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## CAED one of three schools awarded worldwide

Alexandria Scott

The College of Architecture and En-
vironmental Design (CAED) was one of three schools worldwide to be recogtheir expertise in building information modeling (BIM)
The college received the Autodesk
BIM Experience Award in October
2009 for their education efforts and research, said Nancy Clark Brown, se nior manager of Autodesk education
programs for the Americas.
given to the school or university that has acquired expertise of using the soft-
ware's technology," she said. Cal Poly was honored for the Amer icas region, she said. The Asia-Pacific
region award was given to South China University of Technology and for the Europe, Middle East and Africa region, RWTH Aachen University located in Germany was recognized.
There are approximately 30 schools in the United States that use BIM, she

BIM is a tool, but a powerful one, changing the industry every day CAED Dean Thomas Jones said
"In a digital world, we use BIM for better sense of reality", he said. "It doesn't just draw a building, it provides intelligence making the building look

BIM sotware allows for someone to analyze environmental performance
of a building, do mock construction of a building, do mock construction
work, and calculate costs, he said.

Before BIM, we had no tool that could do this. It's like we got jumped into the future.
-Thomas Jones
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demonstrates the quality of education they are getting," she said. tion they are getting, she said.
One thing Cal Poly's CAED did differently was to get students from different disciplines to work together, she said. Normally, this isnit done successfully
"The 10 -week quarter is very short," she said. "By maximizing the collaborative opportunities with the CAED majors, the students were able to create a lot of meaningful information in a short amount o

For winning the award, Cal Poly received a framed certificate but more importantly recognition, Brown said. The award is very telling to future employers.
Autodesk has international cus tomers who are always asking what schools are integrating the technol ogy into their curriculum, she said. "Cal Poly is at front and center with regards to demonstrating how qualified the students are at collaborating, they want people who can work in teams and groups," she said.
CAED faculty are working with Autodesk software people trying out the new software with students, Jones said.
We can expect to get insights and partner with Autodesk to try new ideas in the classroom," he said. "Cal Poly students just love to think
and are experimenters by nature."

## Dang, he's good Cal Poly student profile

Kate McIntyre мustanconiunewsecmuncom
Phong Dang is not unlike many Cal Poly students in that he doesn't like to talk in class. But with a 3.779 GPA, it's not because he doesn't know the answe
Dang, 24, was the 2009 Cali fornia Polytechnic State University recipient of the William Randolph Hearst California State University (CSU) Trustees' Award for Out standing Achievement. The award and a $\$ 3,000$ scholarship is given to one student from each CSU campus. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0; demonstrate financial need, commitment to community service and ability to overcome adversity; and be enrolled full-time for the 2009-10 academic year.

Dang is a finance senior and economics minor from the Orfalea College of Business.
"My family wanted me to study to be a pharmacist, but I just love business," he said. "I think I like to do business because I want to have
the knowledge and education to take risks and get good results.

His grandfather sponsored Dang his dad and two brothers, Phu, 22 , and Phuc, 20, to come to the U.S from Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam in 2005. His mom couldn't come for family and business reasons, but they hope to bring her here in the next two years. His dad and brothers have lived in Houston, Texas since 2006
Phu Dang said he admires his brother for wanting to help people. "When he grows up, maybe he wants to be a rich man. Rich in money and rich in love also. He wants to have much money to help himself, his family and the poor people," Phu said in an e-mail.
Dang may not talk much or be social, Phu said, but that doesn't mean he doesn't know anything. The thre brothers studied math in Vietnam so they have an advantage over other students, he said, but they still study hard because there is more to learn. Dang said he studies more than 40
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## Movement for uniform blood donation restrictions gains momentum in U.S.

Alan Bavley

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Mike Enos used to roll up his sleeve and donate blood with his co-workers. But that stopped years ago after he was ushered behind a privacy curtain at an office blood drive and told his blood wouldn't be accepted.

That's because Enos, a Kansas City insurance executive, is gay
For decades, the federal government has imposed a lifetime ban on
blood donations from men who have blood donations from men who have
had sex with men. The reason is that the AIDS virus, HIV, can be spread through blood transfusions, and gay men are more likely to carry HIV than the general population
But increasingly refined tests are removing many of the doubts abou whether a blood donor carries HIV.
the lifetime ban and bring wa rules for gay blood donors more in line with restrictions placed on other potentially restrictions plat
risky donors.
A leading gay men's health organization is calling for a rewrite of federal regulations on blood donations so that all risky behaviors - gay and heterosexual - are treated the same.
And a group of 18 U.S. senators led by John Kerry, wrote last month to the Food and Drug Administration, the agency that regulates the na tion's blood supply, to review what they called "outdated, medically and scien tifically unsound deferral criteria" that exclude gay donors.
The FDA said it is "actively engaged in re-examining the issue of blood do nor deferral" among gay men.
"Taking into account the current body of scientific information ... we are considering the possibility of pursuing alternative strategies that maintain blood safery," a recent FDA statement said.

A Health and Human Services advisory committee on blood safety and availability plans to review the issue in June.

It's about time, Enos said.
"Bottom line, the blood supply has to be kept safe, but isolating a sexual orientation doesnt ensure that its any

Enos has been in a monogamous relationship for nearly five years. He's HIV-free and gets tested for the virus every year. He said he would donate blood again, if given the opportunity. "I feel I'm being isolated unfairly," Enos said.
Donor rules affecting gay men
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-Mike Enos
epidemic, when public health officials noticed that the disease was appearing among hemophiliacs and others who received blood transfusions. Ultimately, thousands of people would die with AIDS contracted from contaminated AIDS
blood.
In 1983, blood collection facilities began telling potential donors to refrain voluntarily from giving blood if they were in any of the groups at high risk of AIDS infection. That included sexually active gay and bisexual men sexually active gay and bisexual men
who had multiple partners.
who had multiple partners.
But the rule for gay men was progressively broadened and now excludes blood donations by all men who have had sex with another man, even one time, since 1977, the year HIV is believed to have reached the United States.
Questionnaires every potential donor must answer are used to screen out men who have had sex with men and people who may be carrying bloodborne diseases such as hepatitis $B$.

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## New campaign promotes CSU

Meanwhile, increasingly accurate tests have been developed to detect
HIV in donor blood. The firse tests HIV in donor blood. The first tests that became available spot antibodies that the immune system produces when confronted by HIV. It usually
takes two to eight weeks, but sometakes two to eight weeks, but some-
times longer, for the body to make enough antibodies for the tests to detect.
A newer test can find HIV itself in the blood. This test shortens the time between infection with the virus and detection to nine to 11 days. Wus and detection to nine to 11 days.
With this technology in place, the FDA estimates that less than one in FDA estimates that less than one in
1 million HIV-infected donors go 1 million
undetected.
Sympathy for gay men believed to be unfairly excluded from giving blood has led to boycotts and cancellations of blood drives on university campuses. But health experts also campuses. But health experts also
have raised objections. have raised objection
Blood-banking organizations have long called for rolling back the deferral period on blood donations by gay men to one year after their most recent sexual contact with another man. That's the same deferral period used for people who have had period used for people who have had
sex with a prostitute or heterosexual contact with someone who is HIVpositive.

We understand there are emotions attached to this, but policies should be science-based," said James AuBuchon, president-elect of AABB, formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks.

Alexandria Scott

have taken place,
"The legislator thinks that CSU

The California State Student Association (CSSA) has launched a new campaign called "California Made in the CSU,"
CSSA started the campaign early in March to educate the voting public about the value of California state universities, executive director Miles Nevin said.
"We need the public support o help convince the legislator that the CSU should be a priority during the budget votes," he said. "The legislator needs to fully fund the needs of each education system."
The state has its general fund and higher education is a part of it, said Jacob Alvarez, vice president of university affairs. The poor economy caused the budget to be cut a lot.
"CSU is the largest higher ed ucation system in the world," he said. "It's important because it's accessible and has a low cost but high quality of education.
Fully funded would mean to give funding increases to CSU and restore some of the cuts that
are a cost that need to be cut," he
said. "Our goal is to educate the
public and the legislator that students are an investment and result dents are an investment and result
in teachers, nurses and engineers."
The campaign wants to put for ward the message that students are important, he said.
"We want to be at the top of the minds of voters," he said. "State parks was ahead of higher education in priorities."
The campaign promotes that the economy, jobs and the workforce are made in the CSU.
" CSU is a producer of the workforce in California, graduating 90,000 students each year," Nevin said. " $\$ 1$ invested in the CSU returns $\$ 4.62$ to the economy."
The statistic came from the Legislative Analyst Office and the CSU, Dixon said.
If the legislator supports the CSU system, the overall quality of eduction would increase, Alvarez said.
"We would like to see a lot of state financial support and lower
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## After 40 years, three sisters reconnect through Facebook



From left, sisters Renee Balzer Butorovich of North Carolina, Deb Baizer of Minnesota and Stacy Balzer of Colorado set about making up for lost memories.

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Rosalie - who, as it happens, was an old friend of Deb Balzer's - for warded the message to Deb, and the circle was complete, the needle in the haystack found.
After that, things moved quickly. Deb told Renee that Stacy had been found and the sisters decided to rendezvous in Minneapolis over the July 4th holiday. Stacy flew in from Colorado, Renee from North Carolina. "I was worried, but it was all lovely," Balzer said.
The trio told their story pretty much to anyone and everyone they
met over the weekend. "It was so obvious," she said. "We look like sisters, we all laugh crazily, 1 thought there would be a lot of tears, but we got on just as if wed always been together. I think our father would have been really happy that his daughters finally got a chance to reconnect."
The sisters have decided to start a tradition of getting together every July 4th. "We know we'll never be able to make up for the Christmases, but this works because there's not a whole lot of emotional attachment to the day," Balzer said. "And we get fireworks!"

