Candlelight vigil for Haiti tonight

Anica Aylor

A candlelight vigil for the crisis in Haiti will be held tonight at 7:30 on Doctor Lawn. Raise the Respect, a Cal Poly Student Community Services program, is hosting the event to raise money for those who lost their lives in the 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti that occurred Jan. 12.

The event will allow students to express their support for the Haitians, said Joy Harkins, a program coordinator of Student Life and Leadership.

“I think a lot of students are looking for ways to show their support,” Harkins said. “The Student Community Center is looking for ways to help the students to act locally.”

The vigil features various speakers supporting and honoring the innumerable suffering Haitians with a reading or a poem. Members John Honorato, a native Haitian and a civil engineering junior, will talk about his family and friends as they deal with the ongoing disaster.

Molly Roach, a child development junior, will share a reading on behalf of former student, Jack Stremmer, who was present during the earthquake. Megan McIntyre, an industrial engineering sophomore, will be performing slam poetry.

“Help Haiti Now” merchandise will be sold, including buttons, bags and pins. All proceeds will go to those who donate. All donations and proceeds will go toward an organization aiding Haiti to be determined.

“We hope that students can show their support in some way, either by spreading the word or giving a donation,” Harkins said. Co-director of Raise the Respect, Lauren Herrera, an industrial engineering senior, remains optimistic about the situation in Haiti.

“It’s tragic that this earthquake happened and so many lives have been taken, but in some respects, it happened and so many lives have been saved. People are helping each other and coming together.”

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Educational tax credit expanded

Megan Hassler

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the federal government has announced an expansion of an existing educational tax credit. The credit was announced this month by the California State University system to inform students and parents that they may be eligible. This change is for tax years 2009 and 2010.

The American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOC) was created by the stimulus plan. This was an expansion of the existing credit, which was introduced in 1997. After an increase of the Hope credit last year from $1,650 to $1,800, it has now been raised to a maximum of $2,500.

Other changes from the Hope credit to the AOC include:

- The first four years of higher education, the expansion of the credit is only for two years. After 2010, students can apply for the lifetime learning credit. To apply for this, a student must be enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution and pay the qualified tuition and fees.
- The applicable fees have been expanded to include textbooks; however, this is not the only expense that can be claimed under the AOC. The qualified expenses have also been expanded to include books, supplies and equipment that are needed for education as well as the tuition and fees the old credit included before.
- At Cal Poly, students spend hundreds of dollars on textbooks every quarter. Some students can spend as much as $500 per quarter. Depending on a student’s field of study, their books can cost more.
- Biological sciences senior Sabina Gill says she spends an average of $500 per quarter. Some students can spend as much as $500 per quarter.

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Former ambassador addresses students regarding economy

Patrick Leiva

Former U.S. ambassador to Australia Bill Lane spoke to students Tuesday morning about economic challenges.

Lane said new opportunities were arising all the time for student employment, saying he wanted to encourage students worried about their future employment. Too much of today’s media is focused on the negative and students should remain open-minded with their options that come along, he added.

Before serving as a U.S. ambassador, Lane worked as a co-publisher of Sunset Magazine with his brother Melvin for almost 40 years. During the depression, Lane and his brother walked door-to-door selling the magazine and he said he learned

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Prof awarded for architecture studio

Mikaela Akuna

A Cal Poly professor recently won the Creative Achievement Award from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) for his work and development of the Collaborative Integrative-Interdisciplinary Digital-Design Studio (CIDS) on campus.

Professor Thomas Fowler began work on expanding the studio in 2000 from what had been nothing more than a computer lab since its start in 1997. He wanted to grow the CIDS program on a large scale. Now, room 207 in the Architecture and Environmental Design building acts as a type of brain base where Fowler can meet with CIDS students to discuss projects they may be working on.

“I had the idea of evolving the computer lab and integrating community projects into the course work. I feel strongly about the students I teach being involved in real projects with design and building. It’s an important part of learning,” Fowler said.

