Wine and viticulture senior Olivia Teutschel pours Cal Poly wine that was made by students every step of the way. Three kinds are available.

Breehan Yohe-Mellor

Tasting Cal Poly's wines just got easier with the release of three student-produced wines. The 2006 vintage pinot noir, chardonnay and the Mustang Red, a red blend of zinfandel and syrah, were grown on campus at Trestle Vineyard by a select number of enology (the study of wine-making) students. They were made at Orcutt Road Cellars in Edna Valley with the help of wine makers there.

Although the vineyard has been in place for about 20 years, these 2006 vintages mark the first time where students have been involved in every step of the process, from vine to bottle. Even the labels were created by students, with the pinot noir and the chardonnay featuring a mustard and the Mustang Red adorned in black with a splash of red.

Alumna Nicole Chamberlin was involved with the 2006 vintage while interning with Orcutt Road Cellars. She graduated in June 2008 with a degree in wine and viticulture, a concentration in enology and a minor in agricultural business.

"I think Cal Poly's whole learn by doing philosophy is really put to work in this major," Chamberlin said. "You go to viticulture class, you're out there in the vineyard on campus, pruning and counting clusters and all that, and then you actually see it get to come into the see Wine, page 2

CSU system, Cal Poly see upswing in applications

Camas Frank

By Oct. 30, the California State University system had received more than 380,000 electronic applications for fall 2009, an increase of 17 percent from last year. But for Cal Poly, the spike is less dramatic, with an approximate nine percent increase according to Cindy Thompson, the university's associate director of admissions and recruitment. If the trend continues through Nov. 30, it will mark Cal Poly's 15th consecutive year of record application numbers.

Applicants, both freshmen and transfers, will find much more competition for spaces in the school of their choice this fall compared to years past, as schools cut back admissions.

"The main factor is the budget that we're given through the state of California," Thompson said. "We enrolled approximately 1,000 fewer undergraduates for fall of 2008 than we did for fall of 2007 as a direct result of budget cuts from the state. Certainly the situation is looking worse; we're anticipating that we may have to enroll even fewer if it's a system and as a campus we're headed more cuts."

For transfer students, timing can be imperative in this competitive environment. Cal Poly did not accept applications for summer 2008 and winter 2009, forcing students who would have started earlier to apply this fall instead.

"We've put out information that says, 'Hey, we really need you to apply early because of the budget crisis and we simply don't have as many dots as we did before,'" said Teresa Ruiz, communications specialist with the California State University system. "We're hoping that the spike means that students understand that they need apply early to be considered for the campus of their choice."

While the school system deals with hard economic times, prospective students are turning to CSUs for a more economical choice than private institutions, and to help in a depressed job market.

"When the economy goes down the way it has now, and there's a bunt, and there aren't any really good jobs for people to turn to, that's a really good time for people to turn to education and increase their skill set," Ruiz said.

As freshmen decide that college may be a better choice than trying their hand in the job market in an uncertain economy, establishments are seeing a spike in applications.

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By the numbers

17% CSU system application increase from last year
9% Cal Poly application increase so far from last year
$8,100 average annual CSU school tuition
$20,000 to $36,000 average annual private school tuition
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A recent Thursday evening saw TASTE fill up with students and residents alike eager to sample the wines at a Cal Poly wine release party. “I think these sell the most here of all the wines,” TASTE employee and viticulture senior Lori Kline said. “They want to know about them.”

Another TASTE employee and wine and viticulture senior Olivia Trusich led the wine tasting. “This is nice,” she said, as she poured small servings of red wine into a dark wine glass for the tasters. “The blend is more of a salmon-color.”

Tomato said the class was a valuable experience for students to learn about the realities of wine-making. “It’s something that you really have to experience firsthand. Physically it’s hard work as far as maintaining the wine, doing punch downs and pump overs to keep the fermentation going and monitoring the grapes.”

She added that the next batch of Cal Poly wines should be even better. “We’re really old vines and when it was planted, I don’t think they knew the proper rootstock to use,” Chamberlin said. “There are sections of it that when you see it you’d be kind of horrified because the pruning was off. There was a lot of experimentation going on so far as a vineyard to produce wine on a commercial level. It was not really that viable so they want to re-plant it, making sure they have the right rootstock and proper training.”

Once the new vineyard is in place, Chamberlin said Cal Poly can keep up with the competition from other schools that offer wine and viticulture majors such as UC Davis.