## WINEMAN'S RESIDENCES

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## Poly to offer more summer school courses than ever

Summer school will look a little different this year. While Cuesta Col lege will be cutting almost all of its summer school classes, Cal Poly is offering more than ever, but with a projected change in fee structure.

Both schools' summer state funding has been cut but Cal Poly will continue to offer classes under the self-supported office of Continuing Education and University Outreach. For students, this means that while California residents will be paying more per unit than ever, out-of-state students might actually be paying less. In addition, more than double the amount of classes will be offered at Cal Poly
The reason for the reduction in
Cuesta's classes is wofold One is the elimination of federal stimulus funds for summer school. The other reason is that Cuesta experienced an
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California State University (CSU
campuses, Cal Poly's state summe school funding has also been elimi-
nated due to the financial crisis. But mandate offered several alternative plans. Cal Poly chose to shift the di-self-supported office of Continuing been directed by the Office of the

Elaine Sullivan is the marketing director for Continuing Education. She said they traditionally offer community. "In terms of why Continuing Ed-
ucation is dealing with the summer term, it's basically because Continuing Education runs as a self-support function," Sullivan said. "We have the background and the mechanics in place."

Biological sciences junior Marrissa Schuman is planning to attend summer school. She said the change isn't that big of a deal because she is
only taking one class, but she added that the lack of Cuesta classes will be hard on her friend, who was planning on attending summer school in order to re-enroll at Cal Poly, Now he, like thousands of other Cuesta students, won't have that option.
Last year for example, 3,395 students enrolled in Cuesta sum mer classes. This year, Cuesta will only be offering state-mandated programs, reducing enrollment in 4 -credit courses to approximately 84 students.
Greiner said they wanted to focus their resources on offering students a full course load during the coming fall and spring semesters.
"This allows us to create a more certain class schedule for our stu dents and our faculty," she said.
The first type of courses that will be offered during summer are neces Meces. nursing and pyschiaric tech
nician training. Cuesta will alo be be offering off-campus, non-credit enstudents, taught by high school fac cording to Cuesta officials, they ar Cal poly on the other hand courses. This is an increase of mor courses fill up, Dennis "Skip" Parks University Outreach, said they are "I think it's important to tell stu-
arse of enrollment. dents that theres two messages ou on and people can expect to see
many or more classes than ever be ore," Parks said. Cal Poly summer school options, state residents will also be paying
more. College of Liberal Arts asso ciate dean Debra Valencia-Laver ha been working with Continuing Ed wation to deter
"Well, I should say that summer 2010 is going to be a little bit of an experiment all the way around," she aid. "We're charging a different fe structure than in the past, and we don't know how popular that will be with Cal Poly students.

On the other hand, out-of-state and foreign exchange students might find themselves paying less

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STUDENT SPECIALS

sidenr Geoff Led mechanical engineering junior from Missouri, said he is planning on at tending summer school if he studies abroad later in the year.
"It sounds good to me because I'm out-of-state," he said. "But either way, I'd consider taking it to stay on track."

Whether resident or non-resident, the average price-per-unit for summer quarter should be in the $\$ 200$-plus range, according to Valencia-Laver. The final summer school fee structure has not yet been finalized.
Sudent accounts director Brett Holman explained that they are still waiting for the last bit of information from California State Univer sity officials.

Its been a litte bit of a moving arget because information is stil trickling in the from the chancellor's office about what we're allowed to charge," Holman said. "But we want to get the students as much advance notice as possible. We're not that far away from summer registration."
Either way, Holman said Cal Poly students will most likely be charged on a fee-per-unit basis, unlike the rest of the year's half-time and fulltime conglomerate sums.
Financial aid students, on the other hand, might find things a bit different. Summer is the 'left-over quarter for financial aid. Grant and oan eligibility, according to finanial aid director Lois Kelly, is primarily based on the first three quar ers of the financial aid year
"If you're looking at a typical aci
demic year, most of the enrollment activity occurs in the fall, winter and spring, and we base our calendar upon that," said Kelly
Since financial aid eligibility student-specific, Kelly said it's im possible to make a blanket statement about who will be eligible.
"I can't just say all students are eligible," she said. "But no student should make the assumprion there's no remaining financial aid
From a student perspective, the shift in fees will be the most noticeable difference.

But in terms of how you are going to register, it's going to be just like you always do. It's going to be seamless," Sullivan said.

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## CSU ups out-of-state recruitment effort

## Cal Poly cuts 1,648 slots

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Cal Poly has increased its efforts to recruit out-of-state students after approximately 1,500 California resident student slots were cut in a decision by the California State University (CSU) system. The move is an effort to reco the lost money and fill the empty space where those in-state students would be.
The CSU system as a whole is applying a 9.5 percent reduction to all of its 23 schools.

Cal Poly will be reducing its resident enrollment slots from 17,350 Californian students to 15,702 because of the budget shortages, following the system-wide percent-
age.
The empty places open the door for more out-of-state students to get into Cal Poly and the CSU system as a whole (eight to nine percent of Cal Poly's students are out-of-state now, according to Cal Poly Admissions).

Out-of-state students pay approximately 3,000 dollars per quarter more than resident students, making their yearly (three quarters)
tuition and fee total approximately

15,000 dollars. An in-state student pays about 6,000 dollars. Resident Californian student tuition is, in effect, subsidized by the state government meaning that the state absorbs the 9,000 dollars per year for each in-state student.
By cutting the state resident enrollment slots, the university prevents itself from losing more funds.
However, a problem occurs be cause Cal Poly is currently already maintaining (in facilities, faculty and staff) the 17,350 resident students, plus out-of-state students The results if those slots are left unfilled are empty classrooms, unused equipment and extra faculty. Cal Poly is equipped to support the amount of students they have now," ASI President Kelly Griggs said. "We will now have an excess of stuff they have around campus to support the current 19,000 plus."
To cover this excess Cal Poly is "putting additional interest in students who show interest in Cal Poly from out-of-state," Provost Robert Koob said

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## Student suicide of concern on college campuses

Every two hours and five minutes a person under the age of 25 commits suicide, according to the American Association of Suicidology (AAS). The association estimates that every year, more than one thousand of these are college students, making suicide their second leading cause of death behind motor vehicle accidents.
quirement more than just an aspiraquirement more than just an aspira ion, iks not uncommon for suicide rates to be higher than those of other colleges. In the last decade, prestigious universities such as MIT and Harvard have ranked above the national average for suicides: between seven and 11 students per 100,000 Cal Poly comparatively stands as one of the better engineering, archi tecture and agriculture schools in the nation.
al Poly students last year, many students have questioned how someone could become so unhappy that they would consider killing themselves. In addition to a history of mental instability and general depression, the American Association of Suicidology said the leading causes of suicide in college students can be attributed to financial and social pressures. The feeling of failure and decreased performance in school are also major causes.
"Our friend killed himself our first year at Poly," Cal Poly alumna Jes Godsey said. "For a while I was the only person who knew he was feeling this way and I couldn't tell anybody ... I regret that now."
Godsey said she was extremely close to the victim and knew he mind. She said he had spoken about being depressed and extremely uncould have done more to help him. she said.
Studies have found more than half of college students have thoughts related to suicide every year.
Dr ficensed psychiatrist for the Cal Poly micide cases around cerrain timesof "(Suicide) is a very commonly presented issue on our campus,
Marrer-Howieson said. "Typically ve find that we see more suicidality during high pressure times like mid
rms and finals.
A Cal Poly linguistics junior, who asked to remain anonymous, said the stress students feel in college can be
erwhelming.
"I know what it's like to feel like
versities because medication allow them to handle their stress. Unlike past generations, today's youth can be prescribed medication that eases anxiety and mediates chemical imbalances. While it might be sufficien

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-Jes Godsey
there's not much left for you. It gets in high school, adding the stress of so stressful trying to make everyone being away from home for the first bappy, parents, keachers, your peess time, higherac standards and port myself, and trying to find at a much higher risk for suicidal ime to breathe between studying thoughts or actions. nd working is hard. But counseling Organizations around the coun try have compiled information on resni seem like is but it is all worth
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e subject from major media outlet well as from universitics thar hay
n above-average suicide rate. Radio released a segment about th connection between cutbacks on ed ucation and counseling availability With state funds so low, there isn always enough money to sufficiently staff mental health counseling on college campuses.
The University of Texas conduct ed a survey of 26,000 students across 70 colleges to learn more about suicidal thoughts. Fifteen percent of the people surveyed reported having had seriously considered suicide. Mor than five percent reported having at tempted it at least once
Additionally, more than half of the students who reported they have seriously considered suicide never re ceived professional assistance.
Many researchers agree that another major contributor to the spike in suicides and attempts is that many students who have pre-existing men-
tal disorders are able to get into uni

## According to the American Foun

dation of Suicide Prevention, the ma
jor indicators that someone may be suicidal include uncharacteristic depression or rage, an increase in alcohol or drug use, complaining of sleep problems and recent talk of wanting an escape or wanting to die
Research shows peope suicidal will often begin to give away their possessions, especially meaningul mes They might even mir a will. People in this situation might begin to act extremely reckless and impulsive.
In some cases, there might also be a small peariod of extreme happiness following a longer period of depression right before the individual plans on attempting suicide

The American Foundation of Suicide Prevention suggests a few major strategies to help those who appear to be or have expressed thoughts of being suicidal. One of the biggest ways to help someone who might be suicidal is to express genuine concern for their well-being. Letting them

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## Suicide

know they are not being overlooked
and giving them specific examples of why you are concerned is the first Offering support and assistance in finding professional help if they out is one of the most suggested ways of helping.
The American Foundation of Sui cide Prevention also warns loved ones that the individual should not be left alone at any time, any sort of weapon
should be removed from the vicinity and the person should be taken to an emergency room at a psychiatric hospital.
The most important advice for those who are helping someone suicidal: If they are in imminent danger, do not be afraid to call 911
Though not every person who at tempts or commits suicide exhibits warning signs, the American Association of Suicidology and Suicide.org agree that at least 75 percent of those who commit suicide show clear signs of depression and suicidal tendencies beforehand.
There are many places to turn to for help and support. Some of the most popular include the Na tional Hopeline Network, and (800) 273-TALK. There are also support

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fees for students," he said. "More people would be able to get a university degree. The costs now are widening the gap of who can go to college."
A simple way for student to become involved is to go the the Web site and enter the pledge, he said. Someone can also testify on the Web site for reasons why the CSU is important.
"Students who want to be more active can educate themselves with Associated Students Inc." he said.

