Budgeting with billion dollar cuts

Despite possible CSU tuition increase, Armstrong says he hopes to make Cal Poly ‘thrive’

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Governor Jerry Brown presented the May Revision of the California budget May 16 at a press conference in Sacramento, where he confirmed the potential for a $1 billion reduction in the California State University (CSU) budget. The reduction could mean a 32 percent tuition increase. The California State University system already faces a definite $500 million budget cut for the upcoming school year, and depending on the outcomes of Brown's proposed tax systems, a second $500 million cut could be added on top of this.

"A budget cut of $1 billion will open a whole new set of really bad possibilities," CSU media relations specialist Erik Faliis said.

While the CSU system is still preparing a contingency plan in case the additional cuts are made, Faliis said he remains optimistic.

"We are hopeful the governor will be able to find the Republican votes he needs in order to get the tax extensions put onto the ballot and only cut us by the $500 million that has already been confirmed," Faliis said.

But if the additional cuts are made — in what the Brown administration called an "all cut" budget — a series of negative consequences will impact students and the state of California.

The governor's official budget summary stated, "reductions of this magnitude would significantly impair the universities' critical role in training the state's workforce and encouraging innovation."

According to Faliis, the subsequent 32 percent tuition hike that would be necessary if the budget is cut further means an increase of $1,566 to student tuition at all CSU campuses.

For some students, including graphic communication junior Kristina Colelli, this could mean rebudgeting their college education and loans.

"It's unfair that they keep raising the tuition but we aren't seeing any benefits," Colelli said. "It wasn't in my budget when I started college. I may have to take out loans now."

Cal Poly President Jeffrey Armstrong said if the additional cuts

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Until final decisions are made, Armstrong said he is focused on how to generate additional money to move Cal Poly forward.

"Our goal is not just to survive, but thrive and enhance the quality of
our Learn By Doing," Armstrong said.

While Armstrong's focus is cur­
rently to make positive strides for Cal Poly to prepare for any sort of budget­
ary results, other departments on cam­
pus had speculative estimates based on the potential 32 percent tuition raise.

Vice President for Administra­
tion and Finance Larry Kelley said if the Chancellor's Office does have to
find ways to help students handle the reduction, it will be set aside to provide financial aid to students, "Kelley said. "Anything I'd say beyond that has to be pure speculation at this point and specula­tion is not valuable."

Kelley said it is too soon to know how much of the reduction will have to be handled by campuses individu­ally, but plans are in the works to find ways to help students handle the fee increases.

"One-third of the proposed fee
increase will be set aside to provide financial aid to students," Kelley said.

In addition, the CSU system is fac­ing the contingency of shutting down the winter and spring wait list­ing, which would result in turning away 20,000 qualified applicants.

In the event that the additional budget cuts are implemented, Kelley said decisions made that either con­firm or deny the fee increases may be made in July.

Sexual Assault
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According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, there were 30 for­
table rapes reported in San Luis Obispo in 2009. Olivé Rayshawn Tinoso, 15
years old at the time, sexually assault­ed a San Luis Obispo woman near Cal Poly in September 2010 and received a 24 year prison. A Cal Poly student, David Andrew Shenosky, received 27 years to life after he reportedly raped a female friend in March 2010 as well. Behaving responsibly though, is one way officials said people can pro­
tect themselves from being assaulted.

Watan said in the wake of these sexual assault instances, students should be more responsible with their drinking habits. According to the Sexual Assault Recovery and Pre­
vention (SARP) Center of San Luis Obispo County website, 52 percent of the sexual assaults reported at the center involved alcohol.

Kaviani said with the emphasis on the recent sexual assaults, SAFER will be able to expand and help teach more students about consensual sex, inter­
vention and avoiding victim blaming.

Mike Smith, a computer engi­
neering sophomore, said because of the recent attention toward the rapes, he has felt more of a responsibility to intervene if necessary. "It is a guy's responsibility," Smith said. "They're it's a girl's that at a point she should make decisions, then it's going to be his responsibility to make sure nothing happens to her. Or if you see someone who is trying to make a move on her when she's too drunk, you have to step in."

