Armstrong makes himself at home

Karlee Prazak

It was about 34 years ago when Cal Poly's new president Jefrey Armstrong stood on the lawn at a function at the president's house at Mur- ray State University. He was among other students there to be honored for receiving scholarships, and he realized how amazing it was to be at the president's house on campus, he said. Starting May 1, students won't be the only Mustangs living on campus anymore. Armstrong said he too plans to live on campus in the University House.

At the first four universities Armstrong was associated with, the president lived on campus. Although the decision to live on campus may not be right for every president, it was the right decision for him, Armstrong said.

"The idea of the president being on campus and being that much more connected with the students was such a positive that it outweighed any other factor," Armstrong said. "It couldn't picture anything other than living on campus."

Trash piles up at dining spot

Amber Kiwan

A pile of trash stacked precari­ously high overflowed from the trashcans at Einstein Bros. Bagels in Poly Canyon Village over the weekend, causing students to question the quality of campus dining establishments.

"There's always an issue there with flies and trash," said mechanical engineering freshman Toby Goldsteinholm.

Goldsteinholm said although he had never seen it piled quite as high as he did on Saturday night, the situation still raises questions about the cleanliness of the restaurant.

Goldsteinholm lives in North Mountain Hall, but said he often goes to Einstein Bros. for dinner with his friends because the line at VG's is usually too long.

The trash problem caused hesitation, but will not completely deter him.

"I'll probably end up going back there because it's convenient, cheap food," Goldsteinholm said.

Einstein Bros. opened in 2008 when Poly Canyon first opened and is a favorite place for students to go to for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Its menu offers a variety of foods, from bagels and wraps to coffees and desserts and, according to sophomore manufacturing engineer John Henry, who has worked at Einstein Bros. since the beginning of fall quarter, they get a high volume of customers everyday.

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Henry said they are always taking trash out throughout the day, but the amount of students com-

Huck Finn goes clean in new publication

Anieca Ayler

A revised edition of the classic American novel, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain, intended to be less offensive and "cleaner" for the classroom, is set to be published next month.

This "sanitized" version will exist in three separate editions, according to the book's editor, Alan Gribben.

Gribben's motive for the revised edition's introduction, written by the book's editor, Alan Gribben.

The company publishing the book, NewSouth, valued Gribben's endeavor and saw his revision as an opportunity to take Twain's work off the shelf of respected, but neglected, classic books, according to its website.

Its planned publication has sparked several debates across the country, evidenced by countless articles in publications around the country in the last month. Subjects range from diminishing the work's integrity to changing Twain's intended tone and themes to issues of censorship.

The original version of Huckleberry Finn has been both praised for its portrayal of American southern life and criticized for its brash confrontation with racism. The novel is a sequel to "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," and follows two boys, Huck Finn and Jim, a slave and Finn's best friend, as they journey down the Mississippi river in search of adventure and freedom.

Since its original publication in 1884, the language has been a point of controversy and continues to be one of the most challenged books in the United States.

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What else would I do?"

The two-story University House was built in 1928 with four bedrooms, a bathroom and a kitchen. It is located adjacent to the Health Center, and as Armstrong said, the Recreation Center is right in his backyard. The last person to live in the house was former Cal Poly president, Waren Baker, until about six years ago. At that time, Baker moved out to live in a private home he built near Pismo Beach.

Before Armstrong moves in, the house needs to undergo necessary renovations, which include upgrades on the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system, windows, electricity, light fixtures, kitches and bathrooms as well as partial roof-re-flooding — which is happening now.

Cal Poly Vice President for Administration and Finance Larry Kel- ley said he predicts the finished proj- ect will be $150,000 to $200,000, at the most, and will not cause any additional costs to the students, since it is a state building and is funded ac- cordingly.

"The funding comes out of the same source as the care of the other 99 or so buildings we have on campus," Kelley said. "If we need to renovate or replace a roof, we try to have the money available to that."

The renovations are scheduled to be finished by May 1, Kelley said.

