cal Poly student in violation.

"Would they take me three hours south to my parents home ... or would they have to leave me in the care of my residential adviser, seeing as in college she would be the closest thing to a legal guardian I have within the county limits," she said. "I don't think (residential advisers) sign up for that."

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Cal Poly alumnus hits bookstore shelves

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Thomas Sanders was an 18-year-old Cal Poly student when he created a list of goals and taped them to the wall of his third floor Sierra Madre Hall dorm room. The third item on the list read, "Get a book published by a big American publisher.

During his last year as an art and design senior, Sanders casually walked to the Veterans’ Hall on Grand Avenue in search of an interesting photo subject. The young photography student met Randall Harris, a World War II veteran with a 6-inch scar and one heck of a story.

When he met Harris, Sanders was stressing about his future career. When he met Harris, Sanders said, "In that moment, I made the decision to photograph as many World War II vets as I possibly could."

As a 2006 Cal Poly alumnus, Sanders created his first award-winning book, "The Last Good War," which was released in November 2010. The book contains the faces and voices of World War II veterans.

On April 7, Sanders held a book-signing event on campus where students had the opportunity to ask questions about his young success. Students poured into the halls of the Walter F. Dexter Building to meet Sanders.

Some students, such as art and design senior Caitlin Beyer, were inspired by the quality of Sanders’ photos.

"I admire his ability to photograph people who aren’t typically photographed," Beyer said. "You have to have a lot of talent to produce the quality of the photos in this book."

Within the book lies the story of Edith Shain, the iconic face appearing in "V-J day in Times Square," originally published in Time magazine. The image of a nurse being kissed in Times Square represents the day of celebration for many Americans.

"Edith Shain was the most difficult person in the book to photograph," Sanders said, "The feisty woman refused to take off her sunglasses."

While creating the book, Sanders met veterans with walkers or wheelchairs who would "above their walkers aside, or get up from their wheelchairs and stand with dignity and honor when I took their pictures," he said.

Robert Watson, a veteran who invaded on D-Day and spent 28 nights on the beaches of Normandy, said the story Sanders conveys is worth telling.

"This book is for those who sacrificed their lives," Watson said. "Their story has to be told and should be told."

Watson said he cherishes "The Last Good War" and admires Sanders’ work. "Tom Sanders is very ambitious and talented," he said. "I’m not all too keen about my picture though. I can’t possibly look that old."

With a zoom lens and a natural sky background, Sanders uses a unique style of lighting to enhance each of the veterans’ facial features. 

"It’s only about their faces," Sanders said. "Their faces are like maps. You can see every story in their face."

Cal Poly professors saw potential in Sanders early in his Cal Poly career. Art and design department chair Sky Bergman said she takes pride in Sanders’ work. "He definitely stood out," Bergman said. "There are always three or four students you know are going to go and do something truly remarkable. I feel like a proud parent."

Photography professor Eric Johnson also speaks highly of Sanders. "He always had this wonderful ability to see light," Johnson said. "Now seeing him publish such a successful book — it’s something that money can’t buy."

When Sanders was Bergman’s student, she asked him to write a list of goals for the future. "The professors at Cal Poly can teach you a lot," Sanders said. "But ultimately, you have to go out there and do it."

Publishing a book about World War II is not within the career path of most 26-year-olds, though. After stumbling upon Harris in 2006, Sanders discovered his interest in war photography, and what began as a senior project turned into a successful passion.

Professors are people too

J.J. Jenkins is a journalism freshman and Mustang Daily freshman columnist.

What’s better than a story about your crazy, or crazy-awesome, professor? I know some of the funniest conversations my friends and I have ever had when swapping tales about the things our professors said or did in the middle of a lecture.

However, my perception of the academic elite was not always defined by the hilarity caused by my professors.

Coming into college, I saw the change from having teachers attending lectures with "professors" rather big deal. I mean, weren’t professors more serious? Did they care less about my well-being as a student? Were they truly better than high school teachers?

After experiencing 11 different professors after the first weeks of spring quarter, I’m here to say that I do not have a solid answer for questions. However, I have found that my professors have been, at the very least, entertaining.

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Coming into my first day of classes in the fall, one of the fears at the top of my list was forgetting to call a professor by his or her correct title. I feared that saying “Mr. or Mrs. So-and-so” would somehow offend them, as they had worked hard to earn such a distinction.

In my first weeks on campus, before asking an instructor a question, I would repeat “professor, professor, professor” in my head so my high-school habits would be subdued and a “Mr.” or “Mrs.” would not slip out. I came to realize that, like most irational fears, there was little substance to my worries. Older students would look at me quizzically when I talked to them about Professor “X” not realizing who I was talking about because they were so used to calling them by their first names.

In fact, I found my winter quarter professors so relaxed and entertaining, even if it was in a morbid sense, that, as a dutiful journalist, I began writing down their funniest quotes. Now, to be fair, most of these quotes are out of context but that is what makes them funny.

