Fraternity starts for men of all sexualities

Brooke Robertson

Delta Lambda Phi National Social Fraternity (DLP), an organization for gay, bisexual and straight men, started its colony phase at Cal Poly on April 14. It will take approximately one and a half years for the fraternity to become a full-fledged chapter at Cal Poly.

DLP president and aerospace engineering freshman Michael Dicato said having a fraternity geared towards gay and bisexual men is important for the Cal Poly community. Delta Lambda Phi will give gay students more exposure on campus and a more positive image in the area.

"A lot of people don't realize there are gay people at Cal Poly," Dicato said. "We are here; we exist."

The colony at Cal Poly started as an interest group, gaining members through word-of-mouth and Facebook. When it came time to apply for colonization, the potential fraternity had 14 interested members, while the colonization requirement only called for eight.

Dicato described the fraternity as "a safe, secure spot where (gay men) can meet other people like them."

Although the Cal Poly Pride Alliance and LGBTQ Center offers activities and support for gay and bisexual students, Dicato described the experience with the Pride Center as very different from brotherhood. The fraternity provides more activities, support and unity for members, he said.

Delta Lambda Phi has "brought us all closer together than the Pride Center ever could," Dicato said.

Delta Lambda Phi was founded in 1986 with the goal of creating a fraternity that would provide gay and bisexual men with the same opportunity for involvement in greek life that is available to straight males.

Students and other community members departed underneath the stars in the University Union Plaza Tuesday night as part of the 10th annual Homelessness Awareness Week.

Beyond Shelter, a Cal Poly program that works to help the local homeless population, is hosting the week of activities to benefit the Economic Opportunity Commission's (EOC) Homeless Services program, which provides emergency shelter and other services.

"There are homeless (people) in our city, in our county, and not only are they homeless but they are working homeless," Jared Gamm, Beyond Shelter coordinator and biology sophomore. "It's not just stereotypical crazy old Bob on the corner. It's people that are just going under hard times ... or have severe disabilities."

One of the problems is that the area is so expensive, Gamm said. There are men who work 40 hours a week but are still homeless because they don't qualify for assistance.

Currently, there are about 2,401 homeless people in the county, said Leah Meeks, Beyond Shelter coordinator and bioresource and agricultural engineering graduate student.

Sleeping bags and stars

Angel Pacheco

Students spent the night in the UU Plaza on Tuesday night to experience what it's like to be homeless.

Students design memorial to preserve memory

Cassie Gaeto

While most Cal Poly students were still recovering from spring break and reluctantly buying their books the first week of the quarter, those enrolled in architecture and landscape architecture design studios already had a monumental project underway. The two courses combined in an interdisciplinary effort to create the best design for a memorial in remembrance of landscape architecture professor Walt Tryon who passed in October of 2005.

Several graduating seniors, who were personally touched by Tryon's teachings during their time at Cal Poly, approached members of the landscape architecture department about their idea for a design charrette. The goal of the friendly competition is to generate student interest and produce ideas for the memorial.

Although the student's affection for Tryon is what started the process for designing the memorial, those who knew him believe that Tryon would not endorse a memorial dedicated only to him. Therefore students were encouraged to create a universal space that would commemorate multiple faculty members and promote an area for individual thought and reflection.

"Walt would endorse a space of bringing people together, somewhere that students could find themselves individually or collectively," said Dale Surftiff, a landscape architecture professor who worked with Tryon for 30 years.

Sixteen three-person teams made up of a students having an issue with a faculty member. Matt Taylor, Associated Students Inc. representative for the new defunct Grievance Board, said the problem with the two boards centered around students not knowing they were there in the first place.

"It was all due to a lack of publicity on the school's part and to a lack of knowledge on the part of the student," Taylor said.

Cornel Morton, vice president for student affairs, said that there is a three-step plan in place to spread the word to the campus community.

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senior.

Seven or more participants set up sleeping bags on the stage in the UU Plaza, which the UU Epicenter had cleared for the sleep-out.

The night's low was at about 50 degrees, according to weather.com, which was a large improvement over 2006's sleep-out.

"It rained a year ago, so this is beau-
tiful," Gamm said.