Students can be very powerful in influencing the legislator if they
hotlines for deaf people
Groups like To Write Love on Her Arm and Post Secret aim to help people cope with stress and depres sion. Both associations have a large support basis. Some groups even of er live support via Twitter and other Web-based mediums. At Cal Poly, there are a number of groups provided to students that give counseling and support for
those who need help coping with hose who need help coping with
The Cal Poly Web site has a page dedicated to Health and Counseling Services where students can find tips on how to manages stress, download exercises and breathing techniques that aim to ease anxiety and find phone numbers to call for support. There is also group counsel ing that students can participate in through the health center. Other groups on campus assist students in finding a community therapist, The site also offers help not only to students, but parents and faculty as studen
well.
"Don't be afraid to ask. Often people feel comforted by being asked if there is something wrong. And ask them what you can do to help them," Marrer-Howieson said. "It allows the person in crisis to dictate what they need."

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show up and vote, Dixon said.
"There are 430,000 students in CSU," he said. "If you add community colleges and UC, it's 3.7 million voters. With parents it's a multiplying effect making 6 or million; that's a lot of voters
"Next week we are sending out a pledge to all the legislators," he said. "It will say 'I will vote and support the governors proposal for full funding of the higher education'.

The Web site will post who has signed and who did not, he said. The primary election is in June but more importantly the general is in November, he said.
"One-third of the seats are being voted for as well as the governorship," he said.

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| AFGHANISTAN (MCT) The crash of a NATO aircraft in volatile southern Afghanistan killed three U.S. service members and a civilian contractor, the Western military said Friday. <br> The overnight crash in Zabul province also injured a numbe of others aboard, NATO's International Security Assistance Force said in a statement, without giving details. It identified the craft as an Air Force CV-22 Osprey, which uses tilt-rotor technology to take off and land like a helicopter but fly like a plane. <br> The Taliban claimed to have shot down the aircraft, but insurgents routinely issue such boasts whenever any Western plane or helicopter goes down. <br> LONDON (MCT) - Pope Benedict XVI is willing to meet with more victims of priestly abuse, the Vatican said Friday, as more complaints of clerical misconduct continued to surface across Europe. <br> Benedict has met with such victims in the past, most notably in the United States, but has yet to do so since a raft of new allegations of abuse began emerging in Europe in recent weeks. Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi said the pontiff was available for more face-to-face meetings. |
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## Black colleges necessary, according to educators


#### Abstract

Gregory Lewis

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. - When she is asked about the future of black colleges, Florida Memorial Universitys interim president points proudly at her campus, a seat of learning since 1968 whose roots reach back "Our graduates make a difference, not only in the African-American at large," said Sandra T. Thompson. But with integration firmly e trenched at institutions of highe learning, are historically black co leges and universities still necessary dents and, recently, President Barack Obama. The country's 105 black colleges produce a significant number of politicians and professionals. They provide comfort and cultural familiarity for many black students who are the first in their families to attend college, and channel black students into more leadership roles than they would find at other campuse Te'Andre Gomion, 21, wanted a college with a small student body that was close enough for him to commute from his North Lauder dale home

Florida Memorial University, in northwest Miami-Dade County, did not disappoint the political science and public administration major We get one-on-one with our


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Thompson, the interim presi dent, said that's the idea. "We're not a cookie-cutter university,"
"We have small classes where students get individualized attention," she said. "For students who are not as prepared as they need to be, we have labs and mentors to help, already in place,"

While only 20 percent of the nation's black college students attend black universities, those schools produce 25 percent of black students who get degrees each year, said Marybeth Gasman, a University of Pennsylvania expert on black colleges

She said if there were no black colleges, "You'd wipe out 50 percent of all the black women in the sciof all
ences.

Some black colleges have struggled to keep their doors open, especially in the recession, and Florida Memorial is losing a little ground, but generally holding steady over time.
total of 1,849 students this school year is just below the roster in 2005, but down from nearly 2,100 in 2007, according to Cheryl Lacy, assistant director of admissions.

Now, Florida Memorial has some

## successes to savor.

Its choruses and choirs are becoming known. Members of the Florida Memorial University Ambassador Chorale backed Queen Latifah at the Super Bowl at Land Shark Stadium earlier this year.

The school's aviation program has drawn attention because of student Barrington Irvin. In 2007, he flew solo around the world, securing his place in history as the first AfricanAmerican and youngest pilot to achieve that lofty goal. Irvin, 26, graduates in May.

Florida Memorial is also noted for
the number of students who enter teaching. Only eight other schools
in the nation - send more Africa
Gasman said black colleges
academically and bring them up to speed to succeed in graduate school That's something Obama noted earier this year when he signed the executive order for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Col eges and Universities
Obama, a Harvard Law Schoo alumnus, never attended a black col lege, but he said he understands the significant role these schools play. peopleyre the campuses where people were educated, where a middle class was built, where a dream took
hold," the president said. "They're hold, the president said. Theyre Americans have gained a sense of their heritage, their history, and their place in the American story.

Last week, Obama signed into law a bill that gives black colleges and universities with high minority enrollment $\$ 2.55$ billion during the next decade. The law also overhaul the student loan program, increas ing aid available through federal Pel Grants to low-income students.

Thompson said she was pleased the president understands the realities. Nearly 90 percent of Florida Memorial students receive some form of financial aid. Economics forces many of them to stop and re

Many of them have Thompson said. "So with the president making more money available, maybe more will be able to stay in school. It may prevent our students from having to drop out or stop

About 17,000 students attend the state's black colleges: Methodist affiliated Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach; Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, run by the African Methodist Episcopa Church; Florida A\&M University Church; Florida A\&M University
in Tallahassee, which has no church in Tallahassee, which has no church
connection, and Florida Memorial, Baptist university
In contrast, nearly 30,000 black students attend Florida's 10 public and predominantly white universities.

Experts say the top black colleges offer as good or better an education as the other schools, for less money According to their respective Web sites, Florida Memorial students get a private school education for $\$ 19,176$ a year, including tuition, fees, room and board; at private Lynn University in Boca Raton, those same costs total \$41,000

For Eric Burley, Florida A\&M be came the right choice after he attended the University of Central Florid and Florida Atlantic University

Burley, a 2008 graduate in health care management, said he took comfort in being around people who looked like him and got nurturing from faculty and administrators. That was unlike his experience at the two predominantly white colleges.
After growing up in the vanilla suburb of Cooper City, Burley said it felt good to be "no longer a minor-

When he was at UCF, in Or lando, he was ejected from parties, and concluded the reason was racial That's something he didn't encounter in Tallahassee
"For me," Burley said, "FAML was a better learning experienc


Hundreds of people protest Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's decree to allow a heavily polluting pulp mill to reopen on the southern shore of Lake Baikal in southern Siberia.

## New films more violent, content less sexual

Melissa Healy

WASHINGTON - You dont need to be a raging pacifist to notice that American motion pictures
have gotten way more violent, and have gotten way more violent, and
that younger and younger audiences that younger and younger audiences the big screen. You just need eye (and enough scratch to buy a movic ticket). But for skeptics, a new study published online in the Journal of Adolescent Health, offers some validation of the point.
Researchers from the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania painstakingly coded each year's top-grossing 30 films from 1950 to 2006 to gauge the extent and intensity of sexual content and violence. They then sought to discern trends within ratings catego ries, and the migration of sexual and violent content into movies intended for the broadest circulation, P, PG and PG-13 movies.

The sexual content of PG and R movies started accelerating in the late 1960s, when the Motion Picture Assn. of America's ratings system was instituted. It stabilized in the late 1970s and even declined somewhat after that. Since then, movies bearing PG and PG-13 ratings have not become more sexually explicit, the study found.

