Online degree report helps minimize graduation hassles

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Cal Poly released a comprehensive degree progress report (DPR) this quarter, providing an easy way for students to check their current credit and graduation status through the My Cal Poly Portal. Maureen Muller, associate registrar at evaluations and articulations, said she hopes students use the report as a tool to help them graduate.

"It’s a way for students to track their progress on a daily and quarterly basis," Muller said. "We hope it will help with students getting out on time."

The degree progress report uses live data, which automatically updates each quarter as students add and drop classes, make substitutions, transfer coursework and update any information on file with the evaluations office. Kimi M. Ikeda, assistant vice provost of systems and resource management, said the report reflects the complicated curriculum and degree requirements at Cal Poly.

The computerized report classifies courses into necessary requirements. Since a particular course might meet a few different requirements, the system will determine which courses fit best at that time.

The degree progress report is available to all students. According to Muller, those admitted fall 2007 or later will have a more complete picture of the system. The report is not yet complete for transfer student work, but all of the courses taken at Cal Poly will be where they need to be.

"If we can’t provide the complete picture on the electronic report, we will update students with another graduation evaluation. In a few years we are going to be completely on the degree progress report," Muller said.

Muller said the intention of the report is not to replace academic advising but to be used in conjunction with other helpful resources in the graduating process.

Finishing on time needs to be a priority for students, Ikeda said, which means taking at least 15 units a quarter for those in degree programs that require 180 units and taking courses at the times they are offered rather than when preferred.

Ikeda said that all students should meet with advisors if they have questions, review the flow charts posted by the departments to review course and sequencing requirements and review the Cal Poly catalog to understand their non-course degree requirements.

There are two graduating ceremonies: the fall ceremony for those graduating in the fall and the spring ceremony for those graduating in the spring, winter or summer quarters. Graduating is different than walking in the ceremony as it means all requirements have been finished for a degree.

Students are asked to file for a graduation evaluation four quarters in advance of the term they predict they will graduate in order to give the university an appropriate amount of time to process and update the information. The evaluations office sends out an evaluation, which lists completed coursework as well as remaining requirements two quarters before graduation. Ideally, Muller said, any students filing to graduate see Graduation, page 2

Bowling league starts for students with time to spare

Genevieve Loggins
MUSTANG DAILY

Students who seek a more competitive atmosphere than the typical bowling class may find Cal Poly’s new bowling league to their liking.

The college’s first bowling league was originally organized by physiology and community members the lot of participants this year," Coulombe said. "Organizing this league gave us an opportunity to increase interest.

The league, organized by physics junior Kevin Coulombe, was started last fall to increase interest.

"If you really want to leave the system, the bowling alley and will receive gift certificates to several restaurants downtown.

"If you really want to leave your mark here at Cal Poly, that’s a good way because it will be up there for the next 20 or 30 years," Coulombe said.

Mustang Lanes recently finished the lanes and upgraded the computer system, bringing everything up to par for having a league, Coulombe said.

The league currently has six teams with five people on each team, and room for ten teams. The league didn’t want to be delayed any longer from Week of
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next spring would file now.

Muller added that the evaluation
office sends out e-mails periodically
to students who have 1.00 credits to in-
form them that if they haven't filled for
graduation, it's a good time to do so.

Transfer students have a curriculum
doesn't come from the evaluation-office
that shows how courses were transferred
and what requirements they fulfill.

"What happens right now is that
before you get your evaluation, you
have two quarters where you're taking
course work and you don't really know
where you stand," Muller said. "When
you get the evaluation, you have to be
diligent to update it all of the time.
When you file for graduation you're
still kind of in the dark."

El Cerrito Bookstore receives a list
of students eligible for the graduating
term and sends out information re-
garding commencement.

Muller said there is a lot more infor-
mation this report can provide regarding
classes that students need to take,
which will allow the university to plan
better with course offerings.

"We've received some comments
back from students and they seem
genuinely pleased with the report be-
cause it helps them up front with what
doesn't work and what they still need," Muller
said.

The degree progress report can be
seen through the Student Portal page
on the Student Center (CPRLog) channel. Directly under the link
gains is a link for the degree progress.

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Welcome and wanted to start
bowling right away, Couloumbie
said.

Students often hear about the
league from taking a bowling
class to receive an extra
unit, and there was plenty of
feedback that created a suc-
cessful start to the league this
quarter, Couloumbie said.

"I decided to take a bowling
class because I needed an extra
unit, and bowling is al-
ways fun," art and design sopho-
more Danielle DeMecurio
said. "I think me and some
friends are definitely going to
join the league next year."

Call Poly offersously bowling
clases Monday through
Friday starting at 9 a.m. Often
these classes are so com-
plicated up to 40 students could
be on one waiting list.

"There is definitely a strong
interest in bowling on this
campus and you don't usually
find that on just any college
and it's fun," DeMecurio
said. "I like to get away
from the pressure of some of
my harder classes."

The bowling league meets
at 6:15 p.m. every Tuesday at
Mustang Lanes for $5 includ-
ing the shoe rentals.

"We're going to have a
league every single quarter and
I'm hoping that next year we
will have even more people," Couloumbie said. "Everyone
participating this year is hav-
ing a really great time and it's
going well so far."

A bowling league was this quarter formed at Mustang Lanes to
allow students to compete against each other in the game.

In this April 2, 2003 file photo, then-Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal
takes part in a briefing at the Pentagon. McChrystal will replace Gen.
David McKiernan as the top general in Afghanistan as President Barack
Obama tries to turn around a stalemaeted war, defense officials said.

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visit to Afghanistan last week.

Gates said he asked for McKiern-
nan's resignation "with the approval
of the president." The chairman of the
Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mul-
len, and McKiernan's military boss,
Gen. David Petraeus, both said they
supported the switch.

The White House said the recom-
mended change came from the Pres-
tagon.