English and modern language senior Emmanuel Gentinetta and Saint Mary's College alumna Maria Taborga, however, had an unexpected experience at the sleep-in. The two arrived at about 2:30 a.m. when the others were already asleep. Gentinetta said they decided to sleep on a grassy patch between the plaza and South Perimeter Road and ended up sleep-
ing-out later than the others did.

The next morning, two university police officers woke them up and asked them to slowly take their hands out of their sleeping bags. Gentinetta said:

"The police officers asked the two if they had a home, and Gentinetta responded with "no" to continue the simulation of the sleep-out, he said. The police said in a "friendly but commanding" voice that no camping is permitted in the campus.

Gentinetta told police about the sleep-in but he did not know what campus police had been informed. The police soon left after Gentinetta and Taborga agreed to cooperate.

"I just wanted to sleep," Gentinetta said.

Besides the wake-up call from the University Police Department and an automatic sprinkler that went off dur-
ing the night, Taborga slept very well for a couple of hours. She said Taborga had been homeless for a short time while in New York, and the sleep-in was a reminder of how "lucky we're here to have consistent comfort."

The biggest event of the week will be the Walk to Fight Homelessness Saturday at Santa Rosa Park, located at the intersection of Santa Rosa and Oak streets. Participants will go through downtown for about an hour, Gamm said. He hopes 50 to 60 people will participate.

This walk will only be the begin-
ing of the journey for retired teacher Dan Lyons, who will start a walk Saturday to Sacramento to raise money for the EOC.

"We’re hoping that this walk will allow people to know that we’re all part of the big picture and we’re all here in this together," Lyons said. Lyons has completed four coast-to-coast walks for organizations like the Alzheimer’s Association and a home-
less veterans’ counseling center, he said. His goal is to raise $5,000 through donations.

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tions that are close to his heart, he wanted to do something for the EOC because he and his wife used to feed homeless people in a park in Contra Costa County, he said. But in 2000, a drunk driver killed his wife when she was on her way back from a teachers’ conference.

There will also be a gallery at Farmers’ Market tonight, which will feature the artwork of homeless peo-
ple who are staying at the overflow shelters hosted by local churches and the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter. "The artwork focuses on homelessness and the artist’s personal situations."

"It’s just a cool way to represent the creativity of the homeless popula-
tion," he said.

Beyond Shelter also hopes to have a resume workshop for the homeless before the end of the year. Homeless people often feel inca-
pable and the workshop will hopefully be a way to raise their self-esteem, said Jessica Sun, Beyond Shelter co-
director and biomedical engineering junior.

Beyond Shelter is part of Student Community Services, which works to create social change and is located in UU room 217. The EOC is located at 1030 Southwood Drive. Donations can be made in person or online at www.eocslo.org.

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Rec Center Facilities

Responsibilities.

If all else fails, then the student should try an official complaint, Taylor said. The fourth step, when all options are exhausted, would be to take the issue to the Fairness Board.

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"This is something that could realistically take 10 to 15 years to accomplish," Fox said.

Despite the obstacles the project still faces, those who were touched by Tryon during his years here at Cal Poly are excited to have planted the seed which will someday bloom into a memorial for the professor and friend.

"Walt was a big mentor and inspiration for us here. Hopefully everyone involved in the project learned something and will be able to pass on these lessons," landscape architecture senior Azlynn Hare said.
Poly Canyon Village

Projected Completion Date: Phase I - Summer, 2009
Phase II - Summer, 2010
Phase III - Winter, 2010

Description: The Cal Poly Housing Corporation is developing a new six-story dormitory style residence hall off Los Osos Canyon Road. The residence hall will house 480 students in rooms with double occupancy and private bathrooms. The dormitory style residence hall will include an activity center, student lounges, and a large multipurpose room.

Construction Management Building

Projected Completion Date: Winter, 2006

Design-Build Contractor: Clark Design Build of California, Oakland

Program Manager: Brookwood Program Management, Atlanta, Georgia

Architect: John Trautmann, Santa Monica

General Contractor: Mamo Construction Co., Inc., San Luis Obispo

Architect: RRM Design Group, San Luis Obispo

Bonderson Projects Center

Projected Completion Date: Fall, 2006

Construction Start Date: March, 2005
Square Feet: 21,000
Stories: 3

Description: The Bonderson Projects Center will provide an educational facility on the northeast side of campus. The complex will have 618 units and 1930 parking spaces, study areas, laundry units, retail space and a swimming pool.