CIDS is an integrative program that allows junior, senior, independent study and work study student
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participations. The program brings together architecture students as well as students from other fields to collaborate on projects. The goal is to teach students how to work in teams and communicate with people not specialized in other areas of a project to create a final product.

"At first, students seem to get frustrated by having to work with other disciplines, but eventually they get used to the idea and learn to work well in teams," Fowler said.

The CID's students have been involved with several projects around the community. A past team of more than 100 built an inflatable structure out of a quarter mile of plants. The structure acted as a mobile theater that took at least three weeks to develop and one to assemble.

Currently, a team of CID's students is working with the housing authority here in San Luis Obispo on a project called Housing Opportunities through Modular Environments (HOME). Students are working with professionals to create a single room occupancy development to function as transitional housing.

The design team from HOME asked CID's early on in their planning to collaborate on ideas. In fact, the presentation Fowler and the CID's students put together for HOME was thought up by a Cal Poly student. They often guest lecture to his classes and look at student projects to give them ideas, critiques and tips.

"Hearing something from someone one other than a professor or teacher can be really important to students," he said. "Getting professional insight on what they're doing in school and how it connects to what they will be doing outside of school can be uplifting."

The CID's program has grown largely in the last decade and continues to attract real world experiences for its students. Some of their projects can be seen on an outdoor display in front of the Architecture building.

It's more than just Fowler, "I always tell my students that they need to find ways to present what they're doing to others, to meet. They need to tell their stories in a compelling manner so that anyone of any discipline can understand and appreciate it."

On receiving the award, Fowler said that he submitted a portfolio to ACSA of projects that had been done by the group over the years, along with an updated resume. He said that although confident, his expectations weren't high since most programs, no matter how outstanding, don't generally get a response.

Fowler will receive the award at the ACSA Annual Meeting in New Orleans on March 5, 2010.

"Just teaching and not having this component would be boring," he said. "I think it's just a quick design or a more long-term project, this way there is always a level of real involvement for my students."

Mark Landon, founder and executive director of the Nature Corps, recommended that Lane speak to students after working together on preservation efforts in national parks. Landon has been involved with Cal Poly since the early 1990's through the landscape architecture department and has served as a mentor to Cal Poly business students for five months.

Landon said he wants to instill a personal ethic in students to want to meet today's obstacles. He said life will always present a series of challenges and that you need to have global and current conditions and does not want students to be "myopic" in what they do.

"The most profound message that I want students to understand is that we need to be looking out of the box, but what you give in life," Landon said.

Landon concluded by saying that he wishes students to have different attitudes and perspectives and the greatest rewards in life come from what people choose to give.
Obama to emphasize jobs, economy in State of the Union

Margaret Talev and Steven Thomson

WASHINGTON — The Barack Obama who will deliver the State of the Union address Wednesday night faces a grimmer, more dubious audience than the popular new president who was riding high when he first addressed Congress last February did.

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обｬ(цц' 23x1114] The president also is likely to underscore his commitment to a "health care bill, but to put it in the context of how it will serve the nation's economic well-being.

"The number one issue by far is jobs and the economy," said Cliff Young, a pollster at Ipsos Public Affairs. "People are worried about their pocketbooks. Foreign policy is still on the radar, but it's way down on the list. It's domestic issues.

Obama needs to be empathetic about people's problems and offer concrete solutions without over-promising, Young said. "There's a malaise, a sense that the government hasn't been able to get this thing done," Young observed. "The more likely he becomes known as the guy who can't get things done,"

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Americans' agenda for the president and Congress in 2010, according to a new poll.

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Saab, Ford hiring, GM building electric engines

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LONDON — More signs emerged Tuesday that the auto industry is recovering from its deep downturn, including the sale of the Swedish upscale car brand Saab. Ford Motor Co. said it will hire an additional 1,200 workers, and General Motors Co. announced a big investment in manufacturing electric motors.

And sports-car maker Spyker Cars announced Tuesday that it will acquire Saab from General Motors.

As part of the agreement, Spyker said it will form a new company, Saab Spyker Automobiles, which will continue the Saab brand.