Until then, Armstrong will live in the house Cal Poly provided for Robert Children when he served as interim president. The house is about a five minute drive from campus, Arm- strong said.

While living there, Armstrong will receive a housing allowance, which has yet to be disclosed. When Child- ren lived there, his housing allowance was $5,000, Kelley said.

When Armstrong does live on campus, he will no longer receive a housing allowance, but his mere walk of a commute to his office is something Armstrong looks for- ward to, he said.

"For the last 14 years, I've had a five to eight minute commute," Armstrong said. "Now, I'm going to have a five to eight minute walk."

On the walk, and even around San Luis Obispo, Armstrong said he hopes students feel comfortable enough to say hello or even give him a high five if they'd like.

Biological sciences senior Colin Malcolm said he thinks that with Armstrong on campus it will help his relationship with the students because if he lived across town, he would be detached from the university.

"I think it's a good idea because he will be closer to the student body," Malcolm said. "He'll un- derstand what it's like in this area."

Malcolm doesn't expect to see the president around campus much, because of his busy schedule, so he hopes to see him in more casual set- tings, he said.

"If I want to go out and get a bar- bacue or go to the movies, we could be going to the same places," Mal- colm said. "If we see him around town, that will make (students) feel closer to him."

The University House's main purpose has recently been to host social events and Armstrong said he plans to carry on this tradition.

"The university needs additional space where they can entertain, so we're going to entertain — there is no doubt about it," Armstrong said. "The house is a good place to break bread or have a drink or just sit back and get to know people better."

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Cal Poly English professor Carol MacCurdy, who specializes in American literature, said this controversy should be known and understood by students.

"Race is a very important issue and I think it is important that students be edu- cated about racial issues," MacCurdy said. "It's also im- portant that they be shocked by the word (nigger)."

MacCurdy views language as a tool and points out that Twain was not the only author to use the word.

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State of the Union speech may reveal Obama’s new approach in 2011

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Tuesday's State of the Union address will be the first test of whether President Barack Obama's post-election shift to a more centrist course is more than symbolic, Republicans said Sunday in the lead-up to his speech.

"We're going to find out beginning next week how much of this he really means," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said in an interview on "Fox News Sunday."

"It is kind of a trust-but-verily moment. Let's see if he's really willing to do it, and if he is, I think he'll find a lot of help among Republicans in Congress."

After an electoral "shellacking" in November, Obama embraced a compromise that extended the Bush-era tax cuts, reshuffled his West Wing to include more moderate voices — such as his new chief of staff, William Daley — and made new overtures to the business community.

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Addressing supporters in a video message released Saturday night, Obama said his speech Tuesday would focus on creating jobs and American competitiveness, as well as the nation's deficit challenges.

Though calling for some budget cuts, Obama also is expected to call for additional spending on infrastructure and education. That raised red flags among Republicans.

"This is not a time to be looking at pumping up government spending in very many areas," McConnell said.

"When the president talks about competitiveness, sure, we want America to be competitive," U.S. Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., said on "Meet the Press." "We want to cut and grow. When we hear invest from anyone in Washington, to me that means more spending."

Cantor, leader of the new House Republican majority, said Republicans will press for serious spending cuts in response to the expected vote this spring on raising the nation's debt limit.

Thursday, a group of conservative House Republicans and Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., unveiled a spending plan that would cut $2.3 trillion from the federal budget. Republicans more broadly campaigned in 2010 on returning spending to 2008 levels, a proposal that will be debated this week in the House.

First, though, Republicans pushed forward a vote to repeal Obama's health care reform law. It passed the House on Wednesday, and Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin, D-Ill., also appearing on Fox, acknowledged that the measure will "distract from the speech."

But McConnell said the symbolism was overblown.