Design-Build Contractor: Clark Design Build of California, Oakland

Architect: John Trautmann, Santa Monica

General Contractor: Mamo Construction Co., Inc., San Luis Obispo

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Marine Science Education Research Center - Seawater Pumping System

Projected Completion Date: Early winter 2007

Construction Start Date: April, 2006

Square Feet: 15,000

Description: The Cal Poly Housing Corporation is developing a new seawater pumping and filtration system in a new 20,000 square foot building. The new building will accommodate operations serving students in existing halls as well as the increasing on-campus student population provided by the Cerro Vista Student Housing and future Poly Canyon Village residential complexes.

Architect: Robert Varsha Architecture and Planning, Pismo del Rey

General Contractor: CSR Construction Consultants, California

For construction photos:
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Sustainability at Cal Poly Biennial Progress Report

Cal Poly Facility Services, together with Facilities Planning & Capital Projects, and in cooperation with the vice President’s Sustainability Advisory Committee, are pleased to present the second annual Biennial Progress Report on Campus Sustainability for 2005.

Building Permits Required for all Campus Projects

All construction projects - large or small - must go through the campus building permit process. A building permit is required for all departments, offices and student projects whether or not they are using their own funds. For a building permit application and more detailed information about the process, go to the facility services website and click on building permits.

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Cheney press Iraqi leaders to make more progress as explosion rattles embassy windows

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said in Washington that Cheney's trip "gives an opportunity to a very high level for this message to be delivered.

Eight days after Bush vetoed a bill setting deadlines for U.S. troop withdrawals from Iraq, the White House also served notice that Bush would veto a follow-up bill drafted by House Democratic leaders that would pay for the Iraq war only into summer. At the same time, Defense Secretary Robert Gates held out hope that troops could begin withdrawing if the Iraqi government makes progress by fall.

Supporters of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr rallied in Baghdad and Shi'ite areas to the south to protest the Cheney visit and demand the withdrawal of American forces. Protesters in Baghdad and the holy city of Najaf chanted "No to the occupation" and "No to America."

Baghdad was Cheney's first stop on a weeklong trip to the Middle East.
State

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A naked woman who had thrown herself into San Francisco Bay was rescued by a commuter ferry after a passenger spotted her and alerted the captain, authorities said.

The woman was pulled from the frigid waters just off the Tiburon Peninsula in Marin County around 6:45 a.m. Tuesday, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. She was taken to San Francisco General Hospital and treated for hypothermia.

The woman told authorities that she had thrown herself into the 55-degree water after suffering a psychotic episode. She told a doctor she entered the water at 10 p.m. Monday, but officials could not confirm her account.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The third wildfire this year in an urban tinderbox in the shadow of the Hollywood Hills was half-surfaced Wednesday and hundreds of evacuees from a nearby neighborhood were allowed to return to their homes.

If the weather cooperates, firefighters expected to fully contain the erratic blaze by Thursday evening.

International

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI began his first papal trip to Latin America stressing church opposition to abortion Wednesday, suggesting that Catholic politicians in Mexico had excommunicated themselves by legalizing abortion that nation's capital.

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BRIEFS

TOMPKINSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A former teacher charged with having sex with a 14-year-old middle school student and running off to Mexico with him pleaded guilty Wednesday to a sodomy charge.

Angela Renee Coner, 28, would serve 10 years in prison under her plea agreement, in which the prosecutor agreed to drop more charges.

DANVER, Mass. (AP) — Flammable vapors collected, then ignited in a seismic explosion after employees at a paint and ink factory shut off a ventilation system that neighbors had complained was too noisy, investigators said Wednesday.

The blast damaged 270 homes and businesses in the Danvers neighborhood and was felt 25 miles away. Sixteen homes and six businesses were ordered demolished, but no one was killed or seriously injured in the Nov. 22 explosion.

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East to seek support from moderate Arab leaders for help in bringing stability to Iraq. The vice president, joined by Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, and Ambassador Ryan Crocker, met with Iraqi political and military leaders.

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The X, Y, Zs of tasty food in SLO

Mustang Daily presents the rest of its A to Zs of SLO restaurants

Amanda Retzer

In a city full of restaurants offering a plethora of scrumptious meals and snacks on its city streets, here is the continuation of the ABC's of food in San Luis Obispo.

new — San Luis Obispo is always evolving and gaining new restaurants. Sumo Sushi just came into town a couple of months ago with a clean, comfortable environment and decorated, delicious dishes. After Tortilla Flamenca moved out, Doce's Kajak Bar & Grill made it's way in with karaoke, live entertainment, eauces and a menu of burgers, sandwiches, and more.