"Today's announcement is great news for Saab employees, dealers and suppliers, great news for millions of Saab customers and fans worldwide, and great news for GM," John Smith, GM's vice president for corporate planning and alliances said in a statement.

Ford said it will invest $400 million in a Chicago factory and will hire 1,280 workers to start a staff at the site, where the automaker will produce the next-generation Ford Explorer late this year.

"The Ford announcement is highly meaningful. Ford is in the middle of a record number of new product launches. They are scheduling a 15 percent increase in production over last year in the first quarter in North American production," said Jean-Michel Michaud, chief economist for the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He noted that the Chicago announcement might mean the hiring of hundreds of "new entry" workers that cost half the hourly rate that current factory employees earn. He estimated that as many as 600 of the new hires could fall under this lower-paid category.

The new workers will start at $14 an hour and over a period of years will get raises to bring their wages to the same tier as current employees, said Mike Omotoso, an analyst with J.D. Power & Associates, the auto information company.

"It was a concession the United Auto Workers union made to get Ford to hire workers and not be at a cost disadvantage compared with the other companies," Omotoso said.

He expects there will be plenty of applicants. "In today's economy people are grateful for a $14-an-hour job," he said.

The new Explorer, which will be built on the same frame as the Ford Taurus and Lincoln MKS sedans already made at the plant, will get at least 25 percent better fuel economy than the prior truck-based version, Ford said.

"This investment underscores Ford's commitment to building world-class, fuel-efficient vehicles in America and creating new jobs that will contribute to our nation's economic recovery," said Mark Fields, president of Ford's Americas division.

"The Explorer will feature the auto industry's first seat belts that inflate upon impact, which Ford said this reduces pressure on the chest and that it controls head and neck whipping for rear-seat passengers. The automaker plans to extend the technology to other vehicles in its lineup. Meanwhile, GM will spend $236 million to become the first major U.S. automaker to design and manufacture electric motors, which it sees as the core technology for hybrids and electric vehicles.

"In the future, electric motors might become as important to GM as (gasoline-powered) engines are now," said Tom Stephens, GM v-p for global product operations.

The automaker plans to start selling its electric Chevrolet Volt model later this year.

GM believes that by bringing the design and manufacturing in-house, it will lower costs and "improve performance, quality, reliability and manufacturability of electric motors by controlling design, materials selection and production processes." The first GM-produced electric motors will appear in three years in the company's next-generation, rear-wheel-drive hybrid vehicles.

"Electric motor innovation supported the first wave of automotive growth a century ago with the electric starter, which eliminated the need for a hand crank and revolutionized automotive travel for the customer," Stephens said. "We think the electrification of today's automobiles will be just as revolutionary and just as beneficial to our customers. Electric motors will play a huge role in that."

A $105 million U.S. Department of Energy grant will be part of the $246 million investment. Omotoso said the GM electric engine plans are linked to the company's concern about being able to meet a 35.5-mile per-gallon federal standard for its fleet in 2016.

"GM wants to keep building trucks, so they need hybrid and electric technology to give them good fleet fuel efficiencies," Omotoso said.

He said consumers should expect to see hybrid drive trains in many GM full-size pickup trucks and SUVs.
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Stating one’s own excellence in the bedroom is a pretty bold claim to make in a national publication. So is exposing your ex-girlfriend’s weight (and the fact that it’s more than yours).

These are just two of the things revealed in the column “Good in Bed” in the fictional magazine, Moxie, about the aforementioned ex-girlfriend and main character of Jennifer Weiner’s novel of the same name: “Good in Bed” is Weiner’s debut novel. It follows the life of Cannie Shapiro, labeled a “larger woman” by her ex-boyfriend Bruce, the columnist who uses their relationship as fodder for his column in Moxie. Cannie is a 28-year-old reporter living in Philadelphia and struggling with both her weight and recent breakup at the opening of the story.

Cannie’s struggle with her weight began in childhood. Coupled with innumerable family issues gives Cannie a lot to be bitter about — and it shows. While her sarcastic wit is frequently clever and likable, she sometimes comes off as simply petulant.