"The president agreed with the
recommendation of the secretary of
defense and chairman of the Joint
Chiefs of Staff that the implementa-
tion of a new strategy in Afghanistan
called for new military leadership," a White House
spokesman Robert Gibbs said in a statement.

McChrystal is a former special
forces chief credited with nabbing
one of the most wanted fugitives in
Iraq. Taking a newly created No. 2
slot under his command will be Lt.
Gen. David Rodriguez, a veteran of
the Afghanistin fighting who has been
Gates' military shadow, the top uni-
formed aide who tends with him
everywhere.

By year's end, the United States
will have more than 60,000 troops
in the sprawling country — about
double the total at the end of Bush's
presidency but still far fewer than the
130,000 still in Iraq.

McKternan and other U.S. com-
manders have said resources they need
in Afghanistan are tied up in Iraq.

Although Obama had pledged to
send forces in Afghanistan while draw-
ing down the Iraq war, his new ad-
imistration has sought firmer con-
trol over the pace and scope of any
development. Gates and Mullen
have both warned Obama that a very
large influx of U.S. troops would be
unworkable.

Asked if McKernan's resigna-
tion was his idea, Gates said, "Probably," but he praised the
general's long record and said he was
priced to do anything McKiernan
had failed to do. Gates demurred.

"Nothing went wrong, and there
was nothing specific," he said.

Gates, too, was appointed to his
position by former President George
W. Bush. He noted that the Afghan
campaign has long lacked people
and money in favor of the Bush admini-
stration's focus since 2003 on the Iraq
war.

"But I believe, resources or no,
that our mission there requires new
thinking and new approaches from
our military leaders," he said. "Today
we have a new policy set by our new
president. We have a new strategy, a
new mission and a new ambassador. I
believe that new military leadership
also is needed."

McKernan issued a short state-
ment in Kabul.

"All of us, in any future capacity,
will have a new enemy and a new
mission in a new environment and
a better future than the last 30
years of conflict have witnessed."

In June 2006, Bush congratul-
ated McChrystal for his role in the
operation that killed Abu Musab al-
Zarqawi, the leader of al-Qaida in
Iraq. As head of the special operations
command, McChrystal's forces in-
cluded the Army's clandestine com-
batantfrared unit, Delta Force.

He drew criticism for his role in
the military's handling of the friendly
fire shooting of Army Ranger Pat
Tillman — a former NFL star — in
Afghanistan. An investigation at the
time found that McChrystal was "ac-
countable for the inaccurate and mis-
leading assertions" contained in pa-
s requiring that Tillman get
a Silver Star award.

McChrystal acknowledged he
had suspected several days before ap-
proving the Silver Star citation that
Tillman might have died fol-
lowering Tillman's Silver Star. Still, he
did not investigate. He believed
Tillman should have been handled
unlike the handling of a soldier
which his military leaders wanted
Tillman's Silver Star revoked.

Mckernan's military$$
American kills 5 fellow soldiers at clinic in Iraq

An American shot and killed five soldiers serving multiple combat tours over six years of war.

The military statement in Baghdad said nobody else was hurt, but military officials in Washington said one person was wounded. The names of the victims and shooter were not released.

Pentagon officials said the shooting happened at a stress clinic, where troops can go for help with the stresses of combat or personal issues. Soldiers routinely carry weapons on Camp Liberty and other bases, but they are supposed to be unloaded.

A senior military official in Washington said the shooter was a patient at the clinic. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the incident was under investigation, did not know what relationship the shooter had to those he killed. It was unclear whether the victims were workers at the clinic or were there for counseling.

At the Pentagon, Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the shooting occurred "in a place where individuals were seeking help."

"It does speak to me about the need for us to redouble our efforts in terms of dealing with the stress," Mullen said.

The U.S. military is coping with a growing number of stress cases among soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan — many of whom are on their third or fourth combat tours. Some studies suggest that about 15 percent of soldiers returning from Iraq suffer from some sort of emotional problems.

With violence declining, many soldiers face new challenges trying to shift from fighting a war to training and mentoring the Iraqis — tasks that often require skills in which they have not been trained.

Attacks on fellow soldiers, known as fraggings, were not uncommon during the Vietnam war but are believed to be rare in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A brief U.S. military statement said the assailant was taken into custody following the 2 p.m. shooting at Camp Liberty, a sprawling U.S. base on the western edge of Baghdad near the city's international airport.

President Barack Obama, who visited an adjacent base last month, said he would make sure "that we fully understand what led to this tragedy" and do everything possible "to ensure that our men and women in uniform are protected as they serve our country so capably and courageously in harm's way."

On a military base Monday in an attack that drew attention to the issues of combat stress and morale among soldiers serving multiple combat tours over six years of war.

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WORD ON THE STREET

"What is your reaction to the failed drug test by Manny Ramirez?"

"I was kind of happy actually. I never really liked him for his ability."

- Vince Ranzanis, agricultural systems management freshman

"That's not surprising at all, but all the better. Go Giants."

- Kyle Giacomini, forestry and natural resources junior

"People getting nailed in baseball is old news. It seems like it's a constant battle between players trying to find a way to use it and not get caught."

- Fallon Frye, biology senior

"Players that do it lose the confidence of all their fans. So, it's disappointing when something like that happens to the sport."

- Melissa Moore, business administration junior

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U.S. journalist freed by Iran, reunited with parents

Abdolrahim Khorramshahi, defense lawyer of Iranian-American journalist Roxana Saberi, answers media outside Evin prison in Tehran, Iran on Monday.

Ali Akbar Dareini  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

An American journalist imprisoned on espionage charges in Iran for four months was freed Monday and reunited with her smiling, tearful parents—a move that clean a major obstacle to President Barack Obama's attempts to dialogue with the top U.S. adversary in the Middle East.

The United States had said the charges against Roxana Saberi, a 32-year-old dual Iranian-American citizen, were baseless and repeatedly demanded her release.