Not so with violent content. In fact, it exploded across the PG-andup ratings categories, cascading heavily into a new category introduced in 1984, PG-13. And as movies in the PG-13 category surged in recent years, they have come to represent about half of all top-grossing
so did the violence in them.
Before the PG-13 rating arrived, a movie that included scenes of rampaging destruction, intense fist-fighting or frenzied exchange of gunfire would routinely have earned a movie an R rating - in principle, barring teens under 17 from seeing it unless accompanied by an adult. With the new rating, not only did more films with substantial violence land a PG-13 rating; from 2001 to

## In Everglades, vultures hunt car parts

Curtis Morgan

MIAMI - Behind her counter in the gift shop at Anhinga Trail, the first and most popular tourist stop in Everglades most popular tourist stop in Everglades
National Park, Linda Hyde keeps a National Park, Linda Hyde keeps a
secret weapon against forbidding creatures that spent much of the winter lurking in the parking lot and preying on random visitors and staffers.
Not pythons, gators, panthers or even infamously blood-thirsty mosqui-
toes.
Vultures.
Vultures.
Some of the big black birds, known primarily for dining on the dead and decaying, also have developed an appetite for someching unusual: Car parts.
Windshield wipers, door seals and - especially scrumptious - sunroof seals. Anything rubber, but vinyl will

The birds, mostly black vultures native to much of the Southeast, have native to much of the Southeast, have
trashed visitor and staff cars and trucks trashed visitor and staff cars and trucks
and the occasional boat ar Flamingo, an outpost on Florida Bay. The park has received seven complaints and one lawsuit seeking $\$ 700$ to cover repairs, but most damage goes unreported.
Theproblem isntunique. Vulures across the country have munched on cars, roof shingles, pool screens and an array of stuff for reasons that biologists admit remains a mystery. The park has tried several anti-vulture schemes, yelling at birds, even dangling dead ones upside down - a scare-vulture that has worked well in many spots.
In the Everglades, the effigy results were mixed.
"The first few days they had it up there, oooh, it was eerie around here," recalled Hyde, who lost a windshield seal on her Ford Explorer to vultures. "The birds and crows were flying around them like crazy,

The macabre sight in a national park also was difficult to explain, particularly to kiddie visitors. And the carcasses, supplied by a federal the carcasses, supplied by a federal
nuisance wildlife team that collects nuisance wildife team that collects
dead birds from road kill and rehab dead birds from road kill and rehab centers, grew gamey and required periodic replacement. With the seasonal vulture populations dwindling, the park took the effigies down last

But they could return next winter, But they could return next winter
along with other anti-vulture mea-

Dave Hallac, chief of biological resources, said the park intends to call in experts from the U.S. Departmen of Agriculture's National Wildlife Re carch Center in Gainesville.
"This puts us in kind of a tough situation. These birds are native and theyr protected," Hallac said. "Wére looking for ways, without injuring the birds because that's not what we do here, to keep them from damaging vehicles."
Vultures are common in the park and their ranks swell as turkey vultures move south for the winter, joining resitent black vultures.
The behavior has been sporadically seen over the years in Flamingo, 40 miles from the park's entrance, where vultures often gather in trees around a fish-cleaning station and dumpsters near a boat ramp. But numbers swelled in the last few years at the Anhinga boardwalk, a popular stop only a few miles into the park.
Scientists can only speculate he bird's urges, said Michael Avery, USDA Wildlife Services biologist and
one of the nations top vulure manageone of the nation's top vulure management experts.
Some park workers believe the rubber releases an aroma, possibly from fish oil, that lures the birds. Avery said experiments with various emissions from chemicals used to make the rubber have provided no clear answers
"It's still an open question, but In kind of leaning against that," he said. Black vultures dont have a great sense of smell and birds dont seem to eat the stuff, Avery said. They just rip ii out, ingesting very little
Another theory Avery prefers though he calls it "not very satisfactory," is that the birds are using down time to sample available fare. Black vulures, the most common culprits hunt live prey as well as carrion, and car snacking tends to occur in the morning when birds are hanging out together, waiting to warm up and take to the air to forage.
"lis's like they are trying stuff," he said. "It may be more prevalent in younger birds as they are learning to
grasp things."
So, like many vandals, they could simply be a gang of bored juveniles.

The problem has increased in several states, likely a result of an expanding vulture population. Still, few visitor come prepared.
Joe and Mary Ann MacDonald wildlife photographers from Pennsyl vania who had led park tours over the years, caught some in the act during a A staffer tried to chase the birc away but they simply hopped from car to car, he said. MacDonald pulled pillow cases out of his luggage to wrap his windshield wipers, then snapped a sho of a vulture stripping wipers off another ar, which he posted with a warning on the Internet. "I really felt likel was getting sucker punched. This is not an inherent risk yource expecting in a national park," h said. "There were no warnings whatso

The park has since remedied that There are now numerous signs the park entrance, at Anhinga Trail and elsewhere - and warnings on the park Web site. Hallac said the park may rent tarps next year for visitors to cover cars. Some Flamingo fishing guides rouinely use them, he said. Other option indude squirt gens or other devico rattle birds.

The effigies, either dead or artificial also could make a return next winter. Avery, author of a 2004 study on vulture populations, said the approach has been effective everywhere it's been used.
It's not because vultures have no taste for their own, either. Avery believes the sight of a bird dangling upside down is startling, a signal of potential danger.
If those dead birds were on whe ground, we think it would be totally innocuous to them," he said.
Hyde, the Anhinga Trail shop derk is skeptical of effigies and tarps. Vultures ate a hole in a co-worker's tarp, she said. At the gift shop, she keeps tash of what she believes is the mos effective deterrent, which she hand out to co-workers when they stop by simple plastic bags.
She ties them around windshield wipers and shuts them in doors, where théy fluter noisily in the breeze which the vultures, at least so far, dont like.
"Tve got the rangers using these now," she said.

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B.A. University of Louisiana-Lafayette (1961); Ph.D. University of Oregon

How long have you been at Cal Poly?
Seventeen years, after 28 years teaching at the University of LouisianaLafayette

What did you do before becoming a professor?
I've been: a shoe salesman, aircraft factory worker, a farm hand, a furniture salesman, a dish washer, country-western radio disc jockey, newspaper reporter, advertising salesman, butcher's assistant three years in the U.S. Army in France in the early 1950s.

What classes do you teach?
Mainly fiction writing and the Great Books Series
What made you interested in your subject matter? I always loved to read

What is the greatest satisfaction you get from teaching? I get the most satisfaction from students who comes back after the quarter is over and asks for a reading list.

What do you hope your students learn from you? I hope they learn that using words well matters; that there is beauty in language used well.

What is your favorite thing about Cal Poly? The good students

What was the last book you read? Or favorite book? Last book - Lacuna, by Barbara Kingsolver. Favorite book - a toss-up between The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner and The Unbearable Lightness of Being by Milan Kundera

If you could meet anyone alive or dead who would it be? Faulkner, Kundera or Leonard Bernstein

If you had a million dollars how would you spend it? That's easy-an apartment in Paris and a small house in the Basque area in the south of France.

What is your proudest accomplishment? In teaching-the writing students who have persisted and gone on to publish stories; In writing-all of my stories published in various literary journals, but especially one called, "Ramblers and Spinners," that was
included in a "Best of" kind of anthology along with
stories by such writers as Wendell Berry and Tennessee Williams
What is the funniest thing you have experienced? My life.

## Stevens announces retirement from Supreme Court

U.S. Supreme
Court Justice John

## Paul

 Stevens
## Early years

Born April 20, 1 in Chicago, III.
Education B.A., University of Chicago; law degree, Northwestern University School of Law Military Earned Bronze Star while serving in Navy during WW II Family Married, four children

## Legal career

1947-48 Served as clerk to Justice Wiley Ruttedge
1952 Formed own law firm, Rothschild, Stevens, Barry and Myers; focused on antitrust cases 1970 Second vice president of the Chicago Bar Association
1970-1975 Associate justice of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals
1975 Nominated to Supreme Court by President Gerald Ford; unanimously confirmed by Senate

## Landmark cases

1978 Ruled the FCC could regulate indecent speech during hours where children are likely to be watching or listening
1989 Wrote dissent on ruling that banned punishment for burning the American flag
1997 Extended free-speech rights to cyberspace
2000 Wrote dissent on ruling to stay the recount of Florida votes in Bush $v$. Gore
2004 Authored decision allowing Guantanamo detainees to challenge detentions in U.S. courts Source: U.S. Supreme Court, Reviter 02010 MCT

Michael Doyle and David Lightman

WASHINGTON - Suprem Court Justice John Paul Stevens an-
nounced his retirement Friday, setting up a long-anticipated confirma tion battle during the most sensitive
of political seasons. April 20, said that after 34 years on the high court it was time to step
down of the court to have my successor
appointed and confirmed well in adcourt's next term," Stevenst said in :
letter to President Barack Obama. A Supreme Court representa-
tive conveyed Stevens' letter to the
White House at about $10: 30$ a.m.
Friday. White House Counsel Bob Bauer called Obama with the news, Force One as Obama was returning
 the end of the 2009-10 term will
remove from the court its most senior justice as well as the linchpin of whats now the liberal wing. Stevens
retirement also will ensure that the Supreme Court is front and center during the upcoming midterm congressional elections.
For conservatives and liberals alike, the pending court vacancy will
become a way to mobilize the roops become a way to mobilize the troops as well as to wage proxy fights over hot-button issues, including abortion and wartime security.
For Obama, the vacancy provides a challenge and an opportunity Republicans are eager to unitc around an issue that will engage their conservative base. The president's Democratic Party controls 59 seats, one short of the number that's needed to stop a filibuster. In a break with tradition, some senators have signaled that they wouldnt be reluctant to filibuster a Supreme Court nomince.
Stevens' departure also provides Obama a second chance to shape the court with a relatively young justice who will be interpreting the justice who wif be interpreting the
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## For Latinos, there appears to be a growing college gender gap




University of llineis Chicago student Luis Rivera, center with his two children, A dis sette, 5, drops off Cosette at a preschool on campus, February 26. Rivera graduates this spring and will enroll in the medical school in the fall, while working as long as 12 hours a day.
(everyone else)," Montano said. ited English skills kept them from tive-born Hispanics. released in October, "Latinos and Education: Explaining the Autain ment Gap," showed that about half of the Hispanics surveyed said lim-

Pew Hispanic Center study continuing their education. And "Young Hispanic immigrants the study showed that less than 30 are not necessarily in the country percent of Hispanic immigrants for school. They're here to work, aspire to earn a bachelor's degree.