As I sat daydreaming about the beautiful California weather at 3 p.m., one day I heard my professor say, “There is an invisible gremlin teaching this class.”

To be fair, he was teaching philosophy and this is the same professor who, in the final week of class, said, “Suppose you go into your doctor and say ‘my penis really hurts.’”

He may have placed a poor visual in my head, but he got me thinking: how many great quotes are floated out by professors to an unwitting class? I decided to find out.

While nearly falling asleep after a late night and four hours of class, the only thing keeping my eyes open for a 6 p.m. class was my ridiculously funny history professor. In between his impressions of Borat and showing videos from “MythBusters,” we discussed Islam, specifically, Ramadan.

“Set just before practical during the day,” he said of the prohibitions invoked by the holy month.

While going over early American civilizations, he lectured about the religious practices of the Aztecs, which he appeared to approve of. “There is actually a perfectly legitimate reason for human sacrifice,” he told the now-edgy class which quickly located the nearest exit in the darkened room.

Needless to say, he broke the stereotype of the serious, scholarly professor, while simultaneously enlightening the class to the historical significance of events that were inexplicably passed over in high school.

I have come to realize that professors are people too—even people who like Lady Gaga. One journalism professor told us of her trip to San Francisco this summer to see the one-of-a-kind performer in concert.

Are professors more serious? No.

On Thursday, one lecturer, in the middle of class, gasped at a problem he finished on the board then laid down on the floor in mock disbelief. He continued to lecture there for a few minutes before returning to his feet.

Do they care less about my well-being as a student? No.

The same philosophy professor who brought quizzical looks to my face spent two hours during dead week explaining how to write the final paper.

Are they truly better than high school teachers? Yes. Nothing is better than a crazy or crazy-awesome professor.

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—J.J. Jenkins Freshman columnist

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“I’ve kind of accidentally branded myself as a war photographer, but I’m good at it,” said Thomas Sanders, author of “The Last Good War.”

Sanders said he is not shocked by the success that has come his way since publishing the book because he had these types of goals for years and knew he would get published, eventually.

“I knew I had accomplished my goal when I walked into Barnes and Noble and saw my book sitting in the new releases.”

“My life is being featured in magazines, and I knew they would write something about my book. There is not going to be a second edition. It has sold out,” Sanders said.

“I feel passionate about photographing these men and women, and I relate to them,” Sanders said.

Editor’s note: A video featuring an interview with Sanders and some of his photographs is available online at mustangdaily.net.

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Congress versus the US budget

To make matters worse, deciding will be more difficult for a Congress that is less partisan than back in September. By this, I mean that with a more even number of Republicans and Democrats in the house and senate, I predict a greater deal of arguing within the Capitol Building. It has taken Congress so long to decide that arguments over the current 2011 and 2012 budgets are beginning to overlap. The argument over the 2012 budget is an interesting topic in itself. Proposed by Republican Congressman Paul Ryan from the liberal state of Wisconsin, the 2011 budget is providing insight into what is to come in the next budget debate. In contrast Congresses in the past, the new budgets actually plan to cut spending rather than increasing it by a superficial amount. This is mostly due to the increase in Republicans in Congress, who feel our national debt is our government’s most pressing issue. The proposed 2011 budget is calling for a $38 billion cut in government spending, much to the disapproval of Democrats. So much disapproval, that Democrats are refusing to pass the budget, even though that results in the shutdown of the Federal Government. Ryan has laid out an elaborate and comprehensive 10-year budget plan Republicans are raving over. So what type of cuts can we expect from Ryan’s 2012 budget? The 2012 budget will accumulate $4.4 trillion of government spending cuts over the 10-year span. Young people like Cal Poly students should love this plan. At the rate the government is spending, we will be working our whole lives trying to pay it off, and still not succeed. So if Congress cannot even agree upon $38 billion worth of cuts this year, how is it ever going to agree on a $4.4 trillion spending cut? There is no doubt in my mind that the government will be getting ready to shut down a year from now and we will be in the same situation. The fact of the matter is there is no way to make Congress accountable for not doing its job. In fact, although the government shutdown is entirely its own fault, the people of America are the ones taking the hit. Government services such as Medicare applications, passport applications and social security support are shut down, and up to 100,000 government employees are furloughed without pay. All the while, Congress receives full compensation as they continue to fight about something that should have been solved months ago. If we want this ridiculous stalemate and inefficiency to stop, legislation needs to make representatives accountable by hitting them where it hurts the most: their wallets. If their payroll was taken away until they came to an agreement, hundreds of millions of dollars would be salvaged. In simpler terms, this American thinks Congress should not be awarded for its inefficiency and work for the American people rather than for its own wants.
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ning, and with runners on first and second, Wheeler hit a game-winning single up the middle.
In the first game of the series, pitcher Mason Radeke showed UC Santa Barbara just how dominant he could be. After tossing a school Division I record 14-strikeout game against Valparaiso earlier this season, Radeke went seven innings and racked up 13 strikeouts against UC Santa Barbara.
He gave up seven hits and three earned runs, lowering his season ERA to 2.82.
Behind Radeke, the Mustangs scored three runs through the first three innings to take a 3-0 advantage, but with a three-run fourth, the Gauchos tied the game.
In the fifth, DJ Gentile doubled down the left field line to bring home shortstop Mike Miller. Later in the inning, right fielder Mitch Haniger hit a sacrifice fly to center to give the Mustangs a 5-3 lead, and they wouldn’t look back.
Miller and Gentile both went 2 for 4 at the plate with an RBI, while Allen went 2 for 3.
Saturday, one swing of the bat sent Cal Poly home losers.
Relief pitcher Frankie Reed came into the game in the sixth, relieving starter Steven Fischback. Fischback went five innings and allowed four earned runs off six hits.
Reed came in and made his presence known early. He struck out the side in the sixth, and then two more in the seventh.
In the seventh, with two runners on, Wallace got a hold of a 2-2 pitch and sent it over the center field wall. The Gauchos took a 7-4 lead with that one swing, and wouldn’t let up down the stretch.
The Mustangs had two players record multi-hit games Saturday — center fielder Bobby Crocker and Thompson, who both went 2 for 4.
The Mustangs will return to action next weekend at home against Cal State Northridge, after taking on Santa Clara in a mid-week game on Tuesday. Last season, the Mustangs dropped their first two games against Cal State Northridge before taking the last one 5-3.