Organic and natural — The buzz about organic foods is growing, especially in smaller towns like San Luis Obispo. Big Sky Cafe is a healthy, organic option with amazing appetizers and delicious entrees from the simple grilled cheese and chipotle sandwich to the house-made glazed fresh king salmon. Natural Cafe is another choice, a chain relatively new to San Luis Obispo, with all organic dishes and many options from their daily soups to créatives very light and flavor-packed. As for grocery stores, Trader Joe's and New Frontiers both offer many healthy cooking options too. The latter also contains a huge self-serve salad bar and deli/pasta counter. Plus for those of you who love free samples. (For many of you who love free samples at Farmers' Market, go to New Frontiers where almost every aisle has free samples.)

Pizza — This seems to be the most typical college dining option and San Luis Obispo does not fall short in this area. Woodstock's is one of the most popular places with their to-die-for cheesy bread and whole-wheat crust available. Cugino's offers the most traditional Italian style pizza while Pizza Solo has specialized gourmet pizzas, along with salads and pitza sandwiches.

Quick and easy — Sometimes you just want to get in and out and while there are no drive-through windows here in San Luis Obispo, some places offer pretty rapid service. Pata Bravo busts out a quick Italian dinner with a mix-and-match style menu. For a buffet-style eating, Flame Bay downtown lets customers pick what they want from noodles, rice, meat and veggies, gives it a quick fry and be on their way.

Any day — Delivery service is a must in San Luis Obispo, especially when the weather decides to randomly change from a sunny 75 degrees to a stormy, rainy mess (definitely not unheard of). Restaurants To You joins with many local businesses to bring dine-in food to your couch. Just call 541-FOOD or go to www.541food.com to place your order for delivery service usually within an hour. Restaurants on their list include Tahoe Joe's, Via'm Vu

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Trattoria, Chino's Mexican Bistro, Mama's Meatball and more.

Sweeten — The craving for sweet never simply passes so you must satisfy yourself ASAP. Mission News and Sweet downtown will make you feel like a kid again with their rows and rows of candy bins, powdered sugar machine, ice cream scoops, delectable chocolates and famous kettle corn. Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory will draw you in with their window casing of caramel apples and caramel truffles, along with their famous "Bear" — a paw-sized concoction of caramel, toasted rum and chocolate.

Thai — Personal taste and preference come into play here. San Luis Obispo Royal Thai offers fresh, traditional flavors along with comfortable outdoor seating. Their rice holds long lines at lunchtime for its crave-worthy cuisine, and Thai Palace offers cheaper prices while maintaining quality food.

Uniquie — Jaffa offers Middle Eastern cuisine, along with a small grocery store for at-home cooking ingredients. This is an especially great place for those of you who studied abroad and can't stop thinking about those delicious kebabs. Mondello Pronto literally translates into "world," and offers a diverse menu of fusion bowls, wraps and salads themed "American, East Winds, Mediterraneo" and more.

Valentine's day — For all those special dates where you have to get out of your jeans and sweatshirts to look decent, San Luis Obispo has some pretty romantic spots to start off the night. 1805 is a classic, family-owned restaurant with an extensive menu, including tender steak, fresh seafood and their famous slow-roasted prime rib. To stay romantic but move a little more casual, Nono specializes in exotic foods with Brazilian, Portuguese, Mediterranean and Asian flavors. The outside dining offers an intimate, natural setting next to the San Luis Creek.

Wine — The Central Coast vineyards give San Luis Obispo a special touch when it comes to wine. Taste downtown is an upscale spot to sample 72 different types of wines. There are also many vineyards to travel to on a wine-tasting trip from Tolosa Winery to Edna Valley Vineyard, both with tasting rooms without appointments.

Xeragant — These restaurants are worth hitting up when the parents are in town because of their high-quality and high-priced menu items. Mission Grill, right next to Mission de Tolosa, highlights flavorful dinner items like grilled filet mignon and pan roasted halibut. Madonna Inn's original wine list includes bottled wines with the uniquely decorated rooms to their menu with New York Steak, Haliibut Steak and an $82.95 Filet Mignon and Australian Lobster.