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## Club

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A performance that started out with only two girls moving in perfect unison gradually brought in the rest of the group. The five girls ended up doing three different dance moves, all with the same rhythm.
Stepping stems from the African gum boot dance. Adonna Anderson said that African gold miners would wear Wellington boots to work in the flooded mines, which they would stomp to communicate. Stomping is a big part of stepping, and some fraternities and sororities wear tap shoes or high-heels o get a louder sound from a stomp. "Stepping became big in the ' 70 because of the Divine Nine," Kimball said. "The Divine Nine are the nine fraternities and sororities that made step ping mainstream.'

With stepping appearing in movies such as "Stomp the Yard", which was presented for last year's Black History Month, the dance form has become more and more popular:
"We're hosting a step show April 23 that will have some f faternitics and sororities from Los Angeles to San Francisco come and show what stepping really means," Buddhan said.
Until then, Driven Toward Sisterhood will be having an open workshop Feb. 10 demonstrating how to step in Tenaya Hall at 8 p.m.
The performance ended amid ap plause and Fox said that she was happy wihh the rurnout and that it went really well.
"(This performance) raised the bar on Soup and Substance. We'll have to keep it up," she said

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## New club steps to the music


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The members of Driven Toward Sisterhood get ready to perform their military structure dance at Soup and Substance on Feb. 2.

## Raquel Redding

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A demonstration of the dance stepping was held in celebration of Black History Month for February's Soup and Substance held in the University Union.
The new club, Driven Toward Sisterhood, led the demonstration and lecture of the history of stepping. Student coordinator of Black History Month and member of Driven Toward Sisterhood, Shauna Kimball said that stepping is a form of dance that involves using the body as an instrument to tell a story.
"Stepping is creating music with your body," Kimball said. "There is a mixture of footsteps, spoken word and hand-claps that make up the sound."
Soup and Substance Coordinator Michelle Fox said she had never begn to a live show for Soup and Substance,
"Soup and Substance is typically : lecture serics about something relevant going on in the world," Fox said.
Afer letting the crowd get their oup, Driven Toward Sisterhood starte

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the performance by riling up the crowd and yelling. "Are you guys ready"" With a littel introductory dance to show the large crowd what stepping was, Driven Toward Sisterhood then went on to ex plain the dance's origins
"(It's a) mixure of African dancing, military structurc and African gum boot." Sisterhood member Kando Oguntinda said to the crowd.
Britany Usher said singing and dancing was a way for slaves to communicate, as well as a way to celcbrate. praise and recite history. When slave holders found out that communication was akking place through the dancing and singing, they banned them. Thus, stepping was crated.
After an African praise dance, the Sistechood went on to explain how stepping was also formed from military structure
Devon Buddhan, a member who has been stepping since high school, said that all movements are performed to create unity.
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## To shave or

 not to shave?

Somehow, I got it in my mind that seen clearly since junior high. It was, hairless was hot. Three million porn I confess, excitingly soft and smooth, stars couldn't all be wrong when it reminiscent of shaved legs (it was for comes to sexy. Sexy is, after all, their a swim meet, if you were wondering).
iob. Also, I heard what seems like hun- Wieh every step I took my underdreds of claims that "shaving like hunlook bigger." So when my boyfriend vas returning atter the long absence of summer break, and my budget didnt
allow for edible body chocolate, I decided to shave it off.
The decision wasnt exactly sudden, as I had been toying with the idea for
weeks. I had wondered what it would we like. I read everyything I could find online on the topic, and to this day,
Google still helpfully suggests "shaved thair" when 1 tupe in "shave." This is
why you dont allow your family to


I had just removed the week's wispy stubble, and was reflecting on how uninteresting my life had been recently.
Luckily for my razor, 1 used my handy scissors to do some preliminary trimming before wholeheartedly making my life much less boring. Following the online advice, I was using a manual azor, so it was necessary to wash the hair out every quarter-sized patch or so. In addition, I had no claborate mirror system, so I decided against shaving some of my more inaccessible (and tender) parts.
To cut a long story short, I was With every step I took, my undergarments rubbed my bare genitals pleasurably, I wasnt spontaneously orgasming in class, but it wasnt a bad

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 yourself off of the top floor of the li-brary, it's not the fall that kills you. not painful at all (I was sure to use extra care in the scrotal area and mi-
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The Expendables ended their Winter Blackout tour Sunday, Feb. 28 with a sell out concert at Downtown Brewing, Co. Their latest album, "Prove It," is set to be released April 20.
$\qquad$ relaxation at home in the next few rour. really tight friends," Patterson said. Everyone has gotten along almost
like a family. 1 m ghad to get home. but it kind of sad to leave everyone
at the end of a cour".
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probably wont even go a week with-
out seeing each other once we get One of their fans, Richard Easton home." Weers said. The Expendables are no stranger to San Luis Obispo. Last year they played a for chows when he likes all of the bands Poly and a sold out show at the Vetcrans fall. -covered The Expendables through on Carpenter Suckeyard show here friends. on Carpenter Street a few years back one of the most awesome backyard music online and from friends, "ros parties wève ever done," Weers said. wanted, I would."


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listen tean dedicate one day to bout vaginas."
Eric Veium, a 2008 Cal Poly alumnus in industrial engineering says this will be his fifth time attending the Vagina Monologues, and 4th time secing the performance at Ca Poly.
"Women are a mystery, and I feel as if I can get a deep understanding of a woman by knowing her vagina," Vcium said.
His favorite monologue is called "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy

The person that does that monoogue is amazing," Veium said. "If

Every day is a penis monologue. I think we can dedicate one day to listen to a collection of monologues about vaginas.
, hardest role emotionally she's ever had to get into character for.
about getting raped," she said. "At first it was really disturbing, but now I'm just dealing
The concept behind the Sporight monologue this year according to Feingold is "no one can take anything away from you if you do not give it to them." " "I started crying at the end of $m$ dly caught me off guard," she said ally caught me off guard," she said
"All the other girls were crying and didn't expect it.
Cast member Kris Roudebush works for the city of San Luis Obispo and graduated from Cal Poly in 2007 She is performing "I was there in th room," which is a woman witnessing the birth of a child
"It reaches out to the moms in the audience and reminds everyon where they came from," she said. (Vagina Monologues) changed $m y$ life five years ago when I first saw it I was blushing. At 19 I realized, wow you don't know your body quite a well as you thought you did." reheral the Vagina Monologues first started, Ensler announces a spotight monologue that touches on what she feels are the most prominent stories dealing with violent acts against women going on in the world the 2010


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## Vagina Monologues covers women's issues

Katherine Grady
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A sexual encounter with a man who loves vaginas and a woman's insight on coping as a sex-slave are just two of the 16 commentaries from Vagina Monologues, a global performance that will be acted out by the San Luis Obispo community for the seventh Obispo community for the seventh
year at Cal Poly's Performing Arts year at Cal Poly's P
Center this weekend.
Author and activist Eve Ensler created the Vagina Monologues 10 years ago after performing hundreds of interviews with women all over the world about intimacy, sexual selfdiscovery and simply what it means discovery and sit
to have a vagina.
Christina Kaviani, assistant coordinater of Cal Poly's Women's Programs and Services, helped in bringing the production back this year. She says every performance was sold out last year.
"It's the biggest production that celebrates women in the world," Kacelebrates women in the world," Ka-
viani said. "There's no other movement like it. Women in Afghanistan are holding Vagina Monologues and women in California are holding it. It's powerful and necessary to have ar a college campus."
The Vagina Monologues, now translated into 45 different languages, acted as the inspiration for V-Day, a global movement to end violence against women. All proceeds for every performance go to that cause includ-
ing organizations like SARP, Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Not only are the Vagina Monologues performed to discourage violent acts against women, but they are considered a provocative take on celebrating women's sexuality. The testimonies include fantasies, inhibitions and intimate experiences.
The 2010 cast consists of mostly students as well as three Cal Poly graduates and one Cal Poly staff member
Anna Acuna, a kinesiology senior, saw a flier the morning of the auditions and decided to try out that night. She will be performing the monologue entitled "The Vagina Workshop." Acuna explains it as a very intelligent and nerdy young woman who knows what a vagina is and knows a vagina's purpose, but has never actually experienced its purpose.
"She goes to a workshop to find herself and find her essence, not just an anatomical place," Acuna said. "I see a lot of the qualities and traits I have in this woman, and she uses language I could see myself saying. This monologue helped me appreciate that nerdy aspect of myself."
Liza Jaros, a wine and viticulture sophomore attended the show last year with her mother and remembers getting chills. She decided she wanted to be a part of the movement this year. Jaros will be preforming a monologue entitled "Reclaiming Cunt," a wom-
see Vagina, page 27

