Armstrong calls for change after recent sexual assaults

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Cal Poly President Jeffrey Armstrong called a news conference yesterday to address a "change in culture" that he said is necessary after three reported rapes this month.

The task force assembled to bring about this change consists of Academic Senate Chair Rachel Fernflores, Vice President for Student Affairs Cornel Morton and Associated Students Inc. President Sarah Storelli. Armstrong said sexual assaults are underreported, and he wants to make sure that victims of sexual assault feel safe to report incidents so the crimes can be properly investigated.

'I do know that, as a campus that cares about each other, we need to take a hard look at ourselves, particularly (at) sexual violence, alcohol and drug abuse,' Armstrong said.

The task force will review programs currently in place at Cal Poly, as well as other campuses see Armstrong, page 2

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Poly professor teaches storytelling

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Cal Poly professor Russell Swanagon doesn't teach English, literature, speech or theatre. Swanagon teaches storytelling — which requires all of the above. His office is filled with children's books, fairytales, ghost stories, mythologies and folklore from around the world, and he shows how these stories are still relevant in people's daily and personal lives.

'We can all, in some way, relate to these ancient stories, even if we can't tell our own story,' Swanagon said. 'We can use one of these ancient stories to speak our own truth.'

Swanagon is a professional storyteller. He received a master's degree in storytelling from East Tennessee State University and teaches liberal studies storytelling classes and how to apply it in education.

'It's an extremely effective vehicle for transmitting information,' Swanagon said. 'Things that we learn in narrative form, we remember to a much greater degree than if we learn facts and skills in isolation.'

But Swanagon's audience goes beyond Cal Poly. He also teaches people how to heal through stories. One such audience is the California Men's Colony, where a training program allows inmates to see Storytelling, page 2

Extreme Makeover: Poly House edition

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Move over, Ty Pennington, Cal Poly's bringing the house down.

The Poly House Program and industrial and manufacturing engineering department, will renovate the home of a local family for their disabled son. The group started off with absolutely no funding and has only six days to complete the project, which began May 13 and will resume Friday.

At the center of the project is 16-year-old Jacob Slattery from Shandon, Calif.

At a young age, Slattery was diagnosed with a severe form of spina bifida — a birth defect in which the neural tube does not develop or close properly, affecting the backbone and spinal cord.

Slattery is paralyzed from the mid-chest down and has been in a wheelchair since the age of 2.

Slattery has also undergone 12 major surgeries and suffered from hydrocephalus — known as water on the brain — and osteoporosis.

The Poly-house team said it hopes to include a larger room to ease accessibility, a wheelchair-friendly bathroom, larger doorway entrances, a wheelchair-accessible backyard with an activity area and other renovations to make it easier for Slattery to get around the house.

The project will help change Slattery's life, said Kelly Yip, Poly House events coordinator and publicist.

'It's a really interesting case because people with this disease don't survive that long,' Yip said. 'We're doing this for a really great cause. He has a chance.'

After hearing about Slattery through participating nonprofit organizations, Yip said the Poly House team decided that this was the time to step up and help Slattery in any way it could.

'We want to help him be more independent,' Yip said.

This project would not have been possible without see Poly House, page 2

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the Poly House Foundation. The par­
ticipating class, Technological Project Management, was first started by Raya Javadpour eight years ago as a way to teach and enhance Cal Poly’s “Learn By Doing” mantra.

“Tu class illustrates exactly what Learn By Doing is, and it’s what we are so proud of,” said Jose Mace­do, the industrial and manufacturing engineering department chair.

And Macedo knows that follow­ing the university’s motto doesn’t come easy.

And although it is about project man­
germent, and to learn the principles and concepts of project manage­ment,” Macedo said. “It makes more sense when you limit the resources available to execute the project.”

The set limit of resources is slim for this particular team of approxi­mately 40 students start off with no money — they rely entirely on fund­raising and donations, therefore, when supplies are low, the students need to carefully plan every step.

“Everything has to be planned,” Macedo said. “When you severely re­strict the time and constrain it, that’s the challenging side of it. They need to know what needs to be done, or they will not be able to pull it off.”

With only two weekends to com­plete the house renovation, Macedo said it’s the importance of waste being quickly, but safely. He said the stu­dents have created their own safety plans as well as a “back-up” in case things do not go accordingly.

“By executing the project they have planned, they can learn how well they plan in the San Luis Obispo community and what didn’t work,” Macedo said. “They learn a lot sometimes when things don’t go exactly the way they plan (because) they have to use their back-up plan. If they had to do this in a lab, it would not be as real.”

