Students learn to ‘Major in Success’

Jessica Tam

Motivational speaker Patrick Combs never thought he would be inspiring people for a living.

"I had run into a unique set of advice from a phenomenal professor who taught me how to do college differently," Combs said. "I got in it because I was like, man, I certainly want to be the guy who shows other students how they can do college differently so they can be happier (by finding a) job that they really love, getting paid more, and feeling like they’ve got a lot of control in life."

Combs spoke about making college experiences more successful and how his first novel "Major in Success" gives advice to first and second year students on how to do college differently, according to the professor.

"I was one of her worst students who had a bad attitude and struggled to get good grades," Combs said. "But she started teaching me about real-world success and what I would have to do during college to get it."

Combs said his professor was influential because she stepped outside the college norm. Typically, he heard students were expected to go to school, pick their major, do their homework and graduate. However, the professor taught him this "has nothing to do with the vast majority of what students will be." Instead, increasing the college experience and finding something you love to do is far more important.

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Summer make-up program ranks poorly with Cal Poly

Russell Peterson

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Cal Poly opposes the California State University mandated Early Start program, a math and English summer remediation program, because the CSU is attempting to fix something that is not broken, the mathematics and English department chairs said.

"Instead of having 10 weeks, they have 20, so we are slowing down and giving the additional help to students who need it," Rummell said.

"They work with the same students and the same instructor, so they develop a sense of continuity," Rummell said.

Rummell said a shorter summer course will have the opposite effect on students. In a short course, the students have 20 weeks to develop but if enrolled in a summer course, everything will have to be taught at a much faster pace. This, in turn, sets many students up for failure in the summer remedial course, Rummell said.

PCV buildings compete to see which is more green

Amanda Sedo

The 2010 Poly Canyon Village (PCV) energy competition will end today. Students in each of the buildings started competing Oct. 12 to decide which building has the smallest carbon footprint per person.

As of Nov. 8, Estrella is in the lead followed closely by Aliso and Huasna.

Pizza was awarded to the respective leaders of the competition each week and a grand prize, which is yet to be announced on the Green Campus Program website, will be awarded to the building which finishes on top.

According to the Green Campus Program energy competition website, the main goal of the energy competition is to educate the residents of Poly Canyon about the effects their lifestyles have on the environment.

Three aspects stressed by the competition are that the buildings conserve water, heat and electricity said Tala Fatolahzadeh, landscape architecture junior and Community Advisor (CA) in Cypress.

Many of the students participating in the competition have developed new habits in order to decrease their usage.

"We do the obvious stuff like not leaving the water running and turning the lights off when we leave the room," DeAngelis said.

The Green Campus Program website also lists tips for green living. Suggestions include turning off
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With every event there are always those who do not wish to participate, Fatolahzadeh said. "It's a smart program. It's about awareness," Fatolahzadeh said. "I personally don't think the energy competition is needed," Bennett said. "We also do all of our dishes at the same time so as to save water," Rutherford said. "I don't know if it helps that much but it's one of the little things we can do." However, other students such as journalism sophomore Athina DeAngelis said even though she is not environmentally savvy, her perspective is that programs like this can only help residents. For her, it is a simple, easy way to help out the green movement.

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What to do in San Luis Obispo this Veterans Day holiday

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San Luis Obispo County will spend Thursday honoring the county’s more than 25,000 veterans. All over the county, events will be held in honor of those who have served, or are currently serving, the country.

Veterans Day, which began as Armistice Day after World War I on Nov. 11, 1918, was dedicated to celebrating world peace and honoring veterans of World War I. Soon after World War II and the Korean War, United States Congress changed “Armistice Day” to “Veterans Day” in order to commemorate any and all who served the country. This Veterans Day, people will have the opportunity to pay tribute to and honor local veterans at Cal Poly and around San Luis Obispo.

Cal Poly’s theatre department’s fall quarter production of “Antigone and Letters to Soldiers Lost” opens Thursday in the Spanos Theater. “Antigone” is an ancient Greek play by Sophocles that focuses on the aftermath of war. The letters are taken from books of letters from soldiers who never made it home. Director Al Schnupp said he was inspired after reading a book of letters and decided to line up the themes of the letters and “Antigone.”

“The letters were so honest and moving,” he said. “And I felt like they could be combined with ‘Antigone’ really well.” Schnupp said he thinks it’s especially important for college students to honor veterans and going to see “Antigone” is a good way to do so.