Women’s tennis drops second straight match
After winning nine straight matches, the Cal Poly women’s tennis team seems to be losing some momentum. The Mustangs lost their second consecutive match Saturday to Long Beach State, 6-1. The 49ers swept the Mustangs in doubles play and won five of six singles matches. Kathryn Webb was the only Mustang to win. She beat Anna Janasinska 6-2, 6-3.
UCSB takes two against Cal Poly

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UC Santa Barbara took two of three games against Cal Poly last year, and after a 13-inning loss to the Gauchos on Sunday, it's déjà vu all over again.

Looking to keep momentum rolling from last weekend's series win against UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara took two games against Cal Poly this weekend, giving the Mustangs a loss in their second conference series this season.

The Mustangs had a chance to take two of three games Sunday, but lost in extra innings.

Cal Poly raced out to a two-run lead on a two RBI double by outfielder Jimmy Allen in the second inning, but UC Santa Barbara's Beck Wheeler scored on a dropped fly ball to make it 2-1 in the third.

The Gauchos then went on to score three more runs in the fourth. UC Santa Barbara's Joe Wallace doubled to right center to bring home one run and Joe Winterburn scored two more with a single to left.

Trailing 4-2, Cal Poly tied the game 4-4 in the eighth. First baseman J.J. Thompson hit a RBI single to left and third baseman Evan Busby brought home one more with a ground out to second base.

The game went into the 13th inning.

Softball swept by UCSB in first conference home series

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The Cal Poly softball team came into this weekend tied for first in the Big West. Three games, 27 runs and 28 hits later, the Mustangs are now last.

UC Santa Barbara stopped any momentum Cal Poly had from their series win against UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara swept in three games against Cal Poly.

The Gauchos poured on one more run in the fourth inning, giving up 12 runs (six earned).

Pitcher Rebecca Patton pitched all seven innings against UCSB Sunday, giving up four earned runs off 10 hits.

UC Santa Barbara's Kellani Jennings hit a two RBI double to right center to bring home the Gauchos 1-0 lead. In the fifth, UC Santa Barbara's Lauren Bosser doubled down the right field line to bring home a run and then later scored on an error. Trailing 4-0, the Mustangs fought back. Cochiolo belted a RBI single through the middle to close the gap.

But again, the Gauchos silenced the Mustangs with their bats. Jennings hit a home run to left field to give the Gauchos a 5-1 advantage.

Cal Poly, however, finished just a few feet shy from tying the game. After junior center fielder Nora Sobczak trimmed Cal Poly’s deficit to 5-2 by singling home Cochiolo, left fielder Jillian Andersen hit an infield single that placed two Mustangs on base.

The Gauchos then scored two more with a single to left, giving them a 7-2 lead.

The Mustangs suffered the same fate in the second game of the doubleheader.

Pitcher Trista Thomas threw 118 pitches through 3 1/3 innings, giving up 12 runs (six earned). Through three innings, the Mustangs trailed 5-0, but the Gauchos broke the game open with a seven-run fourth inning.

First baseman Mariah Cochiolo gave the Mustangs hope in the bottom of the fourth. She knocked a two RBI single through the middle to bring home two runs.

It wouldn’t matter, as the game was called due to inclement weather, giving the Gauchos a 12-2 win.

The Mustangs will return to action next weekend at Cal State Fullerton for a three-game series.