And Macedo said that “you often volunteers his time. O’Connell has known him for 15 years and said Swangon’s work exists on many dif­ferent levels.

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around the country. The members of the task force will report back to Armstrong by the end of spring quarter with recommendations for improving current resources and building additional programs that address these issues of sexual assault, Armstrong said. He expects actions and recom­mendations from the task force as early as this week.

Task force member and philoso­pher professor Ferrin gestures that the task force will work in the context of the national movement, and to improve the quality of life for someone in the community. Their enthusiasm is contagious enough.”

The students started working the beginning of the quarter to make sure the building renovation runs smoothly, and Javadpour said she is eager to see the final product.

“We’re very excited,” Javadpour said. “It’s a lot of work, but I have no doubt that the students will de­ liver a great end product.”

The Poly House project will stay in the Los Angeles area during the renovation — a gift donated by the Poly House.

They do it to make a difference and to improve the quality of life for someone in the community.

— Raya Javadpour

Poly House project founder

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Obama says he wants peace between Israel and Palestine

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President Barack Obama on Tuesday called for progress in solving the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians as part of the wave of change sweeping through the Middle East.

Speaking after a White House meeting with Jordan's King Abdullah II, Obama said resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was vital. Obama is scheduled to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday, a day after he addresses the United States on Middle East policy, including the pro-democracy uprisings and related issues.

"We also discussed the situation with respect to the Israel and the Palestinian conflict, and we both share the view that despite the many changes or perhaps because of the many changes that are taking place in the region, it is more vital than ever that both Israelis and Palestinians find a way to get back to the table and begin negotiating a process whereby they can create two states that are living side by side in peace and security," Obama said.

"We will continue to... encourage an acceptable and just solution for a problem that has been nagging the region for many, many years," the president added.

Peace efforts have been stalled for months on questions including the construction of Israeli settlements, prompting the Palestinians to consider going to the United Nations in the fall to seek official recognition for a state and the recent raid in Pakistan in which terrorist leader Osama bin Laden was killed earlier this month.

The president told reporters that Tuesday's meeting with King Abdullah was "an opportunity for us to share our views on the extraordinary changes taking place throughout the region."

Noting that King Abdullah has pushed for reforms in his country, Obama praised the effort, adding that economic improvement was needed as well as political change. Obama announced a plan to use Overseas Private Investment Corporation money to leverage $1 billion of development in Jordan. He also announced a plan to send 50,000 metric tons of wheat to Jordan to help stabilize the daily cost of living.

"I actually don't know much besides the emails. I heard about the fact, but I think it's probably a good idea to raise awareness. I haven't really read much about it and haven't heard what they're going to do. I know they're getting ASI to do something about this. I guess it's a good thing, generally speaking."

- Henri Cicali, chemistry senior

"I think in terms of getting out resources and information that's available to everyone they've been really good. The quick responses I've been pretty good to have. It's good to know we're being kept in the loop. The fact that they showed everyone what resources they had was really good."

- Corin Day, psychology senior
A top Republican said on Tuesday that as much as $150 billion in spending reductions has been identified as potential common ground between the White House and congressional negotiators seeking an agreement on deficit-reduction measures in exchange for raising the nation's debt limit.

"You first look at the things where there might be some overlap between our budgets and their budgets," said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., the Senate Republicans' chief negotiator in budget talks. He said that initially about $100 billion in cuts were identified, and then subsequent areas of agreement were noted. "We're discussing in the magnitude of $130 billion in cuts," he said.

With the national debt accumulating at a rate of $125 billion a month, estimates are a $2 trillion increase would be needed to avoid hitting the statutory debt limit again until late 2012.

Kyl declined to discuss specific areas of agreement from the last meeting of congressional negotiators and Vice President Joe Biden, who has been leading the closed-door talks. But areas of common ground between the president's proposed 2012 budget and the House Republican-passed plan include possible reductions in agricultural supports, changes in federal employee pension plans and an expansion of the Federal Communication Commission's spectrum authority.

Both sides have also indicated privately that changes to the Medicare health program for low-income Americans, seniors and the disabled are also an area for consideration, though Kyl said that health-care reforms have not yet been addressed in the talks.

Meanwhile, Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., said Tuesday that he is taking a break from the "gang of six" senators that has been trying to develop bipartisan deficit reduction legislation after talks hit an impasse.