Watan said with more light on sexual assault or Cal Poly, more sur­
vivors will gain the courage to report and not blame themselves.

"Unfortunately, I think a number of the survivors feel it may be (their) fault, and that's never the case," Wat­ton said. "And I would very much like to be able to get that across: that it is not their fault, they should not feel guilty about it, they should come forward to us we can look at these and investigate. Rape is never, ever the survivor's fault, but we all need to take precautions for all types of crime."

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National

ARIZONA (MCT) —
A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Jared Lee Loughner was incompetent to stand trial, all but ending for now legal proceedings in the January shooting spree that killed six people and wounded 13 others, including Arizona Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

After studying reports from two mental health experts who examined the 22-year-old defendant, Judge Larry A. Burns ordered that Loughner be held in custody and stopped any effort to rehabilitate later and be able to understand the charges against him and assist in his own defense. The charges carry the potential of the death penalty.

The ruling also appears to put on hold any state trial against Loughner, who was arrested following a six-week investigation. Lt. Ty Lewis said Harrison is in custody on parole violations and that his department is asking the District Attorney to file charges of sexual intercourse with a minor, lewd and lascivious activities with a child and anorexia or molesting a minor.

Police are working to find out if there are more victims, and they are asking the public to help. They have released photos of Harrison and his vehicle and are asking parents to talk to their children to find if Harrison contacted them.

State

PASO ROBLES (MCT) —
Paso Robles police have arrested a 25-year-old man on charges that he sexually victimized three teenage girls he contacted on Facebook and other social media. Shaun Harrison, of Templeton, a registered sex offender, was arrested following a six-week investigation. Lt. Ty Lewis said Harrison is in custody on parole violations and that his department is asking the District Attorney to file charges of sexual intercourse with a minor, lewd and lascivious activities with a child and anorexia or molesting a minor.

Both ABC and CNN are reporting that Jared Lee Loughner be kept in custody and stopped any federal trial unless Loughner were to be rehabilitated later and be able to understand the charges against him and assist in his own defense. The charges carry the potential of the death penalty.

Lamarck contacted his then-mistress, Rielle Hunter, according to reports, must decide whether to work out a plea deal or go to trial. The ruling also appears to put on hold any state trial against Loughner, who was arrested following a six-week investigation. Lt. Ty Lewis said Harrison is in custody on parole violations and that his department is asking the District Attorney to file charges of sexual intercourse with a minor, lewd and lascivious activities with a child and anorexia or molesting a minor.

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MARIN (MCT) —
The county's parks chief outlined plans in a report to Marin supervisors this week to promote state budget cuts that would shutter 70 state parks, including four in Marin County.

Tamales Bay, China Camp and Samuel P. Taylor state parks provide popular camping and day use opportunities, the report noted. The state has targeted those parks and Oompolli State Park for closure, but not the two other state parks in Marin — Angel Island and Mount Tamalpais.

Although past proposals to save money by closing state parks in Marin have been withdrawn, the state seems serious this time and is planning to issue layoff notices to park employees in Marin, she said. State officials have targeted parks for closure in 2012.

Briefs

WASHINGTON D.C. (MCT) —
The investigation into John Ed­wards' alleged campaign-finance im­proprieties and their connection to his then-mistress, Rielle Hunter, ap­pears to be nearing its end, with an indictment possible in coming days.

According to a source close to the results, the Justice Department has been given the go-ahead to prosecute Edwards, according to reports, must decide whether to work out a plea deal or fight the charges in court. A North Carolina grand jury has been inves­tigating Edwards' campaign and its involvement with Hunter since 2009.