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The NRC turned away the U.S. military hospital at Bagram.

The boy, whose identity was not released, was hospitalized in stable condition, said Steve Whitmore, spokesman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

U.S. and NATO troops frequently use white phosphorus to illuminate targets and create smoke screens.

The Taliban tighter in the area is ousted, the operation will proceed until the last outsider in Swat and surrounding districts ha earned praise from Pakistani havens where they can plan attacks on American and NATO forces in Afghanistan. But the fighting has unleashed an exodus of refugees, and raised concern about the future of nuclear-armed Pakistan.

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The down and dirty on some under-discussed sex-related hazards

Like famous American critic Alexander Woollcott, said it all the things I really like to do are either immoral, illegal or fattening. And sometimes they cause painful infections.

So in honor of STI Awareness Month (yes, I know it was techni-cally in April, but I was busy coming out in honor of Pride Week last week), today's column will look at three fairly common hazards of sex that don't get as much attention in your high school sex-ed class as do HIV, gonorrhea, chlamydia and herpes. The following information comes from the Mayo Clinic WebMD and my own personal encounters with two of these three entities (but since a lady doesn't know and tell, I'll just let you guess which two).

Yeast Infections

Ew! "Your genitals itch" would be an understatement. They are basically on fire. Also, there's a nasty white discharge that kind of resembles cottage cheese and smells vaguely like bread or beer.

What you did wrong: A fungus called Candida albicans is the usual culprit for this infection. He likes to set up camp in warm, moist ar-eas. Usually your body can fight him off on its own, but he can sneak around it via a small cut in the valva. Don't feel bad ladies, an estimated three out of four women will have at least one yeast infection in their lifetimes. You probably had rough sex, didn't use lubrication or douched one too many times (killing off the good bacteria that can help fight off the fungus). Don't feel left out, gentlemen. You can also get a yeast infection by having unprotected sex with a lady who has a yeast infection.

Make it go away: Yeast infections can be treated with over-the-counter medications. Suppositories come in one, three and seven day treatments and often come with an external cream to ease symptoms. Men can treat their infections with an antifungal cream. In the meantime, avoid tight-fitting clothes or go commando if you like.

Do it right next time: Don't have sex if your partner has a yeast infection and don't be afraid to use some K-Y Jelly or Astroglide.

Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs)

Ew! You have to pee—constantly—even when there is no fluid left in your body. It hurts, and there might even be some blood in your pee.

What you did wrong: There are bacteria in your urethra. Given all the bodily fluids involved in sex, this is a fairly obvious risk. The bacteria can also come from feces, meaning you wiped from back to front. About half of all women will get a UTI in their lifetimes, the in-fection occurring more often than with men due to our smaller ure-thras.

Make it go away: The only way to get rid of a UTI right now is with antibiotics. Your doctor (and the doctors at the Health Center) can prescribe antibiotics that will get rid of your symptoms in a matter of days. They'll also sometimes give you pain medication that makes your bladder feel all warm and fuzzy, and your pee turn orange. In the meantime, drink lots of water or cranberry juice and use a heating pad to ease the pain.

Do it right next time: Always wipe from front to back, and try to pee right after you have sex.

Anal Fissures

Ew! Your anus itches, it hurts, it swells, and it bleeds. Unfortunately, fissures only really heal with time. In about six to eight weeks you'll be okay, provided no complic-ations occur. In the meantime your doctor can prescribe a medicated cream or suppository to reduce in-flammation, and you might need to take a stool softerner. Try to add some fiber to your diet.

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Do it right next time: Always use condoms and plenty of lube during anal sex. Also, avoid constipation by including lots of fiber and water in your diet and exercising regularly. Don't strain when you poop.

Of course with all of these, make sure you take all of the medication prescribed to you, even after symptoms have disappeared. If they persist, see your doctor to make sure it's not something more serious.

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Smithsonian gears up for millions of visitors inspired by new movie

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WASHINGTON (AP) — What happens after dark in the halls of a museum? A few lucky kids will get to find out in the months ahead, thanks to some big promotions and travel deals drawing on the buzz of Hollywood's new museum flick, "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian."

The world's largest museum complex, the Smithsonian Institution, is in the spotlight and hoping the movie, starring Ben Stiller, Robin Williams and Amy Adams, will draw millions of young new visitors to see the real airplanes and artifacts housed in Washington that are featured in the movie. Kid-friendly product promotions already are offering chances to win free trips for a sleepover at the real Smithsonian.

Much of the movie is set at the National Air and Space Museum, though it also features artworks and treasures from other sites on the National Mall. It's set for release in theaters May 22.

"Hopefully they can make history come to life," said aeronautics curator Robert van der Linden, who reviewed the script and made sure film crews didn't break anything while they shot scenes at the museum last year.

The show is "a complete fantasy," he said, noting the Wright brothers come alive with their famous flyer zooming out of the museum (the real plane barely got off the ground). Adams portrays the famed pilot Amelia Earhart with her bright red Lockheed Vega airplane. "It reminds people of what's here," the curator said.

In the sequel to the 2006 film "Night at the Museum," which was set at New York's American Museum of Natural History, Stiller's character, security guard Larry Daley, comes to Washington to find his museum friends who are stone-cold exhibits by day but spring to life when the sun goes down. They had been shipped from New York to a mythical vault under the National Mall.

The film trailer gives a few more hints about the characters he'll encounter in D.C. There are roles for Darth Vader, Oscar the Grouch and even Abraham Lincoln, who rises from his seat at the Lincoln Memorial.

It's even more magical than the first film, said Claire Brown, a spokeswoman for the Air and Space museum, who has seen the new film.

"Paintings come to life. Photographs come to life. Statues come to life," she said. "Nothing's off limits." The Smithsonian is capitalizing on this moment in its first time to be so prominently featured in theaters across the country.