Coburn "is disappointed the group has not been able to bridge the gap between what needs to happen and what senators will support," said a statement from the senator's spokesman. "He has decided to take a break from the talks."
New bill in Sacramento mirrors debate over universal health coverage

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Supporters of state Senate Bill 810 say the legislation would be the only way to provide medical coverage for every resident of California.

Opponents deride the measure as "socialized medicine."

The California Universal Health-care Act was introduced by Democratic state Sen. Mark Leno. The bill would initiate a single-payer universal health care reform for the state of California, Leno said. "What that means in short is Medicare for all," he explained.

Supporter Keith Ensminger, a Merced resident and owner of Kram-ber Translation, said the largest benefit of the legislation would probably be that it would include everyone. "Everybody would have insurance, regardless of their income and regardless of their position in life," he said.

There are other positive effects from the bill, Ensminger said. It would lower the cost of insurance for most people, everybody would be covered with an insurance plan and it would allow people to have their medical condition treated early rather than waiting.

In addition, it would prevent bankruptcies, he said.

Dr. Bill Skeen, executive director of California's chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program, said the organization supports the legislation because it's the only way of providing coverage for everyone and controlling the high costs of the health care system. The organization advocates for a universal, comprehensive single-payer national health program.

"I think it would be a win-win situation for almost everyone," he said. Providers would also see gains from the single-payer system, Skeen said.

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In California, there are about 12 million people without coverage at any given time, he said.

In the letter to the state Senate committee, Fisher said the bill would "establish a premium commission to impose a premium for all employers, which is essentially a tax."

The state would use the same money it uses for the single-payer system. However, Leno said the money would be spent more efficiently.

The legislation is a two-year bill, Leno said, and the hope is to have it on the governor's desk in the summer of 2012.

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— Sen. Mark Leno
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Cal Poly alumna brings back spirit of '60s with book

Shahan chose to write most of the novel in short, free verse poems from each character's unique points of view. This unusual style of storytelling allows the reader to get a better sense of the attitude of the friends she used as inspiration, she said.

“We really were kind of a crazy bunch, and their voices come out in different ways,” Shahan said.

The lives of each character throughout the novel are deeply affected by U.S. involvement in Vietnam. Whether they are fighting abroad, like Phil, who learns to carry his M-16 everywhere with him except the shower, or left at home, like Nancy, who falls into a deep depression when her boyfriend is drafted, each has their own story to tell.

Cal Poly American history professor Joel Orth said Nancy’s story is typical of teens affected by the draft in the 1960s. “You could imagine if your brothers or friends were potentially going to be drafted or sent to Iraq or Afghanistan,” Orth said. “It would be so much more personal.”

Since teens were exposed to the reality of the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement in the ‘60s, many were personally affected by the period of political and social turmoil. But it was an exciting time to be a teen, Orth said.

“Certainly growing up in that era, being a teenager in the 1960s, you would have a sense that being involved could actually lead to something,” Orth said.

For example, many young people found themselves deciding whether to join the military or protesting U.S. involvement overseas.

In “Purple Daze,” Shahan weaves the current events in among the storylines of each of the characters, with passages on military operations, excerpts from newspaper articles and timely speeches.

In one tableau, Shahan includes excerpts from Martin Luther King Jr.’s speech, “How Long, Not Long,” which was delivered on the steps of the State Capitol in Montgomery, Ala., in 1965. Shahan said she originally intended to use King’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech, but it was taken from the year before. She came across the other speech, which she liked because it was less familiar to readers.

The historical details are kept to a minimum, however, and only provide a backdrop to the teens’ stories, Shahan said.

“I didn’t want the history to overtake the story of the characters,” Shahan said. “Actually, it’s about the characters.”

The characters often proved to provide more historical detail to themselves since the novel contains stories about life in the military, taken from the experiences of real veterans.

Shahan turned to local Vietnam War veteran Phillip Manor to help her get accurate accounts, and at all in turn, he gave her details of what

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serving in Vietnam was like for him.
"He’s the one who told me they put condoms over the muzzle of their rifle because there was so much humidity in Vietnam that they didn’t want them to rust," Shahan said.

Shahan in turn loosely based the character of Phil on Manor. Throughout the book, Phil, who has been drafted into service, writes letters to his friends recounting how dangerous and dirty his life in Vietnam really is.

"Vietnam was the real deal," Manor said. "It wasn’t spit and polish. There wasn’t any of that because it was war.