International

EGYPT (MCT) —
The Egyptian government said Wednesday it would permanently open its Rafah border crossing point with Hamas-controlled Gaza, start­ing Saturday. The move is sure to rattle Israel, which has long raised concerns about weapons flowing in for Hamas militants through tun­nels along Egypt's border. The Ra­fah crossing has been mostly closed for the past four years.

Opening the border point is likely to ease pressure on the mili­tary government that rules Egypt, which is facing widespread criti­cism for failing to more aggressively break with Mubarak's policies. Ac­cording to the state-owned news agency MENA, the Rafah crossing will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day except Fridays, and na­tion holidays.

President Barack Obama on Wednesday promised a relentless fight to help the people of Libya but reminded a European audience that there are limits to what the United States will do to help.

After a meeting with British Prime Minister David Cameron, Obama spoke of "inherent limits" on the U.S. air strike operation, and emphasized the importance of the Libyan people fighting for their own liberty.

As Obama pushes for a continu­ous commitment in Afghanistan, some European leaders are more focused on ending the campaign in Libya — with some officials sug­gesting that the U.S. should bring greater force to bear on the regime of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.
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Democrats throw out Republican budget plan

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The Senate on Wednesday rejected the controversial Republican budget plan from the House of Representatives by 57-40, a plan that would dramatically reshape Medicare while cutting federal spending by $4.4 trillion over 10 years to reduce future federal budget deficits.

The primary purpose of the vote, engineered by the Democrats who run the Senate, was to score political points.

Democrats were widely all day after they won an upset victory Tuesday in a special election for an upstate New York U.S. House seat in a historically Republican district. Winner Kathy Hochul had campaigned vigorously against the House GOP budget, charging that it would devastate Medicare.

Democrats seized on her victory as evidence that their intense campaign against the House Medicare plan was working.

"We served notice to the Republicans that we will fight them anywhere in America when it comes to defending and strengthening Medicare," said House Democratic campaign Chairman Rep. Steve Israel of New York.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada carried the message last month, 235-193.

"Republicans are trying to scare seniors? That's rich," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who called the Democratic attacks on Medicare a "verbal assault" that was "deliberate and premeditated."

Where, Republicans asked, is the Senate Democratic budget plan? None has been offered so far, and none is imminent.

"Nothing: That's their answer to this crisis," said the Senate Republican leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "Their focus is on an election that is still almost two years away."

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., argued that his party is quite serious about cutting Medicare won only because the majority conservative vote was split.

"Republicans are trying to scare seniors? That's rich," said Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., who called Democrats' charges about the House GOP plan "outrageous." "This is not the only thing we noticed is that money comes from, but it's just seems inappropriate."

"I don't see much improvement, but nothing bad, too. It's been roughly the same during my four years here."

- Claire Wang, economics senior

"I'm not happy with how he's handled the media. Maybe he needs to have someone over look his responses that is sensitive to the needs of the campus."

- Laura Weiss, social sciences senior

"He's doing a great job, and he's good at letting people know what's been happening. But I did feel like the email was kind of negative."

- Gurum Ittasa, software engineering sophomore

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NASA bids farewell to one of its Mars rovers

Amina Khan

LOS ANGELES TIMES

After a year of fruitlessly trying to communicate with Spirit, one of two rovers on the surface of Mars, NASA scientists have finally decided to let it rest in peace. They plan to send their last commands to the rover a little after midnight PDT Wednesday morning.

Spirit, which landed on Mars in January 2004, has been stuck in Martian sand for two years and has been silent for more than a year, despite regular attempts by NASA scientists to contact it.

Along with its twin rover Opportunity, which landed on the opposite side of the planet, it was originally sent to explore the Martian landscape for about three months. Yet despite the fact they were not built to survive the planet's harsh winters, the two have far outlived their life expectancies and their mission has proven wildly successful, sending back strong evidence that water once shaped Mars' surface, for example.

Spirit had it much harder than Opportunity. The beginning of the end came back in 2006, when a front wheel broke. Scientists controlling the rovers from their posts at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Canada Flintridge, Calif., learned to drive the vehicle backward — they even used the tracks left by the gimpy wheel to observe what materials lay right beneath the planet's surface.