“When you tell someone I graduated from Cal Poly in enology they say, ‘Did you study that?’ I think it will be great, one to promote the school as an agricultural school and also for the wine and viticulture programs,” she said.

“It’s pretty crucial to build a program to have students be able to see the wine go from fruit to glass. We definitely have a long way to go as far as a reputation but we’re getting there quickly.”

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Lincold college funds don’t go as far as they used to and state schools are one opportunity to trim the cost, if they can.

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The Mustang Red wine is most popular, and is also cheapest at $16 a bottle.

$24 and the pinot noir was $30. Wines and Viticulture senior Erin Yolo said at TASTE, trying the wines with her experienced palate. Although she was not involved in the creation of the 2006 vintage, she makes wine independently.

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“It’s a good experience for people who want to be wine makers in the future and that want to get in the wine industry,” Yolo said. “Because it’s a really hard class, there’s a lot of chemistry that goes along with it. It’s not just fun wine-making class.”

Chamberlin said that making the wines required stamina, but was worth it in the end.

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State Briefs

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — Tree-sitters opposed to campus development plans at the University of California, Santa Cruz are marking the one-year anniversary of their off-the-ground protest. Work is set to begin as early as this spring on a new biomedical research facility planned for the site where tree-sitters are now occupying a redwood grove. The trees must be felled to make way for construction.

A judge in March issued an injunction against the tree-sitters and anyone bringing them equipment or food. For months, however, the university backed off on its plans, and the protesters have not left their perches.

University officials say they hope protesters will leave voluntarily and not force a confrontation. Protesters say the school needs to do more to protect native species.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Another suicide leap has led to renewed calls for barriers on the Cold Springs Canyon Bridge north of Santa Barbara. Investigators say 56-year-old Investigator gut 56-year-old Gregory Allen Pitts parked his car and jumped from the bridge Thursday morning. The Highway 154 bridge carries travelers from San Marcos Pass into the Santa Ynez Valley.

It was the fourth bridge suicide this year. Forty-seven people have jumped to their deaths since it was built in 1963.

Sheriff Bill Brown says the latest plunge again dramatizes the need for construction of 9-foot "suicide barriers" on the sides of the bridge. A California Department of Transportation environmental study completed June 24 found a $3.3 million barrier would reduce suicides and risks to emergency responders.

MORRO BAY, Calif. (AP) — A high school and an elementary school in San Luis Obispo County were locked down after an anonymous call prompted a gun scare.

The caller claimed that four young people were carrying guns onto the campus of Morro Bay High School Friday, prompting the three-hour lockdown.

Authorities say students at nearby Del Mar Elementary School were also kept in their classrooms because the anonymous call came from a payphone near that campus.

WORD ON THE STREET

"What do you think of the Cal Poly administration’s response to the crop house incident?"

“I don't think they should be expelled. But at the same time their actions were inexcusable.”

-Tori Boden, math sophomore

“I think that they should do more. It seems like they should require them to learn more about the immensity of their actions. Volunteering to move out is not enough.”

-Charlene Mills, philosophy freshman

“I really haven't been following it enough, but regardless of how they are punished, I think what happened is disgusting. This kind of hate isn't something that can be cured by any administrative decision.”

-Mary Fischer, communication freshman

“A high school and an elementary school in a community where we have school shootings every day. It seems like they should do better.”

-Bradley Wray, political science senior

An accident aboard The Nerpa during a test run in the Sea of Japan killed at least 20 people, due to a faulty fire-extinguishing system officials said Sunday.

Vladimir Isachenkov
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The fire safety system on a brand-new Russian nuclear submarine accidentally turned on as the sub was being tested in the Sea of Japan, opening a gas that suffocated 20 people and sent 21 others to the hospital, officials said Sunday.

The Russian Navy said the submarine was test run in the Sea of Japan.

CHINA SAYS NO PROGRESS MADE AT TIBET TALKS

China said Monday that no progress was made at recent talks with representatives of the Dalai Lama and accused the exiled leader of trying to split Tibet from China.

The talks last week were frank and sincere but the "two sides had great divergence over China's policy over Tibet,” said Zhu Weiqun, a vice minister of the United Front, the department in charge of the talks.

"The sovereignty is the most fundamental issue. The Dalai has by de­manding Chinese sovereignty over Tibet been trying to seek a legal basis for his claims of independence or semi-independence over Tibet,” Zhu told a news conference.