Aside from correcting a few inaccuracies, Manor said he didn’t have to change "Purple Daze" much when Shahan first asked him to read over it. The novel was almost finished, and he was impressed by the depth and realism of each character.

"I’ve seen so many people I’ve known in my life, all different ages, in these characters — in these six characters," Manor said.

Anyone who reads "Purple Daze" can find a character they identify with, Manor said, even if the action is set more than 40 years ago.

This is exactly what Shahan intended when writing "Purple Daze. She said she wanted modern teens to easily relate to the characters, even though she drew upon her high school friends from the ‘60s to write about.

"I’d like to think that there’s a universal quality about the characters," Shahan said. "They still have issues with parents, with relationships, with school."

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Ryan Blethen is editorial-page editor of the Seattle Times.

The incestuous relationship between Congress and lobbyists is well documented. A congressman or senator loses re-election or retires then moves over to K Street for a well-paying lobbying gig. The revolving door between those making law and those paid to influence law is disturbing. Yet it has become common practice in Washington. The bounds of this cozy arrangement were stretched last week and raised the eyebrows of even the most cynical D.C. watchers when Meredith Atwell Baker announced she was leaving the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to head up lobbying at NBC Universal.

Why does Baker's move raise the level of bile more than the garden-variety congressman not wanting to go back to Bald Knob, Ark.? As one of five FCC commissioners, Baker voted to approve Comcast's takeover of NBC Universal four short months ago — a bad deal that further consolidates U.S. media. So much for ethics and public service, it's time to get paid.

Unseemly does not begin to describe Baker's actions. Even the most jaundiced critic of the FCC should be taken aback by the Republican commissioner's new job and the blink of time between her vote and her announcement. Factor in the time consumed by the hiring process, which apparently began last month, and it's even worse.

It is actions like Baker's that turn people against government. Even supporters of megamergers have to worry about this. Integration of regulators and industry envelopes both parties.

FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski and Baker have done nothing to tamp down the legitimate concerns about NBC Universal's new lobby boss. Baker skipped a congressional hearing Friday she was previously going to attend. Genachowski should release details about what matters she has recused herself from since first being contacted by Comcast.

Craig Aaron, president and CEO of Free Press, had a tweet that best summed up Baker's move: "Perhaps Comcast's next move will be to just merge with the FCC. Then again, how would anybody tell the difference?"

Sadly, Aaron's tweet is close to the truth. In recent memory, the FCC has consistently approved mergers that are bad for consumers and the public good. The commission also has not been able to find the backbone to push through meaningful rules and regulations for the Internet, media ownership and broadcast licensing.

Instead of looking out for what is best for democracy and the nation, the FCC has become little more than a handmaiden for the mega-mergers that control America's media. Baker is not the first commissioner to get cozy with the industry being regulated. Former FCC Chairman Michael Powell is now the head of the largest cable lobby, the National Cable and Telecommunications Association.

Regulation detractors will point to the rules that govern a former commissioner when they become a lobbyist, or President Obama's executive order that purrs restrictions around former policymakers and regulators becoming lobbyists.

The truth is that those rules will not matter. So what if Baker cannot directly lobby the FCC? She will be the boss at NBC Universal's lobby shop. Any pressure or message coming from NBC Universal's lobbyist will have started with Baker. Any lobbying will begin and end with her. It does not matter if she has a minion doing her bidding. The result is the same.

Baker should step down immediately from the FCC, instead of waiting until her departure date in June. Genachowski should release details of what she has been working on since Comcast began courting her.

The damage has been done but at least Genachowski can demonstrate that his commission is taking the situation seriously. The public deserves a clean accounting of what happened.

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"I think (Cahn) and I have had a bond over the last couple years, her being a pitcher, me being a catcher," Correia said. "I think we stuck it out together, and it's nice having that other person on the other side of your battery saying, 'We can get through this. We can get through anything if we have each other.'" And that is what they did.

Cahn walked out to the circle for the seventh inning with the Mustangs leading by one and fought back tears as she focused on the next batters. Unfortunately, she surrendered a run, and Cal Poly could not score in its half of the inning.

For the third straight game, the Mustangs were headed for extras, but a resilient Cahn, nursing an injury to her leg, returned to pitch a scoreless eighth inning.

"Then (in the bottom of the eighth) Steph went up to bat, I was on deck," Cahn said. "She got that (RBI) hit, and the tears just started streaming down my face. I was crying my eyes out." Cahn finally helped her coach grab her 200th victory on the final out of her final game.