But that asset turned into a liability in 2009, when the malfunctioning wheel broke through the thin Martian crust as Spirit was moving toward a pair of volcanic features in the southern hemisphere. The rover became stuck in the sand, and attempts to maneuver it out caused another wheel to fail.

With no solar power to keep it heated during the brutal winter season, Spirit fell into hibernation. It went silent on March 22, 2010. NASA officials had hoped to make contact with it after the seasons grew favorable but have heard nothing back since then.

Opportunity continues to send back scientific data as it crosses the Martian surface toward the crater Endeavour. But things won't be quite the same without Spirit, scientists on the mission said.

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I’m in Avila Beach, bitch
LMFAO and Shwayze to perform at Avila Beach Golf Resort

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Memorial day weekend will be taken over by LMFAO. The original party rockers will take the stage at Avila Beach Golf Resort this Friday, May 27, with Shwayze and Cisco Adler and opening acts Chris Young The Rapper and Audiobit.

The sold out concert is one of the bigger names hosted by the Avila Beach Golf Resort, but Katie Manley, the venue’s director of events, said this concert is neither the first nor the last of its kind.

“All of our concerts are putting us on the map,” she said, “This one should be really exciting. They’re a pretty big deal.”

The outdoor venue, which bridges the gap between the beach and the golf course, holds 3,000 people, most of whom are expected to be college students. With that in mind, Manley expressed some concern for alcohol among an underage crowd.

“We know it’s an issue, but our plan is to stop it at the door,” she said. “Even if you’re of age, if you show up intoxicated, we’re not going to let you in.”

The venue does have a bar for of-age attendees, but no outside alcohol will be tolerated Friday evening.

However, Leonard Cohen, the president of the Avila Business Association, said he isn’t concerned about alcohol or concert attendees disturbing the peaceful atmosphere of the other businesses or the beach.

“I don’t think it’s going to be a big deal,” he said. “The younger folks can get a little obnoxious, but that’s something the authorities usually take good care of.”

Despite alcohol restrictions and hard-to-find tickets, Cal Poly students cleared their schedules to kick off a long weekend with the hip-hop artist who brought “Party Rock Anthem” to spring quarter.

Jenna Salah said she’s most looking forward to seeing Shwayze.

“He’s my absolute favorite,” she said.

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Summer Happenings showcases local talent in Pismo Beach

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Free cheese, olive oil, pie and candy tastings will come to the Sandcastle Inn at 6 p.m. every Friday this summer, beginning May 27. While tasting food products from San Luis Obispo County, participants will have the opportunity to enjoy the works of local artists and conclude the festivities with a professional chair massage.

With the event in its third year, many local businesses plan to place a booth near the sand of Pismo Beach for the event.

Eva Castro, the event organizer and owner of A Vital Touch Massage in Shell Beach, said they wanted to have a weekly event that would support local businesses.

The main events will be held by the Sandcastle Inn, located on the shoreline.

"The goal is to highlight and showcase the businesses of Pismo Beach," said Roger Whiteman, the general manager of the Sandcastle Inn.

Summer Happenings started in 2009 as a way to promote Pismo Beach businesses for the guests of the inn.

"I noticed people were staying in my hotel and not really doing anything," Whitman said. "We have only ever done this event for guests of the hotel, not the general public."

The public will now have the opportunity to shop for paintings, novels, handmade jewelry and other crafts, while meeting San Luis Obispo County's most talented artists, jewelers and authors in person.

With the addition of public participation, Whitman said this year marks a shift in focus for the event, including showcasing a wider variety of local foods.

"We've done wine tasting in the past," Whitman said. "But we're gonna change it up a bit this year and focus on food."

One of the new additions to the event includes pie tasting provided by Marie Callender's restaurant in Pismo Beach.

Food tasting booths will have the opportunity to sell their products at the event, with most of which at discounted prices.