Beyond an agreement with 20th Century Fox for the movie's release, museum officials and the film studio have struck deals with McDonald's, Kraft, Hershey's and Post cereals to make it hard for any-one to miss this movie and offer the chance to visit the real museums. Sweepstakes offer on millions of boxes of macaroni and cheese, candies and cereals will give away free trips for kids to have a sleepover with their families at the real Smithsonian. Another publicity campaign will help visitors find the real artifacts that they see in the movie.

The strategy is driven, in part, by the last "Museum" movie. It brought in more than $250 million at the U.S. box office and helped drive a 20 percent increase in attendance at the New York museum. And the last big movie that focused on Washington's cultural scene, "National Treasure," helped drive up attendance at the National Archives by 200,000 visitors in 2004, drawing special interest among boys.

The Smithsonian already draws 10 million visitors over the summer months but would like to see even more.

"It's reaching a demographic that is so important to our future," Brown said. "We want kids to know they can have fun in museums."

The Smithsonian also stands to gain more than $1 million if the film does well and tens of thousands of dollars in additional revenue from special events. Spokeswoman Linda St. Thomas said they could not reveal specific figures from the moviefilm deals.

Washington tourism officials are planning special "Night at the Museum" packages with city hotels and will advertise for the first time in movie theaters in cities such as New York, Philadelphia and Raleigh, N.C.

The nation's capital already is drawing attention from kids, they said, because there are two young girls living in the White House. (No word yet on whether the Obama daughters have been invited to the movie's world premiere at the Smithsonian's IMAX theaters on May 14.)

"We hope to get them excited," said Claire Brown, a spokeswoman for the Air and Space museum, who has seen the new film.

"Often times we hear that parents have a civic duty to bring their families to D.C. for a vacation," said Victoria Isley of the tourism bureau Destination DC. "But we believe "Night at the Museum" will really help kids inspire visits themselves."

Other Washington-area museums also are getting in on the action with plans to have their exhibits "come alive" at night, regardless of whether they're featured in the movie.

During the last two weekends in May, George Washington's Mount Vernon estate is opening its grounds for lantern-lit evening tours with plans for historical characters to pop out of the exhibits. The site offered similar themed tours tied to the "National Treasure" movie that have been popular even after the show closed in theaters.

"It just proves that marrying pop culture with museums or cultural attractions really works," said spokeswoman Emily Coleman-Drebel. "It gets people excited again about going to museums."
Nutrition Club tackles obesity

Clinton McGue
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly Nutrition Club is addressing rising concerns about obesity in America by developing programs such as Pink and Dude Chefs, which promote a healthy lifestyle. The Pink and Dude Chefs program is a cooking intervention that teaches 12 to 14-year-old children about nutrition through practical application and basic cooking skills. It aims to change the way children approach eating, program coordinator Julie Chesnaisen said.

"The program was founded on the realization of the extreme importance for teaching basic cooking skills as a support system in combating childhood obesity," Chesnaisen said.

About one in every three adults in the United States is considered to be obese, according to the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as 36 percent of children and adolescents. Nutrition Club President Brooke Falvey says that the key to preventing obesity is to promote a nutritious diet.

"I suggest educating yourself on a variety of recipes that include healthy foods and don't eat the same foods over and over," Falvey said of maintaining a good diet. "A lot of the problem is just people getting bored with healthy foods, but all they need to do is change it up.

Besides the Pink and Dude Chefs program, the club has also been known to put on socials, cater events and host discussions for guest speakers. Among the guest speakers, former Cal Poly students return to tell their stories about where they are now, how they got there and what it's like, sophomore nutrition student and club member Kaycent Williams said.

"The club has broadened my scope of the possibilities available to me within the growing field," Williams said. "It has definitely made me really excited about the types of jobs that are available within the industry." During their meetings, students also have the opportunity to sign up for local volunteer opportunities, something the club needs to do more of, according to Falvey.

"We need to be more involved in places around San Luis Obispo," she said.

The goal of the Nutrition Club is to provide a place for nutrition students to network with other students and professionals. To get a feel for what the industry is like outside of the classroom and provide a platform for students to decide whether they would like to work in hospitals, schools, culinary or the food industry, Falvey said.

"(The club) has provided me a place to mingle with others who are interested in studying the same things as me," Williams said. "I have also learned information about jobs within the nutrition field that I never considered or forgot about.

Approximately 10 to 15 people attend every club meeting, but an estimated 70 people are considered to be part of the group that meets in room 113 of the Food Processing Building at 11 a.m. every other Thursday. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21.

'Angels & Demons' more summery than solemn

Lynn Elber
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Maria Shriver said her role in a major HBO documentary series on Alzheimer's stems from the professional and the intensely personal.

"I approached this project as a child of Alzheimer's," she said, a reference to her father, Sargent Shriver, who was diagnosed in 2003 with the fearsome disease that causes deepening, irreversible dementia.

Her work on the four-part "The Alzheimer's Project" also reflects her vantage point as a journalist and a citizen who wants others to get involved in overcoming Alzheimer's, she said.

"It's going to take all of us as a nation to get involved in finding a cure for this," said Shriver, a series executive producer and host of one of the programs. There's reason for hope, according to the documentary. In fact, "The Alzheimer's Project" was a result of the progress being made toward treating and possibly preventing the brain disorder, said series producer John Hoffman.

After HBO's similarly ambitious project "Addiction," produced in cooperation with the National Institutes of Health, the cable channel wanted to continue its relationship with the agency, Hoffman said.

The search for the next topic focused on "where science has advanced and the public is unaware of these gains in knowledge," said Hoffman.

Alzheimer's fit that profile, he said. The disease also is among the most-feared in the nation, affecting at least five million Americans and expected to hit millions more as the population ages, Hoffman said.

But scientists are beginning to crack the disease's code, according to the HBO project, which carefully and, without hype, documents advances against the disease.

The series, beginning Sunday and airing over three nights, also focuses on the emotional toll Alzheimer's takes on its sufferers and those close to them.