The Dalai Lama has maintained for decades that he is trying to seek independence for Tibet, a region China says is an integral part of its territory.

Doctors are evaluating investigational, medicated patches to see if they relieve pain when applied directly to the ankle. Local doctors are currently conducting a clinical research study evaluating the effectiveness of investigational, medicated patches for treating the pain associated with an ankle sprain, when applied directly to the injured ankle.

To be eligible for this study, you must:
- Be 18 years of age or older.
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- Not have taken any pain medication or used compression to treat your ankle sprain.

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and study patches at no cost. Reimbursement for time and travel may also be provided.

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Fears of a Democrat crackdown lead to boom in gun sales

When 10-year-old Austin Smith heard Barack Obama had been elected president, he had one question: Does this mean I won't get a new gun for Christmas?

That brought his mother, the camouflage-clad Rachel Smith, to Bob Moates Sport Shop on Thursday. Smith, the mother of five children and an avid hunter plans to purchase several guns before President-elect Obama takes office.

"I think they're going to really try to crack down on guns and make it harder for people to try to purchase them," said Smith, 32, who bought all five of her children — ages 4 to 10 — to shoot because the family relies on guns for food.

Last month, as Obama won looked increasingly inevitable, there were more than 108,000 more background checks for gun purchases than in October 2007, a 15 percent increase. And they were up about 8 percent for the year as of Oct. 26, according to the FBI.

No data was available for gun purchases this week, but gun shops from suburban Virginia to the Rockies report record sales since Tuesday's election.

"They're scared to death of losing their rights," said David Hancock, manager of Bob Moates, where sales have nearly doubled in the past week and are up 15 percent for the year. On Election Day, workers were called in on their day off because of the crowd.

Obama has said he respects Americans' Second Amendment rights to bear arms, but that he favors "common sense" gun laws. Gun rights advocates interpret that as meaning he'll at least enact curbs on ownership of assault and concealed weapons.

Assisted Press writer Star Guthrie

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Errors of the Dalai Lama have already returned to India after the Oct. 31 to Nov. 5 visit. They have said they would not comment on the talks unti-l after a special meeting of Tibetan exil-e communities and political or- ganizations to be held Nov. 17-22 in Dharamsala.

Both sides have accused each other of being not serious about resolving the Tibetan issue.

The Dalai Lama said last week on a visit to Japan that his efforts to engage China have failed to bring positive changes.

Many Tibetans insist they are an independent nation before Communist troops invaded in 1950, while Beijing says the Himalayan region has been part of its territory for centuries.

Last week's meeting was the third round of talks since anti-government riots rocked Tibet's capital, Lhasa, in March.

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Submarine itself was not damaged in Saturday's accident and returned to its base on Russia's Pacific coast under its own power Sunday. The accident also did not pose any radiation danger, the navy said.

Yet it was Russia's worst naval ac-cident since torpedo explosions sank another nuclear-powered submarinte, the Kursk, in the Barents Sea in 2000, killing all 118 seamen aboard.

Overcrowding may have been a significant factor on Sunday.

The submarine being tested had 268 people aboard, including 81 seamen, according to Russian navy spokesman Capt. Igor Dygalo. Yet Russian news agencies said a sub of this type nor-mally carries only a crew of 73.

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MUSTANG DAILY

In the mood for polka music, feasting on German specialties or just need an excuse to wear a dirndl? If the answer is yes then come to Cal Poly’s Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest will feature traditional German beverages, food, dancing, games and of course, yodeling. “Cal Poly isn’t really known for its cultural diversity. I think it is important to express all different cultures at a university setting,” political science senior and German minor Kiersten Anderson said. “It is another way to educate and enlighten people about how other people celebrate all over the world.”

Although November isn’t the typical time for an Oktoberfest celebration, German lecturer Dr. Corinna Kahnke from the Modern Languages and Literatures Department said she needed a little extra time for planning.

“No one else will have an Oktoberfest in November so for this year we decided to leave it (in November) because it puts a nice little extra spin on the event,” she said.

Although Kahnke is the event’s chief organizer, the students from her German classes have also been hard at work planning and preparing. They decided which German foods will be served and what games will be played as well as making posters, decorating and cleaning up.

Last year, Anderson helped with some of the planning. “I studied abroad in Germany for a year so I was kind of familiar with the whole Oktoberfest shenanigans and theme so we tried to bring it to Cal Poly.”