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## Rappers

E-40, also known as Forty Fonzarelli and Charlie Hustle, came on at 9 p.m. with D-
Shot, wearing thin-rimmed eyeclases and Shot, wearing thin-rimmed eyeglases and
gold chain, common accessories on most of his album covers. Though he only performed for about 45 minutes, the crowd went wild
for his popular his "U and Dat" and "White for his popular hit "U and Da"" and "White
Girl", ccreaming "YAY Areat" everytime the rapper drank from his red party cup. Taking up every possible inch of the dance floor and bar area, the crowd stepped on, grinded on and sweated all over each other throughout the rappers set. Tempers rose to an almost violent level at one point when into a bigger man and his girffriend. Yet deinto a bigger man and his girfiriend. Yed de-
spite the pushing, shoving and outrageous spite the pushing, shoving and ourrageous
dancing during the E-40 show, 27-year-old San Luis Obispo resident Annette Ramirec, heard from friends that more people were going to see DJ Quik than E-40.
"I'm expecting DJ Quik to be better than E-40," Ramires said. "(DJ Quik) is a better artist. If it was just E-40, I wouldnt go." Cal Poly political science sophomore Mari Rodriguez said she expected people
to walk out of the concert bigger fans of DJ to waik out of the concert bigger fans of DJ
Quik because of his skills as a disc jockey to blend different types of records together without it being distinguishable and his ability to cross musical genres.
"A lot of people are going for E-40 because hés more well-known but I think people are going to walk away liking DJ Quik ple are going wer (because) he blends well with other
bet better (because he bends well with oher
artists and is a chameleon wih other artists and their sounds," Rodrigues said.
Born David Blake in Compton, California, DJ Quik is a known Blood gang member (or Piru) but spells his name without a C because CK together mean 'Crip Killer among other gang members. He first be-
came a successful artist in the early 90 s with
his debur album, "Quik is the Name". In
addition to releasing eight albums, he has addition to releasing eight aibums, he has
produced and worked with other, morc main stream artists such as TuPac, Xzibit Whitney Houston, Snoop Dogg, Jay-Z Dr. Dre, Eazy-E and E-40, among oth
ers. In ode to his ralent as a DI, the rapper ers. In ode to his ralent as a DJ, the rapper
half sang and half freestled almost ever song he pefformed. While he may not b as widely known, his hour and ten minute set had more of the audience dancing, waving their hands and singing to his music

## Even though DJ Quik came onstage

 to a thinner crowd, he played a longer set and was more involved with the audience Wearing a \#23 Casey Blake Los Angles Dodgers jersey, DJ Quik moved across thestage handed sage, handed his microphone over to a few the crowd to shake hands and dance with the audience while being heavily followed by two large bodyguards. Ignoring the 'No
Smoking of Anything. Smoking of Anything' signs posted on the pillars, the rapper even shared a marijuana joint with an audience member in the middle of his set as fans went crazy and camera flashes lit up the room.
SLO," he said onsag was "this poppin' in to yall, this haid fellike "I aint goin' to lic In the end DJ Quik ame out on to In the end, DJ Quik came out on top enterraining and interactive show, especially Cal Poly graduate Jake Leonard, 24, and kinesiology major Joey Valero, 23. Leonard said that DJ Quik was better than E-40 and Valero attributed Quik's more ampec
up show to him being a crowd pleaser. up sthow concert is) everything I thought it would be," Cal Poly graduate Steven Lopez said. "lts' like one big party."

## But Rodrigue insisted that it is his abil-

 ity as a DJ that won over fans in the end. "He picks out a beat through his earand is able to blend it. and when you add lyric, it just gets that much harder," Rodriguez said, "and that's what makes a good

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# The body became a canvas at "Embodiment" 

 vases for artists by using paints and ty Thursday at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. for a month ending the last week of January. The ive exhibit went through four differ ont themes that artists were expected
ling monster with on with pink polka dot if the de
d "Surf," followed by "Student
and a surprise "Finale." Embodiment" was coordinated by Native Lounge nightclub managers, Tyrone Galgano and Johnny Kenny who have been employed by Native since December. There was fast-paced club music
were underdressed except for maybe the artists who had their own "blue rom room in the back and decor ions included ceiling lanterns and strobe lights.
"This is an event you would see in big cities," Galgano said. "It's very different for San Luis Obispo."


200 to 400 people. This is the second year "Embodiment" has appeared at Native, but the first year peared at Name, but the hrs yp year's themes included "Day of te year's themes included "Day of the Dead" and "Big Top Circu Artists this year spanned from big name locals to college students of all ages. For "Surf," Eric Soderquist ages. For of the California Surf Proiauthor of the California Surf Prof ect painted two models together. He
made wings out of surfboards which joined the two of them. Other local professional artists included Jeff

$\qquad$ patiently lets her artist cover her in Japanese art for a Thursday show.

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## Cal Poly professor writes book on Native American symbolism in Catholicism

Aimee Vasquez

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are indigenous or native and their use in
a context that is often inappropriate,"
Martin said.
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and that each chapter
deals with colonization deals with colonization
and/or missionization to some degree.
plea are social being plea are social beings,
and this book show a variety of ways that distinct groups have
combined, tolerated, collided and even rejected one another's
understanding of the world," Blazer said. She added that the book discusses symbolism from ${ }^{\text {and }}$, wide varicy of angles, including personal experience, historical context, religion, ecu cation and socializecation. Ethnic studies asdistant professor Elvin Pulitano, who works


Controversy is not new to the Roman Catholic Church. In this case, Martin says the Catholic use of Native American symbolism is often inappropriate.


"The main thing IVes noticed about Kate is she's really passionate about Naike American issues and Nablus Amercan culture," Lawson said.
Lawson recently took an AISA field trip to a New Mexican mission and said they discussed the way the mission blended Native American art and symbolism in the colors, shapes and symbols


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hat were used in the decor
"If they use it correctly, it's kind of a sign of respect," Lawson said. "But if the symbol is used in a way that totally de feats the purpose of what it means, that would be bad" The book was published Feb. 1 and available in El Corral Bookstore Originally published on Feb. 8, 2010
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## Big name rappers take over Downtown Brew

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Rappers E-40 and DJ Quik performed for a
sold-out audience at Downtown Brew Fri-
day night. Though the rappers are known
for their individual musical styles, both
received similar reactions upon stepping
onto the stage. E-40, known for his slang
creation and contribution to "mob music,"
walked onstage amid chanting of his name
and bright camera flashes. DJ Quik, more
recognizable for the smooth beats typical
of Southern California West Coast rap, re-
ceived the same reaction, but also encour-
aged the smoky haze that rested above the
audience for most of his performance.
San Luis Obispo resident Ray Zepeda,
31, has been listening to rap music since he
was a teenager and has been a DJ Quik fan
for more than half his life. Having already
seen E-40 perform once before, Zepeda was
most excited about seeing DJ Quik but was
even more trilled that San Luis Obispo is


Rappers E-40 and DJ Quik performed for a sellout crowd at Downtown Brew Oct. 2, 2009.
in neutral.
E-40 got his first taste of success with his tap group, The Click. Made up of his broch er D-Shot, his sister Suga-T and their cousin B-Legit, the group gained a following in the early 90 s before releasing their debut album. Down and Diryy" With his 2006 alburn "My Ghetto Report Card," E-40 debuted at no. 1 on the Billboard hip-hop and rap allbum charts and gained further recognition with popular rracks "Tell Me When to Go" and "U and Dat" featuring T-Pain. Proving himself to be more than just a rapper, E-4i is also a successful businessman as owner of R. $n$ dependent recond $\mathbf{x}$ bel. Records. He is also the owner of a Far Bo burger restaurant in Valleco and is partnerec with Gatorade in craating 40 Water, a vi-
tamin water that advertises to "supply the amin water that advertises to supply the
body's daily nutritional needs" on its official bodys daily
Web site.
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## Clooney is ridiculous enough in "Goats"



The Men Who Stare At Goats [2009]
Director: Grant Heslov
Starring: George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Jeff Bridges, Kevin Spacey, Stephen Root, Stephen Lang
"Good Night, and Good Luck" dire tor and Academy Award-winning actor George Clooney teams up once again with screenwriter Grant Heslov for Heslov's feature film directing debut, "The Men Who Stare at Goats". A
comedic spoof on a U.S. Army research program dealing with a psychic phenomena in which soldiers are trained to kill goats simply by staring at them, this film succeeds not only in making you laugh, but also makes you question your own gullibility.
Is it really based on a true story? Well. according to the opening crediss, "More
of (it) is true than you would believe" of (it) is true than you would believe."
The movie begins with an introduce tion from Ann Arbor to newspaper columnist Bob Wilton, portrayed by Ewan McGregor ("Star Wars" Episodes I-III) Vewers follow Whan he intervew an oddball who informs him that he
was a member of the NEA, or New was a member of the NEA, or New
Earth Army, a top-secret team of paranormals who were being trained to use their minds as weapons. According to the source, their powers included spying from incredibly long distances and the use of a lethal stare.
White skeptical, Wilton is curious to see where his new story might take him and begins searching for answers. He eventually finds his way to Kuwait, hoping to venture into hostile regions. To both his and the audience's delight, he runs into Lyn Cassady, played hilariously by Clooney. Cassady was referred to Wilton as a "legend" by his first source and is said to be the best of the New Earth trainees.