It opens with "The Memory Loss Tapes," an intimate look at seven people living with Alzheimer's. The two-part "Momentum in Science," airing Monday and Tuesday, explores research advances with the scientists and physicians leading the way.

Also airing Monday is "Grandpa, Do You Know Who I Am?" with Shriver, who gives voice to the children and grandchildren of Alzheimer's patients. Tuesday's "Caregivers" details the hard work and rewards of those in the disease's inner circle.

Besides being featured on all HBO channels and HBO On Demand, the series will stream free on hbo.com. There's also a companion book, "The Alzheimer's Project: Momentum in Science," and a Web site.

Executive producer Sheila Nevins recognizes that some viewers might be more interested in the science while others are drawn to the personal accounts.

"We don't want people to see one part and think that's the whole story. Every part in contingent on the other," Nevins said. "The hope is that each show answers questions and raises others answered in the multiple programs."

Shriver, formerly with NBC News, a member of the Kennedy political dynasty and wife of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, said the call to action must include but go beyond government support for Alzheimer's research and caregivers.

"It's up to our generation to help find a cure," Shriver said. "A cure is not just going to happen unless we stand up and say, 'There are millions and millions of use, and we're dying in a different way alongside the person who has Alzheimer's.'"
has green suburbia really possible?

Forty miles north of San Francisco, on the site of the former industrial park of Agilent Technologies, work is underway on the ambitious new Sonoma Mountain Village, a 200-acre development that aims to be truly sustainable. Sated for final completion in 2020, the development is America’s first to be certified as a “One Planet Community” by BioRegional, a United Kingdom-based nonprofit that helps developers and cities reduce their residents’ ecological footprints. Touted by developer Codding Enterprises, the community is based on the premise that an ordinary resident will be able to live there sustainably with little extra effort.

BioRegional asserts that “every resident is no more than a five-minute walk to groceries, dry cleaning and other amenities offering local, sustainable, and affordable goods and services.” Key elements of the first homes will begin this year, in the face of a waiting list that is already people long.

As I show up to attend the Sustainable Enterprise Conference being held on the campus, I wondered if it will really be possible for one new development to provide an effortlessly sustainable lifestyle.

The main hurdle: The site is located in Rohnert Park, a sort of small-but-growing suburb where driving is the norm. But the village will also incorporate existing buildings, which have undergone energy-efficiency retrofits. And a non-profit business incubator for sustainable enterprises will open on site.

Once completed, the Sonoma Mountain Village being developed in Northern California aims to be the United States’ first “One Planet Community,” and will provide its residents with an effortlessly sustainable lifestyle.

The community will rely very little on outside resources. A combination of energy-efficiency technologies like passive solar heating will make buildings at Sonoma Mountain Village zero carbon by 2020. California’s energy-efficiency policies created 1.5 million jobs in the past 35 years and have lessened the state’s vulnerability to the current economic crisis, according to a study authored by University of California, Berkeley economics professor David Roland-Holme. Between 1992 and 2006, Californians saved more than $85 billion in energy costs. On-site renewable power will supply the rest of the energy required. In 2006, an enormous 1.1MW solar photovoltaic installation was installed on the roof of an existing building, which, among other things, will power the world’s first zero-carbon data center. The existing solar power array will likely be quadrupled in the future.

To make the construction process as green as possible, Codding has built a steel-frame factory on-site to provide 20 percent of the materials required. The factory runs completely on solar power and sends zero waste to the landfill, even when the steel frames created can be recycled. The use of recycled steel makes it possible to reuse six SLVs to build a 2,000 square foot house rather than cutting down 40 trees. Other materials will be sourced locally to ensure that they were made in a socially and environmentally responsible way. Codding will also be tracks embedding in carbon in materials and services. Finally, the village will also incorporate existing buildings, which have undergone energy-efficiency retrofits.

A myriad of other environmental measures are planned to improve the community’s water, waste and food systems. A plan for zero waste means that by 2020, only two percent of waste will go to landfills. Water conservation and reuse, including the use of greywater and rainwater catchment systems, will be so extensive that no more city water will be required for the site beyond what is already reclaimed from existing buildings, despite adding almost 2,000 new homes. Food for the community’s fair-trade, organic grocery store and rotating list that is already people long will be sourced and residents will have access to community gardens, fruit trees and a year-round farmers’ market.

And the development will encourage biodiversity through green roofs and the restoration of local wetlands and other open spaces.

Codding is attempting to get the first-ever LEED-certified Development Platinum Certification for Sonoma Mountain Village. The U.S. Green Building Council confirmed that numbers of both LEED-registered and LEED-certified projects doubled in 2008 from 10,000 to about 20,000. But in 2009 the development is a good example of how developers can go far beyond the highest LEED standards by taking as inspiration to sustainability that considers the full system.

The development also makes strides to address social sustainability. The village will offer on-site jobs and will provide double the affordable housing units required by law. Codding encourages all tenants to address social sustainability. The village will offer on-site jobs and will provide double the affordable housing units required by law. Codding encourages all tenants to address social sustainability.

Ben Eckdall is a business senior, the former president of the Environment Poly Coalition and a Mustang Daily columnist.
National political news from both liberal and conservative sources these days is dominated by coverage of the implosion of the Republican Party. To the delight of ‘both you’ Democrats and the devotees of bewildered conservatives, the GOP seems bent on self-destruction at a time when one would think there is plenty of political fodder for the cannibals.

The problem is that the party has no cohesive message, no figure with any credibility to voice effectiveness, and party leaders are in many eyes elected Democritean president and his federal stimulus package and massive bank and auto industry bailouts. According to a March Pew Research Center poll, less than half of Americans (48 percent) think that pouring billions of dollars into failing banks is the right thing to do and 63 percent are against doing the same for the auto industry. Isn’t the GOP’s job to hammer the Democrats on this point?