“When my students and I prepare for Oktoberfest, we look at the whole history of it and the original Munich Oktoberfest. It actually started in the 1700’s as a wedding party for the prince at that time; he got married and they threw a big party,” Kahnke said. “It was such a great success that they continued doing it.”

Heavy beer drinking is one of the first traditions that come to mind when thinking of Oktoberfest. Cal Poly’s Oktoberfest will not be without; however, it will be non-alcoholic beer. “You can’t have an Oktoberfest without at least something resembling the traditional German drink,” Kahnke said. Apple-Gluten, similar to apple cider is another German drink that will be served, Kahnke said.

Students will prepare Wursteln, which are sausages, and sauerkraut along with pickled red beets and pasta salads. Germans take their potato salad seriously. “You may or may not know there is potato salad divide in Germany,” Kahnke said. “There is the northern version versus the southern version. And the southern version is made with vinegar and is usually warm with bacon and the northern version is the one with mayonnaise and sour cream.”

Despite its name, German chocolate cake is not a traditional German dessert. “But it might make an appearance, nonetheless,” Kahnke said.

However, Oktoberfest will be more than just eating and drinking. Participants will experience authentic German entertainment, including Strong Man, an estimation of pretzels in a glass, and Wurstnschnappen, which involves tying a person’s hands behind his or her back and having them try to catch a sausage in their mouth, Kahnke said.

The evening would not be complete without the traditional sounds of polka. “Each year, there is an Oktoberfest song chosen, it is one that really invites you to stamp on your beer benches and sing along,” Kahnke said. “We will provide that kind of music.”

The Modern Languages and Literatures department will be hosting the event on Nov. 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Facility Office North building in room 24B.

The event is free and open to Modern Languages and Literatures majors, faculty and staff, as well as anyone who wants to know more about the German program.
Hollywood joins the furor over gay marriage ban

Derrick J. Lang
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Thousands of protesters are angry about California’s ban on gay marriage — and so are the stars. Many celebrities grieved the passing of Proposition 8 in California this week. Some — such as Wanda Sykes, Rose McGowan and Lance Bass — attended a Wednesday protest criticizing the state’s gay marriage ban. Others — like Ellen DeGeneres, Rosie O’Donnell, Madonna and Melissa Etheridge — vented their frustrations online, on TV and onstage.

Blocks away from the Thursday rally of more than 2,000 gay-right advocates outside the gates of a Mormon temple, several stars — including James Cromwell, Patricia Clarkson, Apliqué Huston and Sean Penn — said they supported the protesters while walking the red carpet at the BAFTA L.A. Britannia Awards at Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel.

“I think it might be an idea to go out and join them shortly,” Penn said. “It was a shameful decision that was made.”

Etheridge, who exchanged vows with her longtime partner in a 2003 ceremony, declared in a blog entry posted Thursday on TheDailyHustle.com that she wouldn’t pay her taxes. The gay Oscar- and Grammy-winning singer-songwriter said that without the right to marry in California, she didn’t think she should have to pay taxes because “I am not a full citizen.”

“I don’t mean to get too personal here,” Etheridge wrote. “But there is a lot I can do with the extra half a million dollars that I will be keeping instead of handing it over to the state of California. Oh, and I am sure Ellen will be a little excited to keep her billionaire bank she pays in taxes, too.”

DeGeneres, on her show and the show’s Web site, provided a brief message of support Friday for President-elect Obama.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Democratic Vice President-elect Joe Biden and the head of the National Women’s Political Caucus are the latest stars to express support for President-elect Barack Obama in his campaign to unite a divided nation.

“I think it’s really interesting to talk to people about my art. I can never tell what someone will like so it’s always something different. When something sells, it’s always what I least expect to sell. I like to get other artists’ opinions because they see different things than what I see. I like to talk to people about what makes the piece interesting to them. I don’t really think it’s interesting to talk to people about my art.”

— Drew Davis

Drew Davis, 22, is a local artist who has lived on the Central Coast his entire life. His vividly-colored paintings, as well as drawings, photographs and animations, can be seen on his Web site, drewbydrew.com.

Drew Davis: What type of art do you do and what medium do you use for your art?

Drew Davis: I do representational and also non-representational art. Abstract, kind of expressionism. Mostly use acrylic and oil. Lately I’ve been using oil more often. Sometimes I combine the two like (using) oil over acrylic.