In an attempt to make the event affordable for everybody, Castro said all paintings for sale will cost less than $100, and the food tastings will be free.

There are no costs associated with the event; it is free for the public.

"There is no funding," Castro said. "But we use the beautiful lobby of the Sandcastle."

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said. "I'm so excited. This is a great way to start the end of my time at Cal Poly." Headliners LMFAO are stepping at Avila on a world tour that includes shows in San Francisco and London.
The Avila Beach Golf Resort is working to get itself on the map as a concert venue. Manley said the resort's events cater to every facet of the San Luis Obispo community, as well as those outside of it.

We really are trying to become the concert venue of the Central Coast for every demographic," she said. "We have events like this for the college kids, and then other shows for older audiences." Last week Sheryl Crow played at the same venue, and this weekend the resort will also host the Jimi Hendrix Experience, a cover band to the iconic rock 'n' roll artist of the '60s.

This show is really the kickoff to our summer season," Manley said. "We do about nine shows over the summer, including the farewell this weekend. (This Friday) will really get the ball rolling.

If "getting the ball rolling" is defined by selling out tickets, which are currently being sold on Craiglist and eBay for more than $100, then Manley and the resort did just that. Cal Poly students are now hoping to get one of the 150 tickets being sold at the door.

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With more than 3,000 people "attending" the event on Facebook, tickets are few and far between.

The doors open at 5 p.m. Friday, and opening acts start at 6 p.m. More information can be found at the Avila Beach Golf Resort's concert website, avila-beachconcerts.com.

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It takes a top star or a powerful comic producer like Judd Apatow to vouch for these often unqualified directors, assuring studio chiefs that they will deliver the goods. Mike Meyers got the then-unknown Jay Roach his directing "Austin Powers." Apatow helped Ben Stiller land his directing gig on "The Cable Guy" when he was a nobody.

When Greg Mortola was in movie jail, Apatow got him the job on "Superbad." "Bridesmaids?" Feig had been laboring in television, dating back to his days working on Apatow's "Freaks and Geeks." It's not hard to imagine that there are plenty of female directors as "talented" as Den­nis Dugan out there, but it's Dugan who gets to work, over and over, as Sandler's in-house director.

If Tina Fey had another hit movie, it's possible she could play the same godmother role to a gifted director like Beth McCarthy Miller, one of the few female directors of "Saturday Night Live," who now also works on "30 Rock." When you talk to studio chiefs, they're hip to plenty of tal­ented female comedy writers — like Paula Pell ("SNL"), Dana Fox ("27 Dresses") or Maggie Carey ("Funny or Die"), who has a hot (and raunchy) script called "The Hand Job" but they're still waiting for them to prove themselves in comedy.

That's still a tough sell. As one agent who reps female writers puts it: "If you look at the way women are portrayed in Sandler's films, is it any wonder that he's never hired a female director?"
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Throughout the summer months, the event will feature eight different artists and five different jewelers who will sell and display their works.

One of the artists who will showcase art at the event, Colleen Gnos, said she hopes to connect with members of the art community in addition to showcasing her work.

"I think it's really nice to get together with other artists in the area," she said. "I like the fact that there's actually something going on in Pismo."


Local olive oil company, Olives, will demonstrate and sample its products, giving tourists the opportunity to experience the flavors of the coast.

Castro herself will provide some of the chair massages at $5 for 10 minutes.

"I love seeing the faces on people after they have gotten their massage," she said. "They're just so happy and relaxed."

Nourish, a new San Luis Obispo company, will showcase their edible SkinFood products.

The locally-owned and operated small business features handmade, fully organic and edible skincare.

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Newt Gingrich has 'foot in mouth' performance

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The House Republicans' decision to take on entitlements now, rather than wait to fight it out after winning back the presidency, was always a very risky gamble. But who would have predicted that the Democratic position would get its biggest boost from a former Republican House speaker, Newt Gingrich?