After being the focus of an article entitled “Loving a Larger Woman,” Cannie enrolls herself into an experimental weight-loss program, which leads to multiple starting developments. It is in this program that she meets Dr. Krusheloevsky, just one of the many quirky and delightful characters in this novel. Dr. K, or Peter, is an incredibly understanding man who takes a special interest in Cannie and breaks the life-changing news (spoiler alert) that she is pregnant.

This very unplanned pregnancy sends Cannie’s life into a tailspin, but also leads her to discover how important and loyal her friends and family really are. Her life takes a series of dramatic ups and downs, some almost unbelievable in their extremity, but fascinating to read about nonetheless.

The road is not an easy one, but readers will laugh and cry right along with Cannie’s little black hole is heartbreaking, but her rise to happiness is written with such a sharp, smart humor, and Cannie’s never-ending supply of clever quips start to veer towards just plain cynical.

However, things start to look up when Cannie travels to the land of the rich and the famous, with a free passport in the form of Maxi, an impossibly not to be happy for Cannie when she finally catches. She meets famous actors, gets a makeover worthy of any socialite and settles into Maxi’s beautiful beachfront home.

But with every high must come a low, and Cannie’s life hits hard when she arrives back in Philadelphia. Suffice it to say that Bruce re-enters her life like a harsh slap of reality, and sends her life into an even wilder turmoil than before. Her struggle out of this black hole is heartbreaking, but her rise to happiness is written with the requisite supporting cast of all great women’s literature.

Weiner’s voice is relatable and engaging in her creation of Cannie, a truly unique leading lady who just can’t be kept down. This novel was surprising in all the right places, and written with such a sharp, smart humor that anyone who’s ever tried to navigate their way through single-woman life crises, a more-than-slightly dysfunctional family and big dreams will laugh and cry right along with every twist.

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Activist to speak on undocumented immigrant education

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Undocumented immigrant activist Dr. Paz Maya Oliverez will speak in Vista Grande Cafe Thursday at 7:30 a.m. as part of Cal Poly’s Provocative Perspectives series. Oliverez is the executive director and founder of Futuros Educational Services, a non-profit organization that provides mentoring and scholarships to low-income and immigrant students.

One-fourth of the nation’s undocumented immigrants reside in California, constituting 8 percent of the population, Oliverez said.

Yet, undocumented students who have excelled academically in high school, but who are not legal residents, are ineligible for financial aid. The financial restriction is a barrier for students, through no fault of their own. They have no path to citizenship or success, Oliverez said.

“A lot of times the assumption is that these kids are unready to go to college,” Oliverez said. “Now folks are realizing some of these kids are high school valedictorians.

Oliverez lecture is a part of the Provocative Perspectives series. The series has been at Cal Poly for seven years, and brings a broad cross section of experts to speak about their thoughts and ideas on current and controversial issues that can affect Cal Poly students, faculty and staff, said Cornell Morton, Cal Poly vice president for academic affairs.

“The primary purpose of the series is to support and encourage campus-wide dialogue on issues related to student success, intellectual freedom, and diversity,” Morton said.

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Students aren’t eligible for financial aid. With funds, Futures is able to offer scholarships, application assistance, and assistance fundraising for college, and group workshops related to preparing for college and applying to college.

Besides establishing Futures, Oliveira has also been instrumental in developing AB 540, The College and Financial Aid Guide for Undocumented Immigrant Students. AB 540 qualifies undocumented students to be exempt from paying significantly high out-of-state tuition at public colleges and universities in California. Where the law was a big step in terms of accessibility, in-state college tuition is still thousands of dollars.

“Although students have greater access than they did, it is still really tough,” Oliveira said.

To address the plight of undocumented students where AB 540 falls short, Congress must ensure the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act goes forward, she said. The act provides access to financial aid and a thoughtfully mapped-out path to citizenship for qualified students.

One such student affected by these laws is Nancy Guzman. Guzman didn’t find out until her senior year of high school when she went to apply for her driver’s license that she was an undocumented immigrant. Her mom was reluctant to tell her that she brought her over from Mexico when she was 8 months old. She hasn’t been to Mexico since.