MD: Are you working on anything specific right now?

DD: I always have a bunch of paintings going at the same time. One popular theme of mine is Ferris wheels and fair. I’m considering exploring that a little bit more. I definitely work on a lot of pieces all at the same time really quickly. And jump around, kind of scattered branched.

MD: Is there anything in particular that inspires you and your art?

DD: Not really. My drawing style is pretty loose. I’ve been incorporating figures into my work. I tend to draw more cartoon-like kind of characters. With my painting, I’m doing an abstract painting. I’ll normally start lively and just loosely. And then it slowly turn it into something else, go in a different direction, like a figure or a landscape or a life, so it has an abstract feel to it. When I’m painting fair stuff, I’ll generally work from a photograph and work pretty specifically.

MD: Have you always known you wanted to be an artist?

DD: Both my grandparents are artists and my aunt (is) so it’s in my family. I grew up doing art. I was home-schooled so I graduated when I was 16 and then got into my first gallery when I was 17 and started showing (my art). I’ve been showing since then. There’s music in my family too, I play piano. I have a lot of creative interests. My dad’s an architect and I think I can see that that’s had an impact on my art.

MD: Do you ever work outside your traditional mediums?

DD: I like to paint on different things like plywood and I also had a series I was painting on copper. I kind of have a compulsive art supply-buying habit. I try to expand my tools. I’ll use wax or house paint. I’ve been all over the map as far as medium and subject matter. It’s a lot of fun and I enjoy it.

MD: Do you have plans for the future concerning your art?

DD: I think I eventually want to have my own gallery. Maybe in San Francisco or L.A. because there’s a bigger art scene. I was even thinking about being an artist, like a figure or a landscape or a life, so it has an abstract feel to it. When I’m painting fair stuff, I’ll generally work from a photograph and work pretty specifically.

MD: Has anything unusual ever happened concerning your art?

DD: I’ve been chased before. I had a guy as a mentor for a couple years and he ended up being a conman and stealing 10 of my paintings and then disappearing. I was more of a business mentor. He claimed to be an artist too, but his work was really bad. He claimed to have business connections and said he would hook me up with his connections. I was pretty young. I had just turned 18. I ran into him once about two years later. I went up to him and confronted him. He started with this whole story, but I told him he owed me money. He pulled out this envelope full of $100 bills and he gave me $1200. He left and I haven’t heard from him again. It wasn’t everything he owed me but it was pretty cool nonetheless.

MD: How would you describe your art?

DD: I paint, I guess, emotionally. I think it’s called somewhat personal in a way. It’s one that sticks out, but I like the way he plays with words in the titles. It reminds me of how I think, a little bit bizarre.

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and the gay-rights advocates protesting Proposition 8. The talk show host, who married actress Portia de Rossi in August, previously donated $50,000 against the ballot initiative and started in a commercial lamenting the measure.

"So there was a demonstration here on Wednesday night," DeGeneres told the audience, "and just before I walked out here, I was watching the news and there is a huge, huge, peaceful demonstration going on in the streets, and I say, good for you, and just before I walked out here, I was watching the news and there is a huge, huge, peaceful demonstration going on in the streets, and I say, good for you.

I support you, and if I weren't here, I'd be out there with you."

O'Donnell, who lives in New York, responded to comments and questions about her stance on the war on her Web site. When one person said he understood why she didn't come out against the proposition, O'Donnell responded: "I AM AGAINST PROP 8. Duh." She also wrote she believes the estimated 18,000 gay marriages would be annulled "like mine was years ago."

The former talk show host, who lives with partner Kelli Carpenter and their four children, publicly wed Carpenter in San Francisco in 2004, two weeks after Mayor Gavin Newsom authorized granting marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The licenses were later voided by the California Supreme Court.

Also ranting online was celebrity disc jockey Samantha Ronson. Lindsay Lohan's gal pal blogged Thursday that she was shocked that California voters approved an animal-rights initiative but that ballot measures about gay marriage and adoption in California, Florida, Arizona and Arkansas were shot down. "I guess people care more about farm animals than they do their fellow man, that's really sad to me," Ronson wrote on her MySpace blog. "Yes, I am glad that the chickens will have more room and better conditions as they wait to die, but I just think it's frightening that people have more compassion for tomorrow's dinner than for the chef."