“I had a professor write me saying that he told his students that it would be a life-changing play,” he said. “In San Luis Obispo County, residents will have the opportunity to visit the Freedom Veterans Memorial wall at Atascadero Lake Park or at a benefit dinner at the Elks Lodge in Atascadero tonight.

In addition to a benefit dinner, the Elks Lodge will also host a Texas Hold ’Em poker tournament to raise money for Veterans’ Express, a program which helps transport veterans to and from medical appointments.

In San Luis Obispo, the Downtown Association will have its second annual Veterans Day celebration.

Diana Cotta, the Thursday night promotional and event coordinator for the Downtown Association said there will be a ceremony at the end of Chorro St. including pipes and drums, the presenting of our colors and a drill routine by the Grizzly Youth Academy.

The Thursday night event will also raise money for Veterans’ Express.

“The year we will pick a Veterans’ cause to donate to,” Cotta said. “Last year, it was the Association of Amputee Surfers.”

The procession begins at the corner of Santa Rosa and Higuera streets and will end at Chorro St. Cotta said in a community with so many veterans, it’s important to commemorate them.

“I think we need to look back and thank our veterans who have fought for us to remain free,” she said. “It’s something to take time and remember.”

Milton Batson, a Vietnam era veteran of the Air Force, said he is very proud of San Luis Obispo county and its veterans support program.

“San Luis Obispo County is a shining example of a county caring about their veterans, and wanting to thank them for keeping the country free,” he said.

Bason is the veteran workforce specialist for the state of California’s Workforce Service Branch. He works to ease the transition from armed forces to the workforce by helping veterans search and prepare for jobs. He will be hosting a veteran entrepreneur workshop today at the Veterans Service Office.

“Really, San Luis Obispo County should be proud of how they treat their veterans,” he said. “It’s very impressive.”

Cal Poly students agree that honoring veterans is very important to them.

“I think it’s necessary to honor and thank those who have paid the price for freedom,” history freshman Chris Nielsen said. “I’m going to be calling the veterans in my family and checking in with them, and thanking them as well.”

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VENTURA (MCT) — A year to the day after a Ventura County firefighter was hit and killed by an SUV along a rural stretch of Interstate 5 in Fresno County, fellow firefighters ran a marathon Tuesday in his honor. A group of those who served with Bryan Banister in the Ventura County Fire Department’s wildland division began running early Tuesday morning near Rice and Latiigo avenues in Oxnard and finished 26.2 miles away near his home in Thousand Oaks, where a tree is dedicated in his honor.

Organizers hope to make the run an annual event to keep Banister’s memory alive, said John Martin, a wildland firefighter who worked with Banister and helped organize the run.

WALNUT CREEK (MCT) — The Bay Area’s transportation commission will take a new look at an old idea to build a new bridge across San Francisco Bay between the East Bay and the Peninsula.

Saying its mission is to look at long-term options for traffic relief, the Bay Area Toll Authority’s oversight committee Wednesday will consider authorizing a $400,000 study on the Southern Crossing Bridge between Interstate 238 in San Lorenzo and Interstate 380 in San Bruno.

Don’t expect to see a new bridge any time soon, though. The ship is approximately 160 miles south of San Diego, 140 miles from Ensenada.

The cruise ship had a fire in the generator compartment on Monday, the first day of a seven-day cruise to the Mexican Riviera, officials said. There were no injuries.

WASHINGTON D.C. (MCT) — Project Gunrunner, a federal law enforcement effort to keep U.S. firearms out of drug wars in Mexico, is fraught with “significant weaknesses” because agents focus on small gun dealers rather than large smuggling rings and do not share information with their counterparts, according to an internal Justice Department review.

The investigation by the inspector general’s office also found that the project’s cornerstone — tracing U.S. guns in Mexico — often has missing or incomplete information and the effort rarely provides useful leads to make arrests.

The project hinges on cooperation between the U.S. and Mexico in stopping guns headed south across the border.

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Rev. Flip Benham, convicted last year of stalking North Carolina doctors who perform abortions, said he’s being wrongly targeted and that authorities are attempting to silence him from spreading the word of the gospel.

The director of Operation Save America called the Mecklenburg County court verdict “bogus,” a violation of free speech and said it would not stop him from protesting at abortion clinics.

Benham was sentenced to two years probation and ordered to stay 300 feet away from the clinic and 1,000 feet from at least one doctor’s home after being accused of distributing hundreds of “Wanted” posters with the doctors’ names and photos.

BRAZIL (MCT) — A 30-hour melee ended Tuesday, claiming the lives of 18 inmates at the Sao Luis prison, in the Brazilian state of Maranhao.