Instead, it seems the Republicans have given up and are setting their sights on 2012 with shaky public relations aimed at rebranding the party and make it once again appealing to moderates. Apparently not everybody is on board.

One of many important lessons of the catastrophic reign of Bush 43, is the need for a strong two-party system. Such one-sided political dominance by any party is reason for concern. Look no further than the first four years of the Bush Administration in comparison to the first half of the Clinton years. There is where the meaning of what I mean. Though it deserved its loss in the last election, it is disturbing to see the Republican Party repeatedly shoot itself in the foot every passing day.

Last week’s formation of the National Council for a New America (NCNA) by House Minority Whip Eric Cantor (R-Va.) and Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) to hold public forums across the nation is the latest attempt by Republicans to drum up interest in the party and regain moderates who jumped ship over the last eight years. The group held their first ‘town hall’ on May 2 at a pizza hut in northern Virginia, capriciously fielding questions from the owner, another Joe the Plumber type, about how the party can represent the needs of small business.

An interesting characteristic of the forum was the omission of certain divisive topics, namely those which social conservatives see as important: abortion rights, immigration and same-sex marriage. The so-called party ‘base’ of the GOP immediately blasted the NCNA, calling the efforts to rebrand the party misguided and out of touch with the Republican rank and file. It seems the party is so divided that any attempt to reign in controls, which the party so desperately needs, is met with internal resistance.

One of the critics, former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, said that a GOP party when Republicans think “it is necessary to form a ‘listening group’ to find out what Americans think we should be fighting for. Not to be outdone, radio commentator Rush Limbaugh likened ‘listening’ to conceding to the center, declaring instead the party needs a ‘teaching tour’.

Another problem with the council is its inclusion of such figures as former Florida governor Jeb Bush, who like his brother subscribed to the failed extension that killed his party. The group reeks of the Project for the New American Century (PNAC), the neo-conservative think tank reponsible for the massive involvement in Iraq and whose Statement of Principles was co-signed by the former governor. PNAC, was supported by other shining stars such as Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, ‘Scooter’ Libby and Paul Wolfowitz, the very people and policies the ‘new’ GOP would like to distance itself from.

Despite denials by Cantor, this whole debate is just the latest shallow effort to make-over a party that has become, as the Democrats call it, “the party of No.” Public perception of the Republican Party as inconstant (Iraq, Katrina), corrupt (Cunninghams, Abramoff) and lacking credibility regarding traditional conservatism is one of control spending and the growth of government has lead to an image that will be hard to dupe. Furthermore, pro-tax cut, pro-torture, anti-immigrant and anti-marriage is not a platform that will win any elections in the near future.

So what are the Republicans to do? I can think of a few things that would be helpful. First, I think the formation of a group like the NCNA was a good idea in trying to move the GOP message back to the center. However, the efforts need to be genuine and the message not just surface-deep. The conversation must not simply ignore topics that divide the party and any efforts at rebranding must not include hardliners like Jeb Bush and Sarah Palin. Look no further than Palin’s inclusion in the moderate McCain’s presidential bid for proof that the far-right voice is no longer resonates as strongly with the voting public.

Also, the party needs to look to the future. Republicans ignore the concerns of millennium and minorities at their own peril. According to an April Pew Center study, the 2008 election was the most diverse in American history; both ethnically and age-wise. The 76.3 percent of the 131 million people who cast ballots is the lowest share of the white voting population ever. The implications this holds for a party that is seen as the one for blacks and well-off white people is disastrous.

The national gap in the GOP message is another area they need improvement. When you have young Bristol Palin refining the effectiveness of abstinence-only education and Meghan McCain admitting that ‘old-school’ Republicans are ‘scared stupid,’ you’ve got a major problem with the future of your party.

Though one could argue his decision was driven by political survival, the recent ship jumping by Sen. Arlen Specter (D-Pa.) has highlighted the fact that there seems to be no room in the party for moderates. Former Secretary of State Colin Powell has been all but shunned from the party he served because he didn’t toe the line with the Bush administration at every step. And the fact that he endorsed the Democratic presidential candidate may have something to do with it. Because he has integrity, former Vice President Dick Cheney recently said he didn’t think Powell was a Republican and would choose Limbaugh over Powell any day of the week.

According to Richard Viguerie, author of “Conservatives Betrayed: How George W. Bush and Other Big Government Republicans Hijacked the Conservative Cause,” the current GOP leadership has no message—or gain—that appeal to the mainstream conservative and that there are no shakers in the party Leaders, enamorating historically popular conservatives are missing in action.

“The ascendency of conservatives to power was done by boat-rockers, not establishment politicians,” Viguerie said in a May 10 Los Angeles Times op-ed. “Barry Goldwater laid the foundation of reducing government to confirm to the Constitution. Ronald Reagan demonstrated that the conservative vision of smaller government is one of prosperity. The Gingrich revolution started making congressional leaders the servants of the people, not vice versa.”

“Republicans need the political equivalence of Alcoholics Anonymous,” he added. First, they must admit their problem (many are in denial). Next, they must promise never to do it again. Then they must recognize what caused the problem (Washington, abandoning the principles of the party and allowing people who didn’t believe in the principles of the party to assume leadership positions). Last, when in a hole, stop digging.”

While I sincerely disagree with most of what the Republican Party of the last eight years stood for, the idea of giving the Democrats spoils of war free reign of the country is not characteristic of a healthy democracy. I would like to see the Republican Party dust itself off and stop letting hawks like Limbaugh and Cheney speak for them. Weak attempts at PR will not bring moderates back to the party—sincerity and honesty will. Last I checked, the moderate conservative voice is still a part of the national political conversation. They deserve better.

— Michelle

Response to other comment on “Kelly Grigg wins ASI presidential election”

Creekside Brewery, located downtown (Broad Street, between Monterey and Higuera streets) has a great citrus-feeling IPA that they brew on site. I’ve never had a saison before, but this has a refreshing grapefruit flavor to it and a similar smoothness, plus it can be easily acquired here in San Luis Obispo.