"The American people are more interested in actual accomplishments on a bipartisan basis in the next six to nine months than they are in the seating arrangements in the State of the Union," he said.
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Los Angeles Times

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Budget crisis may force California to issue IOUs

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California Treasurer Bill Lockyer warned Saturday that the state could face the unwelcome prospect of issuing IOUs in April or May if legislators and Gov. Jerry Brown do not act quickly to solve the state's fiscal problems.

The severity of California’s yawning budget gap, estimated at $25.4 billion, is widely known. But Lockyer’s comments were the first to suggest that the state government is staring at a more immediate cash crisis that could require IOUs. The state has issued billions of dollars in the worthless scrip in 2009, causing a cascade of headlines around the world about California’s fiscal dysfunction.

Lockyer, a Democrat, offered a clear prescription to avoid repeating that fiscal calamity: “Get a budget adopted that’s honest, and make the cuts as soon as possible.”

Brown, who took office less than three weeks ago, has called on the Legislature to enact a plan that includes deep reductions in welfare, health care for the poor and the state’s universities, among other programs.

“Get it done, the sooner the better,” Brown said Saturday during his appearance at a conference sponsored by the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. If not, he said, “We will run out of money to pay the bills.”

Brown and state Controller John Chiang, who is charged with paying the state’s bills, have yet to outline a scenario. “I am not supposed to say any of this,” Lockyer admitted.

Still, he said that presenting harsh realities was necessary, especially as most GOP legislators have dismissed Brown’s call to place the tax question on the ballot. They say they want the budget balanced without new taxes.
This time last year Director of Cal Poly's dance company Orchesis Diana Stanton had begun planning this year's big show — "Shift."

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Freshman questions Roth's 'college'

J.J. Jenkins is a journalism freshman and Mustang Daily freelance columnist.

“I love college.”

The verse by Asher Roth never made more sense to me than when I sat around my house for a couple weeks over winter break with nothing to do. I've been alone in my dorm room, disturbing the neighbors below me, and I think in the end they have come to appreciate my singing voice.

As for the second half of the verse, you might want to read my previous column to check the validity of that statement. Although, the idea of getting a girl completely naked in college was something of a Hollywood stereotype, I have heard tales of the like circulating around Cal Poly.

As freshmen, we've only had a few months to work our real magic on the opposite sex, but if you've achieved Roth status, you might consider making a guest appearance in the Mustang Daily's sex column. “Drink my beer and smoke my weed but my good friends is all I need.”

“Pass out at three, wake up at 10, go out to eat then do it again.”

“Man, I love college.”

Looking back at my first quarter, the only time this statement made much sense occurred during Cal Poly soccer games and at a random hipster party (are there any other kinds of hipster parties?). I cannot say I partook in the pre-game festivities and our specialty (and secret weapon) for asking girls to dance is our specialty (and secret weapon). For asking girls to dance, we spotted the crush of girls into insane cheering in the Mustang Daily’s sex column.

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Bard
Liberal media paints an ugly picture

The trouble in this day and age is the difficulty in finding a pure, factually based media source that is not trying to work a political angle.

— Andrew Narow

Conservative columnist

If this doesn't get Poly's team ranked, I don't know what will. Seriously one of the most underrated teams in the nation.

— Gene

In response to "Wrestling upends No. 25 Wyoming, improves to 5-0"
Basketball

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"It means everything to me when I see my teammates cheering, as much as I'm working," Schlemer said. "When I see that, I just want to work hard for them and get all the points I can, so I can cheer for the team on the bench when I'm resting."

Redshirt freshman Jona Ervin executed one of the plays of the game with 13 minutes to go as she punched the ball away on the baseline, regained her footing and sprinted coast-to-coast laying home two of her six points.

The Mustangs outshot the Matadors, going 33 for 64 (51.6 percent) while Cal State Northridge managed to hit only 16 of its 47 shots (34 percent). Cal Poly also dominated in the paint with 36 points from close range while the Northridge earned 14.

The Matadors have experienced a different season than the Mustangs, winning only one game this season when they defeated Pacific in overtime.