The fight broke out Monday between rival gangs of inmates.

The state government confirmed 15 deaths in Sao Luis and others had died in the Pedrinhas prison in the same complex.

The state’s Public Security Ministry said leaders among the prison gangs released five prison guards Tuesday who had been taken hostage early Monday at the Sao Luis maximum-security prison.

Maranhao media said the atmosphere had been tense for weeks in the prison and got worse in recent days due to erratic water supply.
Deadline for removing U.S. troops from Afghanistan in 2011 unlikely to be met

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The Obama Administration has decided to begin publicly walking away from what it once touted as key deadlines in the war in Afghanistan in an effort to de-emphasize President Bar­ack Obama's pledge that he'd begin withdrawing U.S. forces in July 2011, administration and military officials have told McClatchy Newspapers.

The new policy will be on display next week during a conference of NATO countries in Lisbon, Portugal, where the administration hopes to introduce a timeline that calls for the withdrawal of U.S. and NATO forces from Afghanistan by 2014, the year when Afghan President Hamid Karzai once said Afghan troops could provide their own security, three senior officials told McClatchy, along with others speaking anonymously as a matter of policy.

The Pentagon also has decided not to announce specific dates for handing security responsibility for several Afghan provinces to local officials and in­stead intends to work out a more vague definition of transition when it meets with its NATO allies.

What a year ago had been touted as an extensive December review of the strategy now will be less expen­sive and will offer no major changes in strategy, the officials said. So far, the U.S. Central Command, the military division that oversees Afghanistan op­erations, hasn't submitted any kind of formalized conditions in Afghanistan were division that oversees Afghanistan operations, right now, we think we can start in 2011 and fully transition sometime in 2014."

Another official said the administra­tion realized in contacts with Pakistani officials that the Pakistanis had con­cluded wrongly that July 2011 would mark the beginning of the end of U.S. military operations in Afghanistan.

That perception, one Pentagon adviser said, has convinced Pakistan's military—which is key to preventing Taliban sympathizers from infiltrating Afghanistan—to continue to press for a political settlement instead of military action.

"This administration now under­stands that it cannot shift Pakistani approaches to safeguarding its interests in Afghanistan with this date being per­ceived as a walk-away date," the adviser said.

Last week's midterm elections also have raised pressure on the Obama administra­tion to begin an early with­drawal. Earlier this year, some Demo­crats in Congress pressed to cut off funding for Afghanistan operations. With Republicans in control of the House of Representatives beginning in January, however, there will be less push for a drawdown. The incoming House Armed Services chairman, Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., told Reuters last week that he opposed setting the date.

On Tuesday, a White House official who spoke with reporters in a confer­ence call arranged to discuss the Dec­ember review, said the administration might draw down some troops next July and may hand some communities over to Afghan authorities. But he said with­drawal from Afghanistan could take "years," depending on the capability of the Afghan national security forces. He also said the December review would measure progress in eight areas, though he declined to specify what those are. Congress will get a report by early next year, but Army Gen. David Petraeus, the commander of U.S.-led international forces in Afghanistan, will not testify.

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Associated Students Inc. pro­gram coordinator Misti Bullock said Combs would be a powerful speaker to bring to Cal Poly since he was such a powerful advocate for directing students to a better future. On a survey conducted last spring, Combs was the number one preference of students asked to see next in Chumash Auditorium.

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Statistics show lower voter turnout among young adult population in 2010

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Only about 20 percent of the nation's young people turned out to vote last week, a drop from the last midterm election in 2006.

Despite the sparse turnout, voters age 18 to 29 voted overwhelmingly for Democratic candidates for the House of Representatives, but it wasn't nearly enough to blunt Republican gains that gave the GOP its first majority in the House since 2006.

In a study released Tuesday, the independent groups CIRCLE and Generational Alliance which track young voter participation found that 20.9 percent of all eligible voters under 30 went to the polls last week, compared with 23.5 percent in the last midterm election four years ago.

The 2010 turnout was a dramatic drop from the 2008 presidential election, when 51 percent of young people voted.

Such declines aren't common between presidential and midterm elections.

Even if those who showed up in 2008 had voted this time, it's unclear how much their vote would have helped Democrats.

This year's young voter turnout trend reverses a nearly decade-long increase in 18-to-29-year-old participation and returns midterm election turnout to more typical levels.

"A lot of young people still had a lot of passion but the same people who recruited them and said, 'Here's what you can do' two years ago weren't around," said Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, the CIRCLE lead researcher.