Yogurt — Frozen yogurt is a treat that calls for cravings even when it's cold outside. Ball's is the most well known with two convenient locations, cheap prices by the ounce, plentiful buffet-style toppings and numerous flavors. Country Culture Yogurt is nestled downtown in the Mission Mall section with a unique variety of flavors, including low-cal Wow Cow and extra candy toppings.

Z — There are always a couple of letters that ruin A to Z lists and in this case, Z takes the cake so this category is dedicated to those restaurants that fall in their own places. The Art Cafe, once part-owned by Oprah, makes amazing flavored sandwiches that are definitely brag-worthy, including "Oprah's favorite," the chicken curry sandwich. The Shack is also on it's own as a sports-orientated hangout spot, known for its big screen TV and free peanuts that you are free to shell onto the ground.
"LOST": The greatest show on earth, or a mental disaster waiting to happen?

I'm a clairvoyant. I can see the future, or more specifically, next Wednesday. I can see millions of "Lost" fans united under the banner of blissful perplexity. Fans who robotically gather on these most auspicious Wednesday nights to watch 45 minutes of unadulterated lunacy; fans who are hopelessly addicted to a storyline that is so clearly over all our heads. But yet, we watch. We remain loyal.

While viewing the gloriousness that is "Lost" firsthand, I often find myself desperately trying to exercise a sequence of simple cerebral functions, any sort of a rational process that would result in the ability to understand the basic tenets of what is quite possibly the most confusing show on earth. But no, that never happens. Connecting the abstract dots of J.J. Abrams genius is futile, and mental exhaustion quickly becomes me. I am only mortal.

So what keeps me going? Why do I continue this psychological torture to understand the impossible? I'll tell you why, because I can't be the only one completely and hopelessly lost watching "Lost." I mean, there are support groups for this kind of thing. The irony of my situation hits me like a ton of bricks.

OK, so maybe if I admit my intellectual shortcomings and embrace the silent sting of idiocy, the television gods will finally throw me a freaking bone and answer some of my questions.

So assuming that the masses are as lost as I am, there certainly are questions that need answering. Basics like what are polar bears doing in torrid climate? What is that ominous black smoke? Why do dead people appear on the island and then walk away at the most inappropriate moments before questioning? And most importantly, why is the all-powerful leader of the "others" a feeble man named Ben, who to me, somewhat resembles a woodland creature?

Confounded and ashamed for asking such simple questions, I am afraid that this television show will be the death of me. That is why I feel it is my duty to explicate the inexplicable. I don't want people to kill themselves over a TV show after all.

So, to avoid widespread mental disaster, let us talk about what makes "Lost," "Lost." Firstly, to those who haven't noticed, every episode follows a very distinct pattern. Explain, you say? Done.

The first component in this very delicate equation is the recap montage of last week's most confusing bits. Then, perhaps at the most dramatic moment of that montage, the screen will abruptly dip to black and the "Lost" graphic eerily flows toward focus.

After this somewhat annoying tease comes the story arc. Usually, each episode combines events concurrently with pre-island flashbacks that illuminate an aspect of any given character. i.e. motives, past histories, inner demons.

The episode will then carry on for the next 43 minutes without much explanation or insight about what's going on ... until the last two minutes. Without fail, something extremely dramatic has to occur in the final moments of the episode to throw the audience for a loop. Just when you finally thought you knew Juliet, bam! Fade to black. Before you know it, the episode is over. Bada bing, bada bang, done. We are all lost. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is why this is the greatest show on earth. Think about it.

The Corps of Engineers will be on campus May 15th to recruit for career and summer intern positions in its Sacramento office. Sign up via Mustang Jobs by May 13th or contact Gregory Kukas at (916) 557-7255.
Thursday, May 10, 2007

MEETING CONAN O’BRIEN A DREAM COME TRUE

Whitney Diaz

Two things come to mind whenever somebody mentions the name Conan. The first, embarrassingly, is the governor’s 1982 action-adventure flick “Conan the Barbarian.” The second is the lanky, red-haired funnyman who happens to host “Late Night with Conan O’Brien” on NBC.