After a few questions, Wilton learns about a doped-out Vietnam vet named Bill Django, played by seasoned actor Jeff Bridges ("Iron Man,"" "The Big Lebowski"), who delivers one of the film's most enjoyable performances.
his idea of "psychic soldiers" will prove to be effective in the long run. Fans of the Coen brothers' cult hit "The Big Lebowski" will probably find his portrayal the most pleasing, since Bridges plays Django in almost the same way he played the Dude.
The movie moves back and forth inside a 20 -year window, during the beginning of which we see Cassadys beginning of which we see Cassady
entertaining training under Django to entertaining tramnng under Django ta One of the plot's most satisfying points is realized when Cassady and Wilton foolishly journey into an Iraqi war zone. where Cassady attempts to deal with the hostility they encounter by using his the hostaity they ence
Clooncy is in top form as Cassady and his performance surprisingly isn? over the top or excessively silly, a trap which would have been easy to fall into Kevin Spacey, who has recently been missing from the big screen as a result of obligations to the British theater scene returns in a good role as the skeptical Larry Hooper, who hates every thing about the NEA. The film is also complemented by a skillful ensemble cast that includes Stephen Root ("Office Space") and veteran Stephen Lang ("Publice Enemies"'"Avatar")
The movie is based on the 200-4 novel by Jon Ronson of the "Guardian," who labels the NEA as an authentic program that has unfortunately not been exposed to the American public In my opinion, it doesn't matter if the book is factual or not, because the film is funny enough either way.

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# A passion for dance：Cal Poly business student opens hip－hop dance studio in San Luis Obispo 

Leticia Rodriguez

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As a dance teacher，the one thing
that really upsets Cal Poly busi－
ness administration junior Heidi
Asefvaziri are students who have to
quit her class because they cant af－
ford the payments．So she came up
with her own solution：open her
own street hip－hop studio．
ainy．Asefvaziri，a former hip－hop opened up the Sureer HEAT Dance， Company in San Luis Obispo so she could charge less for sispo so she courd charge bus far she who love hip－rop ber cart afford the fec at other studios ＂When someone leaves my stu－ dio because they cant afford it，that affects the teacher，＂Asefvaziri said． ＂No one wants to see money be an

Im－st person to step up and say riat going to let money be a re－ strietion to keep someone from do－ ing what they love．
Asefvaziri didn＇t discover her own love for dance until she took a class in April 2009．She said even though during her first class she＂unbeliey ably sucked，＂she went home feel ing that this was something she was meant to do．

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he took as many classes as she could
before being asked to take over as an instructor for the advanced hip－hop class in June．After chorcographing and performing in a dance rou－ ine for the academy in September Asefvaziri said she realized her true passion lay in teaching students．Ev－ erything，she said，just went from there．
＂I just had a plethora of chore－ ography that I just wanted to down－ load on somebody so I just started load on somebody so 1 just started dancing and coming up with stuff
and teaching it to other people，＂ and teaching
Asefvaziri said．

## Asefvaziri said．

The students she has taught so far keep coming back．Cal Poly microbi－ ology senior Edgar Calvo first started taking classes from Asefvaziri when year．Calvo，fairly new to choreog－
raphy，was asked by Asefvaziri to dance in a promotional video for her new studio with fellow dancers Al－ yssa Dahlstedt and Kendra Brewer． From there，Calvo said he discovered Asefvaziri＇s passion for hip－hop．It is her excitement and innovation that keeps him returning each week．
＂Heidi has a passion for hip－hop dance like no one Ive met in San Luis Obispo and I just kind of gravi－ tated toward that，＂Calvo sald．＂The choreography is something you can＇t really find in San Luis Obispo＂ Asefvaziri recognized not only an open market for hip－hop in San Luis Obispo，but for street hip－hop，a different form of the popular dance she was teaching at the academy last
see Hip－hop，page 36


PHOTO COURTESY GRAEME JOHNSO
Heidi Asefvaziri（far left）opened Street HEAT Dance Company in January as a way to offer less－expensive classes to students．From second to left，dancers Edgar Calvo，Kendra Brewer and Alyssa Dahlstedt have been members of the studio since the beginning


## Embodiment

Claassen, from San Luis Obispo's Claassen gallery and artists from Forever Stoked, Chris Pedersen and Charlie Clingman's local art company. whe Megan Whitney, a Cal Poly grad-
uate works at Forever Sooked Her uate, works at Forever Sooked. Her
first week painting she used a loo of bubbles for "Surf" and coming back for the last week she wanted more of a feminine theme for Valentine's day. Describing her model as a fairy, she used flowers and feathers for her she used howers and fathers or her
designs. " "lis fun as an artist to work on a difterent canvas," Whitece said.
"With dimensions, it becomes a moving canvas ... almost like a sculpture, where your design takes
on a 3-D appearance."

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Woman so I came prepared to do
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katherine grady mustang daily
Artists frantically work to finish before the show.

to join the Embodiment crew and has since participated in all three events so far.
"I love that you can use your "I love that you can use your
body to give art a personality," Ev body to give art a personality," Ev-
ans said.
For the "Student Art" show, most of the models were very comfortable even though for many it was their first time getting painted. Eric Martin, a 2007 Cal Poly graduate who also participated in Fashion Sessions also participated in Fashion Sessions said this was his first Embodiment
show "Im extremely ticklish," Martin said. "You just have to hit me in the right spots. Otherwise it feels really good ... kind of like a spa treatment."
a human canvas is a great way for lo-
cal talent to get exposure. Before the show began, Martin's paint among other models began to fade because of sweating and moving around. Not only was sweat an issue, but
during the "Surf" event, weather posed a problem with the outdoor runway. "During the show it started to rain lightly," Galgano said. "Surprisingly little paint was lost. It was al-
most perfect. Right at the end of the show it started pouring." With over 100 models showing up at open-casting in January, only 40 were called back to be in the shows for ensuing weeks. The parameters range from being at leas
yourself well, according to Galgano. "They are given no compensation, but do get full access to photos and the event," Galgano said. Many models were sought out by the managers and others heard about the event through friends o

Logan Hunt, a general engineer ing senior at Cal Poly explains how his group of friends created some thing called "Classy Thursdays" where they would dress nice and go to Native Lounge in the evenings. "We started doing them for fun in he summer and the managers liked it so much, they started official Class Thursdays at the club," Hunt said

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## arts

## Embodiment

## Hunt says that's how he got in volved with Embodiment, why he modeled twice for the shows and why the events were held on Thurs-

 days. Hunt discussed how he felt like a tribal warrior with the artwork that consumed his body during Surf week. He did a yoga handstand on stage where he balanced his legs on his arms. He wanted to do a full handstand for the student art show, but was only successfully 80 percent of the time when practicing and didn' want the other 20 percent to result on stagc.Hunts main reasons for partici pating in Embodiment include the free champagne offered to models 21 and over, and getting to walk around in his underwear.
"It's pretty standard because walk around in my underwear all the time when I'm at home so this time it was just in front of a group of people," Hunt said. "I'm not going to shower for three weeks because it's awesome. Ive got some Axe body spray so itll be fine.
Some new faces showed up to audition for the "Student Art" show, They gathered in the lounge and began to strip down when the host in formed them not to be upset if they didn't get picked. Hunt commented that everyone in the room would be

## Hip-hop

style. Street hip-hop, Asefvaziri said has more to do with general choreography than technical moves. The style includes popping and locking, both of which rely on the performer to move their body in sometimes fast and strict movements.
As the sole choreographer at Street HEAT Dance Company, Asefvaziri teaches classes meant for intermediate to experienced dancers who already have a background in hip-hop but Asefvaziri encourages people of all experience levels to attend a class.
"For my class, you come already knowing (the steps)," Asefvaziri said. "So when I lock or pop, I don't have to break it down for you, people are already going to know what it is. I don't slow down the pace of my class or anything but they love the music and they're highly energized. They're completely lost but they love the energy and everything
chosen after a quick scan San Luis Obispo Beauty College did the hair and makeup for the models. Evelyn Kinner, a beauti cian from the school, is participating this year. the picce at enunciate whatever inseresting nunclate whatever interesting hought is behind it," Kinner said. "If it's hard, I spike it up and if it's soft, use soft makeup. (Embodiment) em powers our love of our body through art and abstract thought.
Aside from the modeling, art and makeup, there was a live dance performance put on by Suzy Mille each week. As a freelance choreog rapher, Miller puts together a danc routine with local dancers to star off the night.
"Where I go for work is more G rated normally," Miller said abou her choreography. "We have to work really quick which is daunting but also exciting.
Trying to get the crowd involved with short skirts and whips, one of her dancers in the performance was holding a cardboard book with the title "how to fuck like a man.
"The artwork is creative in whole different way transform ing the human body," Miller said "There's adult sensibility with a dif ferent humor and different style.

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that comes with
But Dahlsted said Asefraziri's de votion to her students is what should bring beginning dancers to the studio. Dahlstedt, who has been danc ing with Asefvaziri since the Acad emy and is now a regular at the new studio, said a lot of what makes the classes so fun is Asefvazir's "warm spirit" and her willingness to help students learn the dance outside of
"She's basically willing to do anything to support her sudents," Dahlsted said. "Shes not doing it to make money, she's doing it because she has a passion for dance and think that's really cool."
Street HEAT Dance Company is located at 207 Suburban Road, unit 13. Asefvaziri offers a coed advanced hip-hop class Thursday nights at 7:30 and a women's only class Friday nights at $6: 30$.