— Andrew Dorem

Response to “(idx seeks: Hurry for Font”

Colin, you have such little hope in America! I can understand that categorizing Americans into four years of the Conservative Constitutional fascio of the Bush/ Cheney years, I think you are overestimating our economy resulting in the collapse of the global economy, prompting the likes of Britain and Germany and France to call for stricter regulations of all financial institutions on the world stage so that what happened during the Bush/Cheney years won’t happen again. And lets not even get started on Iraq and Bush/Cheney’s total failure in Afghanistan. But alas the sky is not falling like Litle! The sky is not falling yet!

The constitutional Republicans are notorious liars and they aren’t whipped up mass hysteria. Why the Mustang Daily loves being partisan to that I never understood.

— Jason

Response to “U.S. should fix its from esting alliances”
The Lakers say they need to have the kind of energy the Lakers had Sunday.

"If we want to be a championship team we have to go after it every single game," Gasol said. "We can't take for granted that because we're better individually or maybe collectively that we can play 70,80 percent. We have to play 100 percent from the get-go.

Gasol said the Lakers were "disheveled and outplayed and we could have won if we really wanted to.

They didn't, but the Rockets know what the Lakers are capable of.

The Lakers seemed to be in control of the series after Bryant scored 33 in a 108-94 victory on Friday night.

Outscoring Bryant 23-15 on Sunday is going to be a nice little memory for Battier.

"You can't get it back. You've just got to move forward and get ready for the next one," he said.

The Rockets stunned the Lakers — and most everyone else — by racing to a 29-36 lead in the first quarter. They never trailed and led by as many as 29 points before the Lakers at least made it look respectable toward the end.

"We didn't understand the type of energy Houston was going to come with," Bryant said. "We didn't have that type of energy.

It wasn't a case of the Lakers taking the Rockets lightly without Yao, Bryant said.

"Now, man they just kicked our (rear)," he said.

That everyone takes is a free shot. If it goes in, great. If not, we tried. We have nothing to lose. No one expected much out of us. We expect an effort out of us, but we're not going to take our shoes, play hard and take our chances."

The Rockets are in the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 1997. The Lakers are trying to get back to the NBA finals a year after losing to Boston in six games.

Bryant said the Lakers' mood Monday was "grumpy, a little quiet," but that they will just have to deal with the disappointment of the wire-to-wire rout, when the smaller Rockets' lineup took advantage of Los Angeles' defensive lapses.

"You can't get it back. You've just got to move forward and get ready for the next one," he said.

As we said at the top, everybody has an opinion on the safety of a filly running against boys and you can count on the animal rights advocates making theirs known right up until post-time.

Battles between the sexes have been taking place since people began racing horses for money with mixed results. What no one debates is that lately it's taken its toll on the fillies.

While Rags to Riches became the first filly since 1905 to win the Belmont two years ago, it took her nearly three months to recover from that successful stretch duel against Curlin on the punishing New York oval. She was out for three months, then injured in her first race back and retired not long after.

The last two fillies to run the Derby before Eight Belles didn't fare even that well. After the 1999 Derby, Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert ran Excellent Meeting back in the Preakness and she was so gaged that jockey Kent Desormeaux pulled her up with almost half the race left. The other filly in that 1999 race, Three Ring, reared up in the paddock just before her next race, fractured her skull and had to be euthanized on the spot.

Long-term prospects, even for fillies who beat the boys in the Derby, haven't been much better. Neither 1980 winner Genuine Risk nor Winning Colors, the last female winner in 1988, has managed to produce a single stakes winner.

Jackson is sure to come under criticism, not just for running Ravel Alexander against the boys, but for doing so just two weeks after she ran in the Oaks. Never mind that her male competitors will be doing the same, or that Jackson and many others hope for a more enlightened owners and a leader in the movement to reform thoroughbred racing.

Back in the day, Jackson's rival would have relished the buzz that a first-class filly would bring to the field and lined up to detail their plans to beat her. After Winning Colors' gate-to-wire win in the Derby, old school trainer Woody Stephens went so far as to promise he would use up his exceptional colt. Forty Niner, to make sure the filly wouldn't have the same easy trip in the Preakness.

"I might finish last," Stephens said, "but she'll be next-to-last."

True to his word, Stephens burned up Forty Niner in a desperate gambit to send Winning Colors' Triple Crown hopes up in flames. It reignited one of the more heated controversies in racing, but in truth, it only made public a win-at-all costs code that horsemen have honored for as long as thoroughbreds have gone to the post.

But that several of Rachel Alexandra's rivals are prepared to do the same, even if they don't dare say so.

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**THIS WEEK IN MUSTANG ATHLETICS**

**TONIGHT**

**BASEBALL**

**VS. PEPPERDINE**

TUESDAY 6:00PM

**BAGGETT STADIUM**

**Ryan Lee**

Los Alton, CA

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**SPORTS DESIGNER: Kate Nickerson**
**Mustangs look to avenge early season loss**

Scott Silvey  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

The Mustangs have once again compiled a case for the postseason at the Division I level and have been left on the dark on multiple occasions despite building quality resumes.

Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee's team has once again compiled a number of quality wins this year he wants to ensure that his club isn't left out again.

"Wins are wins from this point on," Lee said. "We're not really concerned whether we get the wins in conference or non-conference. I just think that wins are important and our team needs to come to play every day."

The Mustangs (33-13) will have the chance to not only pick up another win, but to erase an earlier lopsided loss when they host Pepperdine on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Baggett Stadium.

The Waves (27-22) pounded Cal Poly 16-6 when the teams met on March 10. Pepperdine entered that contest ranked 10th in the nation but have since fallen on hard times, dropping seven-consecutive games at one point to fall out of the Top 25 standings.