Nationally, the turnout trend went the other way — an estimated 42 percent of eligible voters went to the polls last week, compared to 40.8 percent four years ago, according to the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, which studies voter trends.

A key reason for the higher national turnout, said the committee's director, Curtisi Gans, was the motivation that often drives more voters to the polls: a shaky economy.

"Gans did find one difference from the usual pattern. "Under normal circumstances, when there is a recession, the party in power in the White House suffers and turnout increases substantially — as occurred in 1982 and 1992," he said.

"This is a more prolonged and deeper recession than any since the 1930s Depression, but while the Democrats suffered greatly at all levels — Congress, governors' offices and state legislatures — it was not accompanied by the normal turnout surge."

That could be because the voters were not necessarily buying Republican alternatives — even Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky acknowledged last week that voters "didn't suddenly fall in love with Republicans, they fell out of love with Democrats."

That trend was evident in other voter subgroups.

Exit polls found that House Democrats got 48 percent support from women, down from 55 percent two years ago. Republicans won 49 percent of their vote this time.

Young voters clung to Democrats, though not by the 66 percent to 32 percent margin they gave President Barack Obama two years ago.

Eighty-four percent of 2008 young voters went to the polls last week and gave House Democrats a 57 percent to 40 percent edge. Young voters were about 11 percent of the electorate, and Kawashima-Ginsberg said it's unclear how the non-voters would have voted.

Obama still does well among young voters.

By a 60-40 margin, they approve of the job Obama is doing. Young voter support was considered crucial to Obama's victory two years ago, and the poll suggests it's barely wasted.

Among all voters, 45 percent approved of the president and 54 percent disapproved.

All data comes from national exit polls by Edison Research.

By 55 percent to 41 percent, young voters said last week the president's policies would help the nation in the long run.

There was also a warning to Democrats, Peter Levine, CIRCLE Director, said Democrats "need to engage them (young voters) better than they did in 2010, and Republicans need to make inroads in a generation that continues to prefer Democrats."

There were differences between young voters who have attended college, about half the electorate, and those who didn't.

Though the economy topped the list of issues for all voters, those with college experience were more likely to cite health care as a top priority, as well as job creation.

The young electorate this year was also more diverse than the nation.

Two-thirds of voters 18 to 29 this year were white, 14 percent were black, 15 percent Latino and 3 percent Asian American.

In the country as a whole, among voters 30 and older, 80 percent of voters were white, 10 percent black, 7 percent Latino and 1 percent Asian American.

Seven percent of young voters said they were gay, lesbian or bisexual, compared with 4 percent of all voters.
Sex Column

Hang up ‘hook up’ and learn to explain yourself

Karlee Prasak is a journalism junior and copy editor and sex columnist for the Mustang Daily.

I really dislike the term “hook up.”

Every form of it — hook up, hooking up, hooked up — just doesn’t make sense. There is no definitive, acceptable definition of the phrase.

A prime example of the hook up phrase (H-phrase) being lost in translation is with none other than my mom (Hi, Mom). We’ll be talking about a conversation will suddenly come to a standstill.

“Wait, they had sex?” Mom will say.

To which I respond, “No, they only hooked up.”

Then I’m obligated to go into detail about what I mean when I say “hooked up,” which honestly can describe anything from kissing to fornication.

Sure back in good ol’ high school hooking up meant just kissing but now, in our ripened college ages, it basically means someone scored.

High-five anyone?

The only time the words hook and up should be used together is when someone is talking about fishing or a crane or something along those lines — not when talking about anything intimate.

My theory is that telling the truth in straight-forward terms is the easiest way to avoid misconceptions and avoid going in-depth when the clarification phrase needs defining too.

Why not just own up to what (or who) went down? There was obviously some desire to get naughty at the time, so there is really no reason to be ashamed of it now.

Before I point any fingers, I know I am guilty of using the term. It is so much easier than going straight into detail — especially if I don’t necessarily want to admit what actually happened.

I will try to take my own advice after this. Besides, life is easier when you just tell the truth from the get-go — once you tell different people different stories, sticking to the re-
Terrible Things take the stage at SLO Brewing Co.

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Rock band Terrible Things will make its SLO Brewing Co. debut this Thursday night.

The recently formed band, made up of ex-members of Taking Back Sunday, Coheed and Cambria and Hot Red Circuit, is proving to fans the end of one path is the start of another.