Guzman first met Oliveira at an AB 540 conference in 2005. At the end of her presentation, Oliveira gave out her contact information. “I did eventually call her, she was so nice,” Guzman said. “We met up at a coffee shop, she helped me apply for scholarships and to transfer schools.”

Guzman has now graduated with honors from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Because she is in the country illegally, she couldn’t legally work while attending UCLA. She paid her tuition through tutoring and babysitting. Guzman is currently in her masters program at UCLA.

“I feel like I wouldn’t have gotten as far as I have without (Oliveira) support and help,” she said.

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ready to charge his iPad. That’s right, an iPad. While you can give the writers credit for trying something unexpected and new, it ultimately works against what previously was an enthralling plot.

The town is ruled harshly by a man the town calls Carnegie, who ensures the obedience of his followers with the promise of a consis­tent supply of water. Carnegie is played by legendary master of the craft, Gary Oldman (“The Dark Knight,” “Harry Potter”), Oldman, being de­nied even a single Oscar nomination in his long and outstanding career, is in my opinion the most underappreciated actor in cinema history.

Just take a look at his filmography and you’ll be quick to say that he has had major parts in an un­believable number of praised films, further cementing his status as arguably the greatest character actor of our time with this latest role.

Carnegie has an abused wife, or more accurately an abused concu­bine, named Claudia (Jennifer Beals). Claudia’s daughter Sobia, played by Milla Kunis (“Fingertip Sarah Marshall”) (“Entr”) later serves as Eli’s sidekick, who only wish is to take revenge on the man who has mentally and physically devastated her mother. Carnegie needs Eli because he wishes to be in control of The Bible so that he would be able to re­ward and rule many more towns.

The Hughes brothers have a distinctive and dynamic way with images in this film, as seen in their other film like the before mentioned “From Hell” and career launching 1993 urban drama “Menace II Society.” The film definitely looks good, and the performances delivered from Washington and Oldman do enough to keep the film from being the every other played out post-apocalyptic blockbuster.

Some people will like this film, some will love this film and many will most definitely hate this film. I personally am caught between hate and like, and will most likely be viewing the movie at least one more time.

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Health care reform appears to be the only concern in Washington these days. In the words of Rep. John Lano, D-Corn, "The important thing for us now is to close ranks behind the president and get a bill done." First there was the race to get it through the House, where it passed by a margin of two votes. Then, with fears arising that it would not pass, Senate Democrats pushed to buy the votes of some of their fellow Democrats to secure the bill's passage prior to Christmas Day.

And the pressure only seems to build.

Now in final negotiations, Obama and congressional Democrats have officially excluded Republicans in order to work out the differences of the two versions without unnecessary resistance. What ever happened to democracy? Where is the bipartisanship that Obama promised during his campaign?

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi keeps telling the American people that we are getting closer and closer to passing a bill, but at what cost? Why is Congress expediting a bill that has the potential to determine the health and financial wellbeing for years to come? One cannot even begin to comprehend the full implications of such a reform policy, especially in the period of few months. Congress is rushing for the sake of rushing. Furthermore, the administration and key Democratic players decided against allowing C-SPAN to tape any of the negotiations.

This undoubtedly begs the question: What do these leaders have to hide? As they so often do, Americans are directly affected by the bill, and should be able to witness these negotiations.

I can say with complete confidence that most college students would prefer watching a microwave to actually watching C-SPAN, but we should at least be able to hear about what goes on behind those closed doors. Back in the initial forums and town hall meetings, the American people actually had a voice on this critical matter. Why the sudden secrecy, especially when the final details are being negotiated? Where is our first amendment right to free speech when Americans need it most?

The Obama administration and Democratic leaders obviously don't want us to know about the political deals made within the chamber, as they are solely concerned with passing this massive bill, and like those dastardly conservatives, the American people might get in the way.

These leaders believe it is critical for Obama to create a lasting legacy, and show that he indeed effected "change." With this landmark legislation on his record, the president will be able to make a name for himself, but with almost guaranteed negative consequences.

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former USC safety Taylor Mays will be one of many NFL prospects on show case in the Senior Bowl.

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