Other celebs used time in the spotlight to decry the decision. Madonna took a moment during her concert at Dodger Stadium to declare to the audience that she was sad "because African-Americans are equal finally, but gay marriage is not."

Singer Christina Aguilera also spoke out against the ban. "I think it's discrimination," Aguilera said in a Thursday interview with MTV News. "I don't understand how people can be so closed-minded and so judgmental. We chose an African-American president who means so much in a time in history of great change and open-mindedness. Why is this any different? It just doesn't make sense to me."

For one celebrity, voting on the ballot measure itself didn't make sense in a rambling message posted on her MySpace blog Friday, former Hole frontwoman Courtney Love wrote that the language on the California ballot "was confusing and people were voting yes when they meant no or something."
Crops: house incident: opportunity to improve

So you want to know what happened at the Crop's House? You wonder what we know at "the party," there was a confederate flag, a beer pong table with a painted confederate flag, and a noose. There is much speculation and rumor, but we have heard reports of both versions ("no Obama, no liberals" and "no ti-es, no f-t,s, no hoppies"). Regardless of what the allegations are, the presence of a noose and confederate flag only implies one thing and I promise you it doesn't mean a history of the South.

Once the media got a hold of this situation, personal opinions on the outcomes of the students became well known. Some felt that they should be expelled, while others still lack an understanding of "why everyone is so upset." For those of us who have been traditionally marginalized, these words ring true.

Don't know what I mean? Try walking down Marsh Street while a truck full of people shouting "dyke" or "fag-to" or "ni**er" drive by. Going to work with your two gay or black friends and watch the entire place turn to look at you. Think we live in an equal and welcoming world?

The grounds Swell of student activism has been apparent, and I am proud of everyone who has committed to putting an end to acts of anti-African American discrimination on campus, some more aggressive than others, but at the end of the day one message is clear: Cal Poly does not support hate.

Since the beginning of the media storm, I have met with campus administrators several times a day, and I can promise you it doesn't mean a history of the South.

Letter to the Editor

Academic environment should be accepted all around

As members of the philosophy department, I am concerned about the recent shift in academic and anti-homosexuality at the Crop's House. We believe that such acts bètte, offensive and strike fear in valued members of the Cal Poly community for no good reason. As philosophers and religious studies scholars, we are committed to working with students in the pursuit of intellectual virtue and truth.

We will continue to work hard to cultivate a safe, inclusive environment both inside and outside of the classroom that is genuinely welcoming to all. And we will continue to work against oppressive biases on our campus (and elsewhere) that are counterproductive to democratic and indeed, humane ideals.

In closing, we support Dean Halisky's call for a university-wide enquiry concerning how to answer the following question: How do we, members of the Cal Poly university community, what are our responsibilities when hateful actions are committed? (1) Are we responsible for their actions? (2) What are our responsibilities when they result from thoughtlessness or carelessness? (3) Who do we help if they come from ignorance?

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Prejudice is reduced by personal acquaintance

Faculty and staff members of the Cal Poly Psychology and Child Development Department were saddened and alarmed by the Crop's House incident. Although, the strong Cal Poly reaction demonstrates that we have made progress in creating a multicultural community, the acts that occurred are not the isolated cases.

We call upon the individuals involved to promote healing by agreeing to take courses and training to help them further understand and appreciate diversity. We call upon the Cal Poly administration to continue to work with the stronger campus policy in regard to such incidents. We also encourage everyone to gain knowledge by visiting this area in the Crop's House website.

Response to "Conservatives lost the battle, not the war"

Conradia lin - well put. You do not put conservatives on a pedestal, but rather remind us of what we've done wrong. I think we have more progressive individuals who have been too weak and afraid of the social backlash in standing up for what we believe. For all of the confused people who think that Prop 8 is an issue of separation between church and state, please read the Constitution. No where does the Constitution have a clause that even has the words "separation of church and state." In the First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion..."

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Let's talk about gay rights

The passage of Prop 8 is an example of the absurdity of the majority that James Madison warned us about in Federalist No. 10. Thus our govern-ments are too small to be, and the public, good is disregarded in the conflicts of rival parties, and measures are too often decided, not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the minority, but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority. The values of liberty and equality under the law have been overthrown by a narrow, yet profound margin. I have yet to hear a constitutionally justified argument from the proponents of Prop 8. The decision of California voters to ban gay marriage is ignorant and unjustified. We need to address this and re-think the referendum system all together.