At the end of his show in San Francisco last week, I squeezed through a sea of crazed fans up to the stage so I could get a closer look at the six-foot-four-inch comedian. Waving my blue-green ticket stub, I reached as far as I could, and hoped that he would provide me with an autograph.

“Conan, please,” I said. “It’s for my sister! Please sign it for my sister.”

I had to shout over hundreds of other voices yelling nearly the same thing. Then, like an angel descending from heaven, with a spotlight on his thin, pale face, he signed my ticket stub.

After thanking him over and over, he grasped my hand, looked me straight in the eye and said, “We do what we can.”

I just about died.

Two weeks earlier, while watching a recorded episode of “Late Night” on my DVR, I received a phone call from my sister Alisa telling me that O’Brien was moving his show to San Francisco, for a week. The show, normally taped in New York City, is a family favorite.

I, too, am a major fan. I knew I was going to be there.

One week later, I got a shrieking phone call from Alisa telling me that she got ticket reservations for the last show in San Francisco on May 4. Rapper Snoop Dogg and musician Tom Waits were the guests that night.

We left San Luis Obispo at 6 a.m. that Friday morning, pumped and ready for a great show at the famous Orpheum Theatre on Market Street. The show didn’t actually begin until 4 p.m., but the e-mail confirmation suggested that we be there at noon.

After a nearly four-hour car ride and a 30 minute search for parking, we found an expensive parking garage about eight blocks from the theater.

Here are a few tips I picked up while waiting for the show to begin:

First, if you know you’re going to be in a big metropolis like San Francisco, don’t bring your car. Park it at a friend’s or relative’s house, or at your hotel. Instead, use public transportation (trolleys, buses, subway, etc.).

Second, don’t wear thin, flat shoes when you know you may be standing up and walking around for hours on end. It’s a very bad idea. I suggest tennis shoes or something equally comfortable and durable.

Third, get to know the people in line around you. This tip is especially helpful if you need to get something to eat or must go on a restroom break, which is inevitable.

Fourth, if the suggested arrival time is noon, try to get there around 11 a.m. or earlier. There will proba-
Key to health is sharing the caring

I have a little cold this week. Not a big deal, right? Just your usual runny nose, coughing, and the periodic coughing fit to make you generally uncomfortable sitting in the back of class—yes, class.

As much as I would love to sit and snuffle at home with someone to attend to my every whim, I'm going to class instead. We all know what it's like to suffer through classes with a cold (though perhaps we suffer through some classes anyway, without health complications). It's likely worse for our beloved classmates, who must sit through constant coughing, sniffling, or nose-blowing.

But we make ourselves do it anyway! Instead of missing a class or part of one to recuperate and restore ourselves to full physical and mental effectiveness, we suck it up, down a decongestant, and get our lethargic, weakened bodies to class. We'll show those colds who's boss.

We have good reason to want to avoid missing a class. The quarter system speeds by so quickly that even one missed class can really throw us off. And for the price of our education, we'd better get as much out of it as possible.

But, let's admit it: There's one primary reason why even a paltry little cold (or even something worse) can't keep us from our academic commitment! It's our status quo and the M.O. on college campuses of today: the Type-A personality.

We are in control, and we can't lose it. Male or female, we just want to feel competent and autonomous, for our own feelings of self-confidence and worth.

"Proving ourselves" has more to do with personality than gender. Male or female, we just want to feel competent and autonomous, for our own feelings of self-confidence and worth.

In relationships, both sides have to simultaneously step up and take a step down. We want to feel competent, but we also want to feel needed. A relationship is a balance between taking care of someone and letting him/her take care of you.

For some people, taking care of others is no problem; but to let go of even a little control over what happens to him or her can be asking too much. As soon as someone else starts to take care of them, they feel like they no longer get to decide what happens in the relationship.

It can be scary and even has the potential to dissolve the relationship entirely. Being taken care of opens you up to your own vulnerability; it means relinquishing some of your own independence in order to become closer to someone who wants to care for you.

We aren't talking about codependency, which has negative overtones according to the Oxford English Dictionary definition: "Excessive emotional or psychological reliance on another person (typically a spouse or close relative).... reciprocal dependence on another's needs." Co-dependency is an imbalance of needs and needs. In contrast, a healthy relationship balances the responsibility for emotional caretaking so that both parties feel that their needs — including the need to feel needed — are met.