Cal Poly remains the only team in the Big West with fewer than two losses in conference, but the team faces a conference title contender on Thursday as the Mustangs look to extend their winning streak against UC Santa Barbara in Isla Vista.

The Gauchos are the only team in the Big West that Cal Poly has not defeated.
Lucky seven

Mustangs improve to 7-0 in conference play with win over Cal State Northridge

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The Cal Poly women's basketball team entered their game against Cal State Northridge on Saturday as the top dog in the Big West, boasting a 7-0 conference record. The Mustangs entered their game against Cal State Northridge on Saturday as the seventh consecutive win.

Three Mustangs recorded double-digit point totals, but an all-around effort led Cal Poly to its seventh consecutive win.

Abby Bloetscher scored 16 points and her total was matched by Analee Viene-Lota, who had 16 for the Matadors. A controversial call by the referees bit their whistles into Alama.

During a 67-second stretch late in the game, Bloetscher concluded the first half scoring with her ninth and tenth points on a jumper from about 10 feet off a Clancy assist.

By spreading the ball around to eight different scorers, Cal Poly methodically worked its way to a 38-20 lead at the break, never trailing.

The second half saw more of the Mustangs' bench, led by 6-foot-5 inch freshman Molly Schlemer. She scored 12 points in just 11 minutes during the second half as the Mustangs on the sideline cheered each time she muscled her way through the paint.

"Everybody loves Molly," Mimnaugh said. "She's such a great person and because we know what kind of player she can be, her teammates are always on her trying to help her get better and better. So they give it to her pretty good all through the practice. When she's doing something well they know how hard she's working."

Clancy also found Kayla Griffin on an alley oop over a couple Matador defenders as Griffin laid two of her 11 points into the basket. That score, with seven minutes remaining in the first half, extended Cal Poly's lead to 10 points.

"As a post player, the name of the game is physicality," Bloetscher said. "You get bumped, you bump girls, you get fouled. As for the technical, I'm sorry it got interpreted that way. I did not mean to hurt the girl, but it is what it is." Bloetscher also said she was pleased to see that the team was not phased by the incident and kept up their pace of play following the technical.

The opening half was spelled by sloppy play, as the Mustangs racked up 13 turnovers in the initial 20 minutes. Fortunately, 13 steals, four coming off the quick play of Rachel Clancy, mostly negated the errors.

"When we went into halftime we talked about our passes and making better decisions on the court and being smarter all around," Bloetscher said. "I think that we came back in the second half and we were more focused."

The team only gave up the ball eight times in the second half, but head coach Faith Mimnaugh said the Mustangs will have to sharpen up to continue competing at a high level.

Clancy also scored eight points in the team's win over Cal State Northridge. Abby Bloetscher led the team with 16 points.

Ryan Sidarto mustang daily

Mustangs upset Oregon State, fall to Boise State

Ryan Sidarto mustang daily

The Cal Poly wrestling team upset the No. 13 Oregon State Beavers on Friday night, but could not repeat the feat on Sunday as they dropped eight of 10 matches against the No. 5 Boise State Broncos, losing 29-6.

The Mustangs, backed by the Broncos with a 6-6-6 showdown of Kurt Swartz. DesRoches is 26-5 on the year and is one of three Cal Poly wrestlers ranked in the top 25 by InterMat.

Defending Pac-10 champion, 157-pounder Barrett Abel earned a decisive victory over Alex Elder of Oregon State to open his weekend, but was defeated by No. 2 Adam Hall in a 14-6 match.

The only two Mustangs able to win both their weekend matches were 141-pounder Boris Novachkov and 165-pounder Ryan DesRoches. Boris' 3-2 win over Michael Mangrum of Oregon State was decided by Novachkov's 1:35 in riding time as the Mustangs earned a bonus point at the end of the match to break the 2-2 deadlock.

Boris also defeated No. 18 Levi Jones 4-2, only giving up a take-down in the first period. Boris claims a 20-1 record this season, with his only loss coming at the hands of No. 1 Kellen Russell of Michigan.