Lead singer and former Taking Back Sunday (TBS) member Fred Mascherino, who left TBS about three years ago, said starting this band has made him feel the happiness he has in years.

"Honestly, this has been the most fun I've had in a long time because we're all on the same page," Mascherino said. "We've all kind of had to take this step back and realize the reason we're doing this is not because of the comfort or the money, but that this is what we always wanted to do.

The idea for Terrible Things ignited within Mascherino after a streak of arson in his hometown of Coatesville, Penn.

"About two years ago, there were 49 fires in about a four month period and it was this ongoing thing where there was a fire or two every week," Mascherino said. "It just went on and on without anyone being able to stop it. I was getting pretty upset and frustrated about it and angry too."

So the musician inside Mascherino got to work.

"I just sort of wrote a song called 'Steel Town' to deal with it," Mascherino said. "I don't think I said it quite right so I started writing some more songs about it just for myself. After I had four or five songs, I thought this could be too neat.

"Next to Andy Jackson, a former member of Hot Rod Circuit, Mascherino found out Jackson had lost his home and belongings in a fire a few years back.

"I said, 'Well I have this group of songs here that are about that experience and you could bring in an angle that I wouldn't know about being a victim of the fire,' and he was all for it and we started writing about it," Mascherino said.

After the two started to collaborate, Mascherino contacted one of his favorite drummers Josh Eppard, a former member of Coheed and Cambria, who was in from the moment he got the call.

Terrible Things was finally born. Mascherino said the timing worked out perfectly when it came to leaving their former bands and working on side projects.

"Andy — his band Hot Red Circuit ended three years ago and that's about the time when Josh left Coheed and Cambria," Mascherino said. "We all ended that around the same time. Just those two years of not being a band and doing our own thing that made us excited for doing something like this that's more exciting."

Terrible Things released its first self-titled album in August. Mascherino said it could be considered "straight forward rock music.

However, he said the lyrics stray away from relationships, much like the typical lyrics of Taking Back Sunday.

"We kind of went back to the things we listened to when we grew up like Led Zeppelin or Tom Petty or some of the punk stuff we were into in high school," Mascherino said. "That helped us reinvent things.

"I started this 'reinvention' has gotten mixed reviews from friends — but that's exactly what he's looking for.

"Even if they're weirded out by it, we think that's great because we're doing something new," Mascherino said. "It won't be about 'Oh this sounds like your old band' or 'Let's keep talking about your old band.'"

Although the album was released in late August, the band has been on small tours since April. One of which was the Warped Tour, which Mascherino said is the hardest tour in the world.

"There's nothing more taxing on your body as far as lack of sleep and just the heat," he said.

However, he said he feels a closer connection with the bands on the Warped Tour that he couldn't feel on a regular tour.

"At the end of the two months, you feel like you all were through something together and the people you're hanging out with on that tour," Mascherino said.

Come Thursday, the band will have about two weeks left of their tour with Mac, but will be starting up again two days after it ends.

Yet, focusing on the current tour, Mascherino said he's excited to play at a venue he's never been to.

"It's definitely going to be a fun show," Mascherino said. "I really love playing new places. The worst thing is playing in New York City. They just saw David Bowie and the Kinks reunion already. So why the heck do they want to see us? So I love going off the beaten path.

Although Terrible Things as a group has little name recognition in San Luis Obispo, hopeful attendees are indeed aware of the musicians who make up the band.

Architecture senior Garrett Swenden, a fan of Coheed and Cambria, said he knows Eppard as a good drummer.

"He has an interesting style," Swenden said. "He's really cool — just a really good groove drummer. He really made Coheed and Cambria what they originally sounded like. And he's a really good writer as a musician.

Graphic communications junior Alyssa Habian said she knows the band will put on a good show because of the members' histories as successful musicians.

"It's good listening — it's not screaming; but it's not pop," Habian said. "They have a mix of really good musicians."

The show is for all ages and doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for $14 at Boo Boo Records, at ticketweb.com or at the door for $15.

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**Hook up**

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As a journalism student, I've been told in all of my classes to address the five W's: who, what, when, where and why (and sometimes how). I think it would be a good idea to employ this practice in weekend-teller-ism as well.

This will eliminate the use of any form of "hook up" as a way to avoid admitting how far things actually went as well as the inevitable follow up question — "What exactly did you do?"

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There are many better alternatives to use instead of the H-phrase. For example, using layman's terms is a perfectly acceptable and, probably easier, route.

Terms which are encouraged to be used as substitutions for the H-phrase are (in increasing order of sexual severity): make out, light or heavy grinding, hand job, head and sex.