"It was just really emotional going from being a freshman and not knowing what to expect and saying, 'Hey I got four more years,' then going into my last game, my last inning and winning our last game," Cahn said. "It was really, really a great way to end."

She still has a quarter or two to wrap up her schoolwork, but Cahn looks forward to spending more time with her friends and relaxing. The fact that she will not don a Cal Poly jersey again has not quite sunk in; four years of habit is hard to break. Not having practice might do the trick, she said.

After college, Cahn hopes to go into nutritional education, and possibly work toward her master's at Cal Poly.

But for now, she is happy to have given her coach, someone who helped her transition through a tough freshman year, a big win to start a new era in Cal Poly softball.

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While Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said he would have preferred only a one-day break after Sunday's series opener, he did see potential benefit from the extra time in the gym.

"The nature of this team, all season long, since the first day of training camp, is to fix the things that don't go our way and do it with sweat and hitting and doing it on the practice court," he said before Tuesday's session at the University of Illinois Chicago.

Spoelstra stressed Tuesday that gains made in Game 2 have to come from within.

"There is no cavalry and what I told the guys is, 'The cavalry is our mentality,'" he said of outside discussion of lineup change or a change to the active roster. "We have to come out with a much tougher, aggressive disposition, regardless of who plays in the game."

Wade admitted he didn't get the "cavalry" comparison at first.

"My kids went to Cavalry Christian School in Chicago," he said with a smile.

While much has been made of the Heat's 45-33 rebounding deficit in Game 1, including a 31-8 Chicago edge in second-chance scoring, James said there is more he and Wade can contribute on that end. James closed Game 1 with six rebounds, Wade with three.

"Me and D-Wade got to do a better job of rebounding in Game 2," he said. "It's the fourth straight time we got outrebounded by this team if you include the regular season. That's where they're very dominant."

"Me and D-Wade are athletic enough, we're aware enough to see where the ball is going off the rim or if it's coming off or wherever it's going to go get it. So we've got to be more assertive, also."

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Baseball’s game against Santa Clara postponed

Cal Poly baseball fans will have a bit longer to wait to watch the Mustangs play their final home game. Cal Poly’s matchup scheduled against Santa Clara last night was postponed due to weather conditions. No makeup date has been arranged, but the Mustangs will still play three games at Pacific this weekend.

Barkley calls Miami Heat ‘a whiny bunch’ on air

Ira Winderman
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CHICAGO — Forget “Big Three” when it comes to describing the Miami Heat. Charles Barkley seemingly prefers to go with “whiny bunch.”

In Chicago for TNT’s coverage of the Eastern Conference finals series between the Heat and Chicago Bulls that resumes Wednesday’s Game 2 at the United Center, Barkley offered his thoughts on the Heat during an appearance Tuesday on the local ESPN Radio affiliate.

“Those guys are actually a whiny bunch,” Barkley said. Barkley said his view is the Heat have proven to be a thin-skinned group.

“They never take any personal responsibility to why people take shots at them,” he said. He noted the Heat’s reaction to criticism of how LeBron James announced his free-agent decision to leave the Cleveland Cavaliers, as well as James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh talking about multiple championships before playing their first game together.

“I love, ‘The Miami Heat is losing, the world is happy,’” Barkley said of a comment Wade offered amid the Heat’s uneven play at midseason. “First of all, nobody is thinking about the Miami Heat. You guys are good guys. You’re the guys who came out and said, ‘We’re not (only) going to win one, two, three, four, five, six, seven championships. We’re like, ‘Really?’”

Barkley was cocoercible for the Heat’s 103-82 Game 1 loss Sunday and will be back at Wednesday’s Game 2. He has predicted the Bulls would win the best-of-seven series. He will travel with the TNT studio team for the games in South Florida, as well, beginning with Sunday’s Game 3 at America/ Airlines Arena.

“Nobody dislikes Dwyane and LeBron and Chris Bosh,” he said. “All three are good guys and terrific players.”

Anna Cahn makes softball history

Pitcher Anna Cahn walked into the softball locker room before her final game as a Mustang on Saturday afternoon and was greeted by her teammates, staff and the Mustang’s entire season.

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Cahn went 0-for-2 and left two runners on base, but which was a bonus,” Condon said. “We didn’t really know what we were going to get from her freshman year. We thought she might be a project, but she settled in well her freshman year. Then her sophomore year she was lights out.”

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