Still, Lee is being cautious with the Waves and will send a traditional weekend starter, junior Jared Eskew to the mound on Tuesday.

"It's the best available arm," Lee said. "It gives us the best chance of being successful in a midweek game. A lot of times we get down pretty early in the game and really those midweek games you're just trying to piece together nine innings."

The Mustangs had dropped three of four midweek games dating back to early April seeing freshman midweek starters Jeff Johnson and Kyle Anderson struggle to get to the fifth inning.

With Eskew on the mound, the Mustangs will have a starter that has thrown 66 innings to the combined 39 innings of Johnson and Anderson.

The starting rotation isn't the only thing that Lee has had to adjust in recent weeks. A rash of injuries and illnesses has presented many lineup challenges, including the loss of freshman second baseman Matt Jensen to a broken clavicle.

The Mustangs have been so hanged up that only upper outfielder Ryan Lee and junior shortstop Kyle Smith start every game this year.

"It's a little bit of luck," Smith said of his avoiding the injury bug. "You never know what's going to happen in each game. We've had some unfortunate illnesses and some important guys going down — it's been tough."

Coming off the weekend series loss to Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly struggled to a 1-3 record last week and dropped six spots to No. 18 in the polls.

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**Grumpy Lakers, loose Rockets ready for Game 5**

Bernie Wilson  
**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Los Angeles Lakers players sit in the bench during the four quarter of Sunday's 99-87 loss to Houston.

The Houston Rockets are loose and having a good time, even if they don't have Yao Ming.

Come Tuesday night, one of them is going to have a 3-2 lead in their Western Conference semi-final series.

The top-seeded Lakers no doubt figured that they would have a chance to close out the Rockets in Game 5 at Staples Center. But that was before the Rockets embarrassed Los Angeles 99-87 on Sunday, tying the series and picking up their pace a day after finding out that the 7-foot-6 Yao had a stress fracture in his left foot.

"We're, we had a great opportu- nity," Los Angeles' Kobe Bry- ant said. "I've been on teams who have made this dumb mistake be- fore. It's important for my guys to stay up and get ready to play and understand that come Tuesday we're going to face a really hungry Rockets team that believes they can win this series."

The series is poised to go back to Houston for Game 6 on Thursday night.

"We've had a huge advan- tage, put ourselves in a great position to finish the series off tomorrow, but we didn't and we own up to it," center Pau Gasol said. "That's why we're going to come out tomorrow and show what we're made of."

The Lakers could be without forward Lamar Odom. He was listed as questionable for Tuesday night's game after an MRI and CT scan showed he has a bruised lower back. He was hurt Sunday when he drove into the lane and collided with Shane Battier, land- ing hard on the court.

The Rockets would love to be the ones going back to Houston with the series lead.

They were in a good mood af- ter watching film following their arrival in Los Angeles on Monday afternoon.

"We have a free mentality," said Battier, who outplayed Bryant in Sunday's wipeout. "Every shot see Lakers, page 11

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**Latest battle of the sexes set for the Preakness**

Jim Litke  
**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Everybody has an opinion on whether a filly should run against the boys. The one that mattered most was voiced Sunday by the man heading up a group that last week paid between $3-4 million for Kentucky Oaks winner Rachel Alexandra.

After watching the filly work out over the same Churchill Downs track where she devastated the top 3-year-old females the day before the Kentucky Derby, owner Jess Jackson pronounced her ready for the Preakness and the top 3-year-old males. Then he backed up his boast by offering to pony up another $100,000 in supplemental fees to buy Rachel Alexandra a spot in the field for the second jewel of the Triple Crown.

For a sport that craves attention the way its stars crave sweats, the chance to hype this latest battle of the sexes should have been a no-brainer. While Jackson didn't have to wait long for his peers to agree, confirmation sure came in a roundabout fashion.

A few hours later, the owners of Rachel Alexandra's two biggest rivals — Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird and runner-up Pioneerof the Nile — reluctantly announced they'd abandoned a scheme designed to keep the filly out of the race.

"He hasn't about it," Bennie Woolley Jr., who trains Mine That Bird, said about co-owner Mark Allen and coconspirator Ahmed Zayat, who owns Pioneerof the Nile, weren't quite so hung up on principle earlier in the week. Both had their reason for wanting to keep Rachel Alexandra out of the race In the Preakness Stakes, the second jewel of the Triple Crown. see Derby, page 11

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**BASEBALL NCAA TOP 25**

**TEAM** | **RECORD**
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1. UC Irvine | 37-11
2. Louisiana State | 38-13
3. Arizona State | 38-11
4. Rice | 37-13
5. Cal State Fullerton | 36-13
6. Texas | 36-12
7. Georgia Tech | 35-12
8. North Carolina | 38-13
9. Mississippi | 37-15
10. Virginia | 37-10
11. Kansas State | 38-13
12. Auburn | 35-15
13. Florida | 35-17
14. Texas Christian | 31-14
15. Oklahoma | 37-12
16. Texas A&M | 33-18
17. Florida State | 36-14
18. Cal Poly | 33-15
19. Clemson | 34-17
20. East Carolina | 37-15
21. Minnesota | 33-14
22. Dino | 36-14
23. Louisville | 36-14
24. Mmir | 32-18
25. Missouri | 30-23

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**NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY**

The Mustangs won on Sunday to avoid being swept by the Titans thanks in large part to the pitching performance of Mason Radeke. The freshman held the No. 8 Titans to four runs over eight innings.

"It was just what we needed," Lee said of Radeke's 130-pitch outing. "Mason Radeke pitches well beyond his freshman status."

The idea that the Mustangs would slip in the public's perception after dropping two of three to one of the best teams in the nation signals a departure from old mentalities.

"I think definitely there's a different attitude here this year," Smith said. "As coach Lee stresses, 'We're playing against the ball, it doesn't matter who we're playing against. We're expecting to win no matter who we're playing out of the policy."