Newt Gingrich is an astonishingly political fall. Gingrich called Paul Ryan's Medicare reform — a plan that borrowed from an idea initially proposed by Democrats in the late 1990s — "radical," "too big a jump" and "right-wing social engineering." He didn't simply offer a critique of the plan. He bashed it using terms favored by "progressive" liberals. It's as if he were getting help from reporters willing to repeat this mendacity. But the Ryan plan would not "end Medicare.

After 10 years, instead of free-for-service payments under the current program, benefits would be delivered in the form of premium support. The money would go to an insurance company chosen by the beneficiary, with the support rising at the rate of inflation. This is a formula similar to the popular Medicare prescription drug plan, which fostered competition and resulted in costs more than 40 percent below expectations. This is hardly radical. The federal employee benefit program is based on a similar concept, as well as plans for employees of several states. Gingrich's remarks have given invaluable aid and comfort to a Democratic Party that is again playing the old "throw-grandma-in-the-snow game" while the nation's health care crumbles. President Obama has utterly abdicated on the subject of entitlement reform. Democrats in Congress have little to add, other than to repeat the word "tax" as often as possible.

Gingrich has tried to back away from his foot-in-mouth performance, but it won't wash. Iowa voter Russell Fuhrman no doubt spoke for most Republicans when, on encountering the former speaker in a motel, he told him: "Get out now before you make a bigger fool of yourself."

In a way, Gingrich's flame-out could be a good thing. The outraged reaction among Republicans shows that the party remains committed to principled, market-based reforms to deal with the budget crisis and Gingrich's stumble helps clear the way for more serious contenders.

The former speaker's chances were slim to begin with. Now they're nonexistent. Meanwhile, Donald Trump has ended his campaign candidacy and Mike Huckabee has declined to run. Some see Mitt Romney as the main beneficiary of Gingrich's pratfall, but Romney is hobbled by his record — specifically the Massachusetts health plan he pushed through that set the precedent for Obama's health-care legislation. Romney still has a solid following, but he would not be the best nominee: He would be unable to use the issue of the health-care legislation to full effect. Beating Obama won't be easy, but it is far from impossible. His "bin Laden bounce" has all but vanished, unemployment is still high, recent numbers suggest the economy is slowing and polls reveal that Americans are profoundly gloomy about the future.

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty jumped into the race last month. He was woefully ignorant of before you were ready. His campaign is based on a preconceived world view of the economics of bringing that about, but I mean, that's my blood pressure, and forced me to be careful with my blood pressure, and forced me to investigate things like the Westlands Water District and that Russin Spanish study on green energy jobs that I was woefully ignorant of before you alluded to them. I would appreciate it if you didn't make me work so hard next year, and identify your sources of fact (if you say "Congress did something," identify the law in question, for example).

I do wish that you would lose the flag picture and the "small American" phrasing ... it makes you sound pretentious, and infers that your point of view is more essentially "American" than those who disagree, which is insulting. I would also take "myth" and "pseudo" and bury them in a deep hole in the text. Best wishes to you.

— OldMole

In response to "Elephants or donkeys: it doesn't matter"

NOTE: The Mustang Daily features select comments that are written in response to articles posted online. Though not all the responses are printed, the Mustang Daily prints comments that are coherent and foster intelligent discussion on a given subject. No overgeneralization, please.
This is a horrible incident and there should be no doubt in the punishment for this heinous crime. However, those of you that voice your negative generalizations of geeky, life and SigEp are ignorant and worthless fools. You have no right to say these things with any merit.

I am from the North Dakota Alpha Chapter of SigEp and by generating all chapters, including mine, you are in fact hating all that is righteous in this country. You have no idea of the good I or thousands of other geeks have done for their campus, community and country in the name of their Chapter. Your generalizations are not constructive and ostracize those of us that are truly good people. I dare you to consider what you are really saying behind your computer spewing hate.