It may take some effort, but look at it this way: Letting your guard down can be beneficial to developing real emotional intimacy with your significant other. Truly caring for and loving another person is not just about giving; it's about accepting, too.

In a mature relationship, decisions and responsibilities are shared between two people, who are now looking out for each other just as they have always looked out for themselves.

All our lives we're learning to take care of ourselves and others; the next step is learning to allow others to take care of us.

Assuming I'm still hustling this little cold this weekend — I'll take my own advice, and volunteer to take my next step by letting my dear, most tolerating significant other keep the tea and tissues coming.

Sarah Carbone is an English and psychology junior and Mustang Daily dating columnist.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**You don't win with salad**

After viewing ASI presidential candidates Matt Tarlecki and Brandon Souza campaign in the Student Union this week, I am left with a lingering sense of confusion. As a staff writer for The Mustang Daily and the past editor of Mustang Daily opinions, I think the current presidential candidates are not doing a sufficient job of comparing their platforms and giving voters reasons to support them. Unfortunately for me, I enjoy a fine mixture of fries and tacos that would have taken full advantage of the free tacos that would have accompanied Matt’s campaign platform.

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SoCal grocery union to resume contract talks next week

LOS ANGELES — The union representing Southern California grocery workers said Wednesday it planned to resume negotiations with three supermarket chains after breaking off talks a day earlier.

Negotiators for the United Food and Commercial Workers plan to restart talks sometime next week, said Rick Icaza, president of Local 770.

The union and the supermarkets had previously scheduled talks on May 14.

"We want to go back and see if we can get a more reasonable offer than what we got before," Icaza said.

Negotiations between the union and the grocers — SuperValu Inc.'s Albertsons, Kroger Co.'s Ralphs and Safeway Inc.'s Vons and Pavilions — have been ongoing intermittently since January.

"The companies remain committed to working with the union," said Adena Tesler, spokesperson for the chains.

Union negotiators left the talks late Tuesday after the companies proposed a plan that would reduce their contribution to a trust fund that provides workers with health care benefits, the union said.

The grocery chains criticized union negotiators for breaking off talks merely because they did not like the latest contract proposal.

Union negotiators broke off talks for several days last month after the grocers announced they would lock out employees if the union targets any one of the chains for a strike.

In recent weeks, the two sides have conducted shuttle negotiations, with each side meeting individually with a mediator.

Three-year contracts covering 65,000 workers at 785 stores from San Luis Obispo and Bakersfield south to San Diego expired in March. The contract has been renewing automatically on a daily basis and continues to do so until any of the parties opts to end the process.

The contract would then expire 72 hours later.

White House says Bush would veto Democrats' bill to fund Iraq war only into summer

WASHINGTON — The White House threatened on Wednesday to veto a proposed House bill that would pay for the Iraq war only through July — a limit Defense Secretary Robert Gates said would be disastrous.

"The war is ongoing and we can get a more reasonable offer than what we got before," Icaza said.
Wiesel returns to San Francisco under extra security after attack

Marcus Welser
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel returned to San Francisco under heightened security Wednesday for his first visit since being attacked at a city hotel in February.

Guided by private contractors and police, Wiesel told a group of reporters that though he has traveled to dangerous places all over the world since the end of World War II, the assault allegedly committed by a Holocaust denier was the first time he felt fear.

"I confess to you I was traumatized," said Wiesel, 78.

Eric Hunt, 22, of Sussex County, N.J., was arrested at a New Jersey behavioral health clinic in February after allegedly dragging Wiesel from an elevator at the Argent Hotel, where Wiesel was speaking at a San Francisco peace forum.

According to Wiesel, Hunt grabbed him, told him he was being taken "into his custody" and demanded he admit "the Holocaust is a lie."

Wiesel began yelling, and the suspect ran away, police said.

Hunt faces kidnapping, false imprisonment, battery, elder abuse, stalking and hate crime charges in San Francisco.

Hunt’s New Jersey lawyer said his client was not an anti-Semite or Holocaust denier but a "very, very disturbed young man" suffering from bipolar disorder.

"The person who attacked Mr. Wiesel is there’s no denying the horror and criminality of that," Hackensack defense attorney James Addis said. "But if in fact it turns out to have been Eric Hunt, I think that you’ll find the origins of that behavior in psychological disease."

Hunt remained in Somerset County Jail in Somerville, N.J., awaiting extradition to California, Addis said.