- Mike Melzer

Response to "Vigil accomplishes Prop 8"

Sr, you seem at odds with your own conclusions regarding Prop 8. It should be a no-brainer so that the proposition passed when you staunchly support it. You state that the institution of marriage is a reli-gious one, and one that our government supports too. There seems to be a conflict of interest - take the First Amendment which affirms that government shall not make prefer-rence for one religion over another, or religion over non-religious. By amending the California Constitution to include language on marriage, we (the people) voice our prefer-ence for a religious institution. This is unconstitutional.

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**Different gloves, times for Carlos and Smith**

Timm Dahlberg

The men who famously raised their black gloves for racial equality might have been offended. United States' Tommie Smith and John Carlos were pleased.

Pleased because they believe Brandon Obama,因此's president of the United States when he reached for a glove of his own after scoring the winning touchdown for the Denver Broncos on Thursday night.

But count the two sprinters who shocked the world among those happy that he tried.

"I think he wanted people to understand that he understood what it meant," said Smith. "He was a part of the change for the better."

Those were exactly the thoughts of the son of a sharecropper and a runnel from Harlem when times were so very different and the idea of a black man becoming president of the United States was about as alien as black men being paid millions of dollars to play in the NFL.

But there's one big difference.

Football fans can laugh off Marshall as just another egotistical wide receiver trying to get some face time on national television with yet another outlandish end zone celebration.

No one was laughing when Smith and Carlos raised their gloves in protest.

In 1968, it was a tumultuous time in America's racial past. Martin Luther King Jr. had been assassinated just a few months earlier, there were race riots in major cities, and a man who once swore to keep the South segregated forever was running a strong third-party campaign for president.

The United States and the Soviet Union were still locked in the Cold War, and their athletes would meet in the Olympics in Mexico City to battle for athletic supremacy. America almost had to do so without any black men, who came close to boycotting the games after a young sociologist professor, Dr. Harry Edwards, urged them to stay home because of worsening racial tensions.

"We're not trying to lose the Olympics for the Africans," Edwards told the New York Times at the time. "What happens to them is immaterial. But it's time for the black people to stand up as men and women and refuse to be utilized as performing animals for a little extra dog food."

There was no boycott, and Smith ran to a gold medal in the 200 in world-record time. Carlos finished third, and the two were soon on their way to the podium.

Accounts vary between Smith and Carlos as to exactly what and how their silent protest came to be. But as the familiar strains of the national anthem began to play, Smith was at the top of the podium with a gloved right hand clenched aloft, while Carlos was behind him with his left arm in the same pose.

The images of the two black men in defiant poses struck fear in some. They might have been alarmed if they had known Smith was famously re-creating the Lord's Prayer while his head was down.

"That was the longest national anthem in the world," he said. "I think they put a couple more verses in it just kept praying."

The repercussions came quickly.

Prodded by IOC chief Avery Brundage, the U.S. Olympic Committee expelled Smith and Carlos from the Games and sent them home.

Though many in the black community sympathized, they were vilified by most in the United States for being disrespectful to their country and to the national anthem.

But attitudes softened as the years went by and racial relations gradually improved. There's now a statue of the two men in their iconic pose at San Jose State University, and they were celebrated earlier this year on ESPN.

Smith, who went on to become a college professor and the man who looked so menacing 40 years ago is a donning grandfather of 11. Carlos is a high school counselor in Palm Springs, Calif., and the grandfather of 16 himself.

Neither was watching when Marshall pulled out a white glove he had colored half black, only to be dissuaded from putting it on by teammate Brandon Stokley, who was afraid the Broncos would be penalized if he looked like the man in the game.

Both, though, understood the gesture and appreciated what it meant. "He had the right idea in terms of what he was attempting to do," Carlos said. "We've come full circle to the point where so many white people in America can say I put my trust in a black man for the presi- dency of the game."

The fact Marshall could attempt a statement so different in spirit than the one 40 years ago is a tribute to how far the country has come.

And the fact that America could elect a black president is a tribute to those who took a stand before him.

"I'm sure we both have a little smile that we may have encouraged him (Obama) in some way," Carlos said. "I would say the vision he saw as a young kid of us as the stand that had to stay in his mind. He could say yes, I can challenge the system to run for president and be successful."

Obama was successful, in an election that showed deep emotions in the hearts of both men.

Meanwhile, 40 years later, a silent moment in Mexico City is still being heard.

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