Sure, it's blunt, but it's the easiest way. And if the person doesn't go straight to details, they probably don't feel like sharing what really occurred — which is perfectly acceptable because not everybody is an open book.

Please stop beating around the bush — just trail blaze right through it to save time.

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Part one of final 'Harry Potter' movie hits theaters next week

Geoff Boucher
Los Angeles Times

There was a break in the action — the cast and crew of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" were milling about waiting for the next set-up on a summer day here in 2009 — and Daniel Radcliffe sat back in his chair and admired the life of a fugitive. "Everybody is after us," the actor said of his off-screen persona, Harry Potter, and his partners in magic. "We're to the point in the story where it's a lot of action and we're on the run. And that's brilliant."

When Part 1 of the two-part "Harry Potter" franchise finale reaches theaters on Nov. 19, it will do so without one of the series' signature characters. But the missing star is synonymous with the magical epic.

The film is very much a road-trip adventure with the three main characters — played by Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson — in fugitive mode and preparing for the final showdown with Lord Voldemort, portrayed with reptilian rasp by Ralph Fiennes.

"It gives this film a very different feel to be away from Hogwarts," Heyman said. "The main characters — Harry, Ron and Hermione — are on the run and, yes, they do go to some magical places, but a lot of the film is set in a quite naturalistic setting, and that makes it feel very real and very human. There's plenty of magic, of course, but it's set against a very real context."

"It feels real, gritty at times and beautiful at other times," Radcliffe said reading past the stony floors of the Hogwarts set in Watford energized the cast during the production of the seventh and eighth films, which were made together in a shoot that began in February 2009 and did not wrap until mid-June of this year.

"This movie just looks different than the other ones. We've spent so much time at Hogwarts that it makes it fresh to go somewhere new on screen."

When last we left the orphaned wizard at the end of 2009's "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," he was mourning Hogwarts headmaster Albus Dumbledore (Michael Gambon), who had been cut down by Severus Snape (Alan Rickman).

The forces of Voldemort were ascending, and the gathering darkness was far removed from the tone and twinkle of the first films in a franchise that has pulled in more than $5.3 billion in worldwide box office.

The seventh film has dramatic showdowns with Voldemort's cult, the Death Eaters and a supernatural heist job that includes a dragon as the untamed getaway vehicle.

But Heyman said some of the most compelling sequences are marked by emotional tension and smothering suspense.

"One thing I love about the films that have brought memorable sneer to the forces of Voldemort is that you really feel the human element," Heyman said. "There's a real truthfulness, and going out on the road with this seventh film, it makes it feel just much more real."

When Part 1 of the two-part "Harry Potter" franchise finale reaches theaters on Nov. 19, it will do so with the main stars of "Harry Potter" will return for part one of the final film, the movie will not take place at Hogwarts as all the previous films did. Hogwarts makes its return in "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," in a manner of speaking. That final chapter of the franchise is built around a massive battle that destroys much of the school. That's not much of a spoiler if you've been paying attention.

The Warner Bros. poster promoting the two-film finale shows the ramparts of the ancient academy in flames beneath a grim tagline: "It all ends here."

The films taken together have the cast's enthusiasm at an all-time high. "Without question, these two are going to blow all of the rest of them away," says Tom Felton, who has brought memorable snark to the role of Draco Malfoy.
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Last week's election held few surprises, perhaps except for Nevada's Sharron Angle and Delaware's Christine O'Donnell. Polls as far back as early summer were showing an "enthusiasm gap" between Democratic and Republican voters. This, combined with a depressed economy and historical patterns which show the president's party often loses seats in the midterm elections, made a volatile situation for Democrats this election cycle.

There seems little doubt that the enthusiasm gap should be credited largely to the Tea Party movement, which first gained national attention during the health care debates. I originally viewed the movement as an Astroturf movement (as compared to a Grassroots movement), and I do not doubt much of the anger tea party members feel is honest. It is, however, rational anger expressed in an irrational manner; it is anger over the status quo without thought as to the culpable parties which made our current state of affairs the status quo. Platitudeous about cutting spending and lowering taxes may appeal to one's ideological leanings but accomplishes very little pragmatically.

Angle alone is unproductive, but anger combined with actual prescriptive policy recommendations helps keep politicians honest, and this second area is where many tea party critics should improve.