Dre

In response to "Student arrested in Sigma Phi Epsilon sexual assault case"...Dre, I believe that you and your frat did a lot of good for and in your community, but the actual concern right now is this young man’s future life that has been ruined by all that. It’s only 23 and promised to do great things, now things were messed up, and his name and for god’s sake his picture are all over the place, dragged in the mud? He does not deserve this! I know him and have for a long time now ... I’m dissertated! How can someone ruin someone else’s life?!! He IS a great man!! And always will be! And I agree with KIM 100 percent!

-- No name

In response to "Student arrested in Sigma Phi Epsilon sexual assault case"...So if both you and unknown person didn’t have consent of anyone, everbody saying that it is so cut and dry and that anything once intoxicated is instantly as simple as that. We don’t know who initiated the supposed rape. For all we know she could have been onboard with being intimate with his pants.

-- Kelly

In response to "Student arrested in Sigma Phi Epsilon sexual assault case"...The thing is, the law (according to the link Carrie posted ... It’s actually worth reading) doesn’t say you can’t give consent if you are intoxicated. It says, and I quote, “Where a person is prevented from resisting by any intoxication or anesthetic substance, and this condition was known, or reasonably should have been known by the accused.” So, a drunken consent is still consensual sex and sexual assault.

Powerful men have powerful friends. SigEp has Bernard-Henry Levy, the noted philosopher-thinker. Levy insists that DSK is merely "charming and seductive," that there’s no way the hotel maid could have been cleaning the room by herself, and that it was outrageous that an exalted figure such as DSK would be handcuffed and treated by the judge as “a subject for justice like any other.” All of which brings us to an article originally written by Ann Holmes in "The Daily Beast" from Anna Holle: “One thing about intellectualists — they prove that you can be absolutely brilliant and have no idea what’s going on.” Perhaps if DSK had not been so coveted by the culture, he would not have felt so entitled to leverage his power against women — cultivating in an alleged assault on a powerful man wielding sexual threats to keep his rich clients to pay them $96,000. Ensign was deemed to be a hot president candidate until the story broke in the media — deserved so, given his abuse-of-power issues. But since he is so charming and seductive, he’d probably be a perfect president of France.

The issue isn’t sex. It’s abuse of power. Some powerful men come to believe that they are entitled to behave as they please. When the press covers up these crucial character clues, it abets that behavior.

This argument could go on and on, but the simple truth is that these things happen because people are irresponsible. If you want to avoid these situations, drink responsibly, keep your pants zipped and your clothes on.

-- Dick Polman

Philadelphia Inquirer columnist
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Orlando Magic in the 2009 Eastern Conference finals and to the Boston Celtics in the conference semifinals in 2010, Brown was fired.

Brown led the Cavaliers to the NBA Finals in 2005, but Cleveland was swept by the San Antonio Spurs.

Brown coached one of the NBA’s superstars in former Cavalier LeBron James.

In his radio interview Tuesday, Jerry Buss said he expected the Lakers’ core roster to return next season, with a “tweak here or there.”

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“Everybody is aware of it, but everybody is hoping and praying. Both sides are saying we don’t want this. We’ll keep our fingers crossed. But in terms of selecting a coach, we are neglecting a potential coach.”

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Senior Wes Feigner said between an ever-growing team chemistry and the number of weapons the team has, each player will continue to be a major threat on the field.

“Last year, we had a lot of different guys scoring in different games,” Feigner said. “I think we’re going to get production from a lot of people. The chemistry on the team is the best I’ve ever seen it. With all the seniors on the team you’ve got a lot of guys who have been playing with each other for a while now.”

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Junior Burgos became the first player in program history to be selected in the M.I.S Super Draft on Jan. 13.
Men's soccer back in national spotlight

Jerome Goyhetnetche

In its last game of the 2010 season, the Cal Poly men’s soccer team was poised to upset UC Santa Barbara in the Big West semifinals with a 1-0 lead and less than eight minutes remaining.