Wiesel was in San Francisco to receive an award from the Koret Foundation for "a lifetime devoted to perpetuating Jewish life."

The location of Wiesel’s appearance Wednesday was kept secret until reporters called to confirm their attendance, and their credentials were double-checked when they arrived.

Though Wiesel has faced harassment from Holocaust deniers for years, including at his acceptance of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, he said the violence of the recent attack was a "new element to the equation."

"I call them not mentally ill but morally ill people," Wiesel said.

Wiesel said he believed anti-Semitism was on the rise worldwide and singled out Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for criticism, calling him the "number-one Holocaust denier in the world."

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Come check out the NEW Creamery and all it has to offer. The Creamery is located on Higuera Street.
The Mustangs look to keep above .500 when they host the Aggies at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly (24-23, 8-7 Big West), capable of hosting the Big West Conference title chase and a possible regional playoff berth by Long Beach State last weekend, steps away from conference play for the second time in three weeks, hosting future Big West member UC Davis (20-25) for a three-game series at Baggett Stadium.

The Aggies, who officially join the Big West next fall, are coming off a sweep at home against Cal State Northridge.

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Stockalper was noted by the University of New Zealand and Varnie Dennis in France. Stockalper will join several other former Mustangs currently playing overseas including Gabe Stephenson in New Zealand and Varnie Dennis in France.

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Utah outlasts Golden State in shootout, 127-117 in OT for 2-0 series lead

Derek Fisher missed most of the first three quarters because of a family illness, then scored all five of his points in overtime to lift Utah to a 127-117 victory over the Golden State Warriors and a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

The Jazz overcame the loss of rookie guard Dee Brown to a neck injury and had to rally to force the overtime after Golden State went on a 12-1 run late in the fourth quarter. The Warriors missed six free throws in the fourth quarter, three after a timeout.

Carlos Boozer had 30 points and 13 rebounds for Utah, and Mehmet Okur added 23 points and 14 rebounds and Andrei Kirilenko had 20 points, nine rebounds and six blocks for the Jazz.

Barnes also had 36 points and seven assists for Golden State.

The Jazz, who won the series opener 116-112, again had to play at the Warriors’ pace.

Game 3 is Friday night at Golden State, which also got double-figure scoring from Jason Richardson (27), Stephen Jackson (18), Al Harrington (17) and Matt Barnes (12).

Jackson and Barnes, though, shot a combined 7 for 30 from the field. The Warriors forced overtime after trailing 63-58 at halftime. But the wheels fell off in OT for Golden State, which was outscored 41-28 in the extra period.

The Warriors attempted 40 3-pointers, making 15. The Jazz were more efficient, going 7 for 16 from 3-point range. Golden State stuck to its eight-man rotation.

The Warriors were outrebounded 60-32.
3 guards sign with Poly men's hoops program

After coming one win short of reaching the NCAA Tournament for the first time, the Mustangs are reloading for 2007-08.

Tristan Aird

Cal Poly men's basketball head coach Kevin Bromley confirmed Wednesday that the program has received national letters of intent from two high school seniors and one community college transfer.

Six-foot, four-inch swingman Shawn Lewis of Bishop O'Dowd High School, 6-foot-3 combo guard Bo Henning of Christian Brothers High in Sacramento and 6-2 point guard Lorenzo Keeler of Mt. San Jacinto College have all sent their national letters of intent to Cal Poly, Bromley said.

"If we needed to add to our tremendous depth with Dunn (Kevin), and True (Clark), Bromley said Wednesday in a phone interview, "Dawin's going to be a senior next year. I feel we have some good things in place. We add a lot of guard depth."

It is unclear exactly what role each player will have upon their arrivals, but each comes highly-touted by various recruiting services.

Lewis averaged 22 points per game this past season, leading Bishop O'Dowd to a 26-7 record and an appearance in the Division I school record for wins in a season (19-9) and the Division II level in 1991-92, a 12-2 mark at home and 13 wins in its last 16 games.

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"We have some rich tradition here," Bromley said. "Ever since I got here with Ben Larson, Mike Wozniak and now with Char (Thomas) and True (Clark), Bo is going to be a continued part of that tradition. He has the luxury to play behind a couple guys who are good right now."

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"If we had (already) won the conference outright," she said, "there could be a letdown."