It seems apparent that the poor economic conditions create much of the current antipathy, thus anger should be directed at the factors which helped sink us into a deep economic recession: shady lending practices that led to the subprime mortgage crisis, large investment banks that spread the risk through out the financial system and the pattern of deregulation that has been propagated by conservatives over the past few decades, especially the deregulation of financial markets.

One of the most compelling moments of the recession was when Allan GreenSPAN, one of the architects and proponents of deregulation, admitted to the House Oversight Committee that the recession had revealed "a flaw in his belief of markets regulating themselves through "invisible hand" mechanisms.

While Tea Party sentiment helped spur conservative enthusiasm, its viability as a unified national movement is much more ambiguous as Tea Party candidates fared poorly in elections where they had to appeal to a wider electorate — like Senate and gubernatorial races — than in more localized elections with more homogenous constituencies.

Take Christine O'Donnell for instance. Fueled by Tea Party anger and anti-establishment sentiment, she won the Republican Senate primary over long-time Congressman and moderate conservative Mike Castle, who was expected to win Joe Biden's Old Senate seat by a wide margin.

Instead, O'Donnell was seen as too inexperienced and divisive to make a successful attempt, losing the race to Democrat Chris Coons. Or look at Sharron Angle, who lost to Harry Reid when most pundits thought Reid's time in the Senate had assuredly come to an end. Or Joe Miller in Alaska, who won the Republican primary but looks as if he will lose to incumbent and write-in candidate Lisa Murkowski.

In more localized elections, however, Tea Party candidates did rather well, giving Republicans a clear majority in the House. This majority, plus the infusion of candidates with strongly conservative values, will assuredly swing the House far to the right. The question then becomes: will the newly elected legislators follow through on their promises of moving us backwards (i.e. repealing Obama's health care bill) or find a way to compromise to move this country forward?

The simple fact is Obama has tried to rid the country of this contentious form of politics which has gripped the country for the last few decades — while he was in the Senate, he was a proponent of a single-payer health care system. As President, Obama did not even address a single payer system but rather started the debate with the public option, e xa pating many on the left.

But Republicans know their history. They know Clinton became vastly more popular when he de­ cided to legislate from the center-left following the 1994 midterm elections, enabling him to success­ fully seek a second term. Republicans' goal from day one has been to make Obama a one-term president. What does that leave for the next two years? Most likely, Republicans will legislate to benefit their own party, regardless of what the country needs. And I thought Republicans were all about "Country First."
**News isn't what it used to be**

Leonald Pitts Jr., winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for commentary, is a columnist for the Miami Herald.

It is seldom a good thing when the news is bad news.

We've seen that twice in recent weeks. First there was ABC News' ill-advised decision with blogger Andrew Breitbart.

In the face of heavy criticism, ABC backed off in decision to make Breitbart part of its election night coverage. How prominent a role he was to play is riddled with misleading and flat-out false claims. So it is shocking to see that passagc before looking it up.

There are now resumes consisting of multiple pages of prestigious accomplishments, not to mention ePortfolios, LinkedIn profiles and other extensive online representation of achievements. I don't know about other students, but this to me is very overwhelming.

In addition, I'm expected to be technologically savvy as well with my own personal webpage. With all of the competition for jobs and internships, it is almost a student's priority to try and look like everyone else. How can I stand out as an individual in my field, and in my life?

But sometimes even having an internship isn't enough. It appears as though some students are starting to get their first internships in their freshman year — competition is fierce and it is apparent going above and beyond is necessary.

Not only has competition in the job market become more intense due to rising expectations from the work force, but in this current economic state, good jobs are few and far between.

Companies are cutting positions and tacking on more responsibilities to other areas. It has become a necessity for students to become skilled in multiple tasks because jobs are not nearly as specific anymore.

For example, as a journalism student concentrating in news editorial, it is not enough for me to simply know how to write a good story. I need to know how to write, how to shoot and edit videos, how to write for the Web, how to blog, how to write a press release and how to be my own photographer. Needless to say, it isn't easy.

In the current times the bare minimum won't cut it, unless you want a less career based job. Universities have raised their class requirements, departments have increased graduation requirements and employers have definitely upped their criteria.

We are in difficult times right now, which is why it is important to be very prepared. Not only must students be under immense stress and don't know what to do with their lives. How much is enough?

Scholarships don't cover everything

The NCAA has signed an $11 billion, 14-year contract with CBS and Turner Sports to exclusive its men's basketball tournament.

The scholarship gap was calculated by comparing the full cost to attend these institutions, as reported by the federal government, to expenses covered under NCAA college officials disputed the extent of the gap, but didn't deny its existence.