But a late UC Santa Barbara goal robbed the Mustangs of their first Big West Championship appearance and dealt them their third consecutive overtime loss in the postseason.

Now, seven months after the abrupt end to their season, the team is back in the national spotlight after being named one of Goal.com’s 11 Programs to Watch in 2011.

Head coach Paul Holocher said he is excited for what he knows is an improved Cal Poly soccer squad to take the field in September.

"I feel we will be stronger next fall given all that we have learned over the last two years and the maturing of the players and our system of play," Holocher said. "We have added some excellent players to an already good team."

Cal Poly has brought six new freshmen, midfielders Michael Bernardi and Marc LaGrassa, goalkeeper Chase Haner and forward Steve Palacios. CollegeSoccerNews.com gave the Mustangs four out of five stars for their new recruiting class.

In their review of the team, Goal.com praised the team for "landing prized recruit Steve Palacios, a member of the United State U-18 national team pool." Palacios was ranked No. 76 in the nation and No. 5 in Southern California in the 18 and under group by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

The Mustangs also added UCLA transfer Dakota Collins and Saint Louis University transfer Benzy Ester in the offseason.

Holocher said with one of the largest group of seniors the team has had in years, experience will help lead Cal Poly to success.

"We have an excellent group of seniors the team has had in years, experience will help lead Cal Poly to success. "We have an excellent group of seniors," Holocher said. "These guys got a taste of the NCAA playoffs when we achieved this in 2008, but having missed that call the last two years, I know they are hungry to get back there."

Cal Poly has seven seniors taking the field in the fall.

Last season, the Mustangs had only seniors David Zamora and Junior Burgess leave the team. Zamora tied Cal Poly’s all time scoring record with 25 goals and is first with 64 points and 78 appearances. After graduation, Burgos was selected by Toronto FC in the MLS SuperDraft.

But, seven other Mustangs recorded goals last season. Chris Gaschen and Tim White both had three and Jake Hustvedt, Cameron Walters and Chris Bernardi had two.

This may be it for the Mustangs. The Cal Poly baseball team will hit the road for its final series of the regular season this weekend with a three-game set against Cal State Bakersfield. Although the Mustangs upset Stanford 3-1 Tuesday night, it looks like they will be left out of the postseason. This weekend may mark the end for seven different players: J.J. Thompson, DJ Gratia, Frankie Reed, Steven Flachbach, Tommy Edlin, Eugene Wright and Jono Grayson.

Baseball set to close regular season against Cal State Bakersfield

Lakers go with Mike Brown as coach

Broderick Turner

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers have put together a deal to hire former Cleveland Cavaliers coach Mike Brown as their new coach, an NBA official who was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter said late Tuesday.

If Brown agrees to the deal, he’ll sign a contract worth between $4 million and $4.5 million per season, the official said. Brown would sign for three years, with a team option on the fourth season that would give him partial pay if he was not retained.

Brown, 41, became the front-runner because Jim Buss, the team’s executive vice president of player personnel, was impressed with his defense-minded style.

Former Houston Rockets coach Rick Adelman also was in the mix for the job and will remain a candidate to replace Phil Jackson if Brown turns down the deal from the Lakers.

Lakers assistant coach Brian Shaw also was considered for the head position.

The Lakers had to wait until General Manager Mitch Kupchak and Buss returned from pre-draft camps in Chicago and Minnesota on Tuesday night before they could get a deal done.

Lakers owner Jerry Buss did an interview with Sirius XM Radio on Tuesday, saying the team was “very close” to filling its coaching vacancy.

It now appears as if Brown is that person, something that could be announced in the next 24 to 48 hours.

Brown was with the Cavaliers for five seasons until he was fired in 2010, leaving with a 272-138 record.

He was named the NBA’s Coach of the Year in 2009 for leading the Cavaliers to a 66-16 record.

Brown led the Cavaliers to a 61-21 record during the 2009-10 season, another league-best record.

But after the Cavaliers lost to the...