Of course, the costs paid by elite athletes are dwarfed by those facing most students and their families. But the players' association notes that the idea of a "free ride" for talented athletes has become so ingrained that they expect just that.

Moreover, the shortages exist across institutions and sports, so most of the athletes involved are not heading for lucrative pro careers. And, having expected a free education, they may be especially un-equipped to fall back. Nickel-and-diming makes top athletes more vulnerable to unsavory agents. Several told Sports Illustrated they took illegal payments because scholarships didn't cover all their expenses.

There have been some halting steps to address the issue. The NCAA reportedly considered changing its rules so scholarships could cover the full cost of attendance, but it ultimately dropped the idea. It should reconsider taking that step.

Last month, California began requiring collegiate athletes to produce financial information about the total cost of attendance. Making at least that much clear to prospective students, whether they're athletes or not, should be standard practice everywhere.
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Men's soccer faces UCSB in first round of conference tournament

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The next chapter of the Blue-Green Rivalry will continue tonight as the Cal Poly men's soccer team goes on the road to face rival UC Santa Barbara in the Big West Tournament semifinals.

The game will be a familiar setting for the Mustangs who faced Santa Barbara once before at Harder Stadium for the Big West Tournament semi-finals in 2008. Cal Poly was able to tie the game 2-2 in the 78th minute with a goal from Patrick Sigler, but after two scoreless overtimes, lost to UC Santa Barbara in a penalty-kick shootout.

After 12 straight losses to the Gauchos between 2000 and 2007, the Mustangs were able to turn it around, posting a 2-4-3 record in the last three seasons and losing three games by one goal. But home-field advantage heavily favors UC Santa Barbara, leaving Cal Poly winless in the last 12 seasons at the Gauchos' home stadium.

This year's matchup between the two teams has resulted in close games with both Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara earning last minute wins. In its first match of the season in Santa Barbara, Cal Poly lost 2-1 in the 90th minute but when UC Santa Barbara came to San Luis Obispo, the Mustangs won 2-1 with an overtime goal from sophomore Chris Gaschen.

The Mustangs' victory over the Gauchos was a crucial step toward Big West playoffs. In the beginning of its conference schedule, Cal Poly was winless in four straight matches, including a tie with last-place Cal State Northridge where Cal Poly dropped a 2-0 lead. This put the Mustangs out of a playoff spot mid-October.

But despite being in fifth place halfway through the season, head coach Paul Holocher said he was confident his team would make the playoffs. "I knew we weren't out of it and..."

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Playoffs on the line for football in the Battle for the Golden Horseshoe

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When fullback Jake Romanello and the Cal Poly Mustangs (7-3, 2-1 Great West) began the season, they had two goals in mind. The first: win the Great West Conference to get a chance at playoffs. The second: beat hated-rival UC Davis.

"Those have been all our goals," Romanello said. "It's pretty clear cut.

With Southern Utah ditching the Great West conference crown, the first goal is out the window, but head coach Tim Walsh and the Mustangs still have a chance to complete the second. This weekend, they host rival UC Davis (4-5, 2-1) with more than just pride on the line. "This is a playoff game," Walsh said at Monday's press conference. "As a football team and a football program that is what you want. We are playing for something important."

With a win this week, the Mustangs could very well be playoff bound. There are 20 spots — which are awarded to multiple conference championships and at-large selections — in this year's postseason bracket. With Cal Poly earning a No.19 ranking in The Sports Network's FCS Top-25 Football Poll, it looks like it should have a good shot at getting in.

But at some point this season, it didn't always seem like the Mustangs would earn this chance.

Cal Poly started the year with a 2-0 start, boasting wins over Montana (then-ranked No. 1) and Humboldt State. But in week three, the Mustangs slipped against Texas State, suffering a loss in their first game of a five-game road stretch.

During that span, the Mustangs went 2-3, losing to Fresno State and Montana, as well as dropping games against Texas State, suffering a loss in their first game of a five-game road stretch.

"It hasn't been easy, but with one more win, the Mustangs would be 8-3 — the same record Jonathan Dally, Ramses Barden and the Cal Poly football team posted in 2008.

"To know that — at least in the win column — (we) can win as many as the 2008 team did," quarterback Tony Smith said. "It's a special accomplishment."

Smith was a part of that team and sat on the bench during the season.

In those games, he learned from maybe one of the best quarterbacks for Cal Poly in recent years — Dally. Daily commanded an offense which averaged 463 yards per game and 45 points per game, posting wins over San Diego State and UC Davis en...