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## sports

## Darling

this season. He was used mainly as utility man. Filling in for players with foul trouble and injuries, Darling trotted on the court and did what he was asked to do. Halfway through the season, ineligibility struck starting the season, incligbibity struck startung
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utes sky-rocket.
Against in-state rival UC Davis,
Darling saw the court for $23 \mathrm{~min}-$ utes, just six fewer in that one game than in the whole 2008-09 season. Darling finished with a career-high double-double - 10 points and 12 rebounds.
"He is as good of an example perseverance in sports as I have seen in 23 years of coaching," Callero said In the game, Keeler hit Darling under the basket with dish on drive. Darling jumped up in between drive. Darling fumped up in between
numerous defenders and finished emphatically with a two-handed jam The moment was the image that Darling had once dreamed about when he sat at the end of the bench. He was no longer the one staring at the players he was the one playing.
"It's an absolute priceless opportunity," Darting said. "Someone could offer me a billion dollars to not play out this year, and I honestly dont think I would take it.

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## Head coach Joe Callero teaches more than just basketball

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As you walk into Mott Gym, placards and trophics adorn the hallway The walls are filled with pictures of championship athletes, From athIetes like Jordan Beck to Bob Mott, who at one time or another walked these halls.
basis and compete in the NCAA tournament."
Cal Poly made the jump to Di-vision-1 in 1994 and has struggled since. In the 16 years Cal Poly has been a top-division school, the Mustangs have posted four winning seasons.

This season was a bit different. Cal Poly finished the regular season (11-18, 7-9 Big West) only four

## Wins or losses are not the things

 people care about. Everybody wants to win games, but it's about how you win the game.room, which has yet to hold a championship-winning team, is located in Mott Gym, hidden past the glare of copper and gold
This season, the locker room is the property of first-year head is the property of first-year head coach Joe Callero, a coach searching
to turn Cal Poly from a Big West bottom-dweller into a Division-1 powerhouse
"I think we can be an NCAA

## ournament team," Callero said

That's why 1 am here. The goal is to
wins better than last year's team, but the Mustangs raced out to the best conference start in school history In each conference game this season, the Mustangs were able to compete - they lost each conference game on an average of seven points, bearing 20 -plus point losses just to UC Davis and UC Santa Barbara. And they did so with just three seniors on the roster.
"To me, (this year) it's like a completely different team," senior guard Lorenzo Keeler said. Keeler spent two years playing under the
$\stackrel{\text { mley. }}{\text { (Callero's) }}$ ) philosophy of the (Callero's) philosophy of the game is simple: Play as a team, play as a unit, play together - compete - and you'll be successful.'

Callero is a different kind of coach. He doesn't take the standard route with his players. While most of his words are about what his players can do to excel on the pl, hers a de ourt, he said the lessons he instills in his players are ones they can caroff the court
"The most important part of coaching is where you can feel like you can help someone else out with their life," Callero said. "I hope that I can be as influential on my players as my coaches were for me."
This mindset is an aspect of Callero's coaching that players admire.
"Callero is a real guy," senior forward Ryan Darling said. "You really feel like his door is always open and he is going to be real with you. He is going to be a real human being and not someone who is just a basketball coach.

With practices, game plans, press conferences and recruiting, among other things, head coaches always have multiple items on their plates. But, despite the influx of chores, Callero tries not to get lost in the professional side of things. "What I try to always think about on a daily basis is to remem-
see Callero, page 37


NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAIIY FILE PHOTO
Head coach Joe Callero finished his first season at Cal Poly with a loss against Head


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## Senior Forward Ryan Darling turns rags to swishes

Brian De Los Santos

Someone could offer me a billion dollars to not play out the rest of this year, and I honestly don't think I would take it.

- Ryan Darling

Darling befriended some of the pla ers he played against in tryouts and started playing pick-up games with some of them. Anytime the team had an open-gym shoot around, Darling
was always there. while, I started to think that I actually had a shot at making the team, so I decided to put my mind to it
and give it everything I had," Darling and give it everything I had," Darling Darling was motivated to wash out the taste of defeat he had left over from his previous tryout. He hit the from his previous tryout. He hit the
gym to build on the 6 -foot- 7 -inch, gym to build on the 6 -foot- - -inch,
185-pound frame he had when he graduated high school. By the time tryouts came the second time around, Darling recalled tipping the scales 25 pounds heavier than freshman year. But, another tryout was filled with more disappointment as Darling failed to make the team once again. "To my knowledge, the team was full at that point, but I did well in tryouts so the coaching staff said I could stick around and be a team manager if I wanted," Darling said.
Being burdened with rejection twice, Darling still had no inclination to hang up his shoes. To show his commitment to his dream, Darhis commitment to his dream, Dar-
ling took the position. When the ling took the position. When the
team was on the court practicing, Darling was there serving as a team manager. When the team wasn', he hit the court.
"I came into (my junior year) with the mentality that 1 am going to play," Darling said. "I dont care what it takes, I had come this far, I wasnt When the first day of official team practice came his junior year, thre weeks before tryouts, Darling headed to Mott Gym. For him, it was just another day.
"I wanted to see if maybe (coach Bromley) wanted to use me in some of the drills, but I wouldnt actually be on the ream," Darling said, "But 1 walked into the locker room and found my own set of practice gear.
Darling held up a green and white practice jersey with the words "Cal Poly" and the number 31 embroidered on the back - he had made the team.
"I believed he could (make the
team). . Ive always thought hes had
the ability, drive and athlecticism." Shelon said. drive and atheeticism.
Darling redshirted his junior y followed by playing time in his nex

When former Seattle University head coach Joe Callero took over the reins of the Mustangs, Darling had no need to prove himself again "He was pretty athletic and active, but he was very raw," Callero said. "He hadnt played very many minutes of really competitive college basketball, and he wasnt really comfortable with a lot of things we were implementing."

As the lights in Mott Gym turned on for another season, Callero had been around Darling for less than a year, but he immediately noticed Darling's main addition to the team - energy.
"He has such a positive energy about him," Callero said. "Every team needs to have an emotional leader - a positive energy leader and (Ryan) certainly has emerged as a positive energy leader.'
positive energy leader.
Darling's work ethic wasn' only seen in the eyes of the coaches; the players started to rally around him.
"Biggest thing (Ryan) brought to the team is energy," Lorenzo Kecler said. "I mean, we know whenever he gets on the court he is going to play his butt off. He is going to play 110 percent and leave everything on the


Cal Poly senior forward Ryan Darling played all but 29 minutes in the 2008-09 season. That number skyrocketed last year; he raised that to 341 minutes last season.
court before he comes back onto the through the team's first 10 games of
Darling racked up 22 minutes.
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## Top five all-time Mustang football games: The good, the bad and the heartwrenching




Last November, Cal Poly marched into the teeth of Camp Randall Stadium to take on Wisconsin. Three extra-points led to a Mustang loss, $36-35$, but not before Cal Poly made a statement to the college football world.
4. The Heartbreaker

What makes the game so memo able for Fullerton, however, was no the stands singing the fight song and winning his first conference title with the Mustangs.
"We were going crazy," he said "It felt good to hoist the trophy up. t was a team effort throughout the


Cal Poly vs. Montana. Sept. 6, 2008 at Alex G. Spanos Stadium
Coming off a great upset against San Diego State a week earlier, the Mustangs were ready to deliver against the Grizzlies. But when place kicker Andrew Gardner missed a 27 yard last-minute field goal that could have clinched it, the Mustangs lost to Montana 30-28 in front of approxi
mately 10,000 fans. Former quarterback Jonathan Dally doesn't think it's fair to pin the game on Gardner.
"After it happened, it was like 'Did that just happen? Did we jus lose?' (But) we were all kind shocked by our performance," he said. "We knew where we messed up, (but) we had to be mature about it and come back next week and star our season over."
Even though this game is most

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memorable for the missed kick wit seconds remaining, other members of the team struggled as well. Fullerton (who had inherited punting duties that year) had his first punt blocked seconds into the first quarblocked seconds into the first quar-
ter at about the 34 -yard line only to see it turned into a touchdown by an untouched Montana wide receiver Dally struggled as well in the fourth quarter when he was tackled and ultimately fumbled the ball at the Cal Poly 3 -yard line, resulting in a safety for Montana and a touchdown three minutes later.
But the game wasn't all bad f the Mustangs. Dally managed split the defense for a touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Ramses Barden at the 20 -yard line in the first and again for a touchdown pass in of 23 passes and aided Barden in breaking the Cal Poly touchdown
record with 35 . Defensive ends Ryan record with 35 . Defensive ends Ryan
Shotwell and Sean Lawyer also had a great game. Shotwell had a seasonhigh seven tackles and not only was Lawyer named the Great West De-
fensive Player of the Week (a rarity fensive Player of the Week (a rarity
considering his team had just lost) but he also recorded 2.5 sacks and 11
"Sean Lawyer is a beast," Fuller ton said with laughter. "He's prob ably one of the best D-liners weve ever had."
In spite of the longstanding rivalry with Montana, Fullerton can still acknowledge a good team when he sees one and didn't let the 2008 loss affect the rest of the season.
"To be where you want to be in AA football, you gotta go through Montana," he said.

3. The Aztec Upset

Cal Poly vs. San Diego State Aug. 30, 2008 at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, Calif.
In the opening game of the 2008 season, the Mustang football team beat the San Diego Aztecs with a last-second 21 -yard field goal by Gardner to end the game, 29-27. The game was a surprising upset, because the Football Bowl Subdivision Aztecs were heavily favored. Dally said winning the game at Qualcomm Stadium with a last-second field goal seemed straight out of a movie.
"You look up and you're surrounded by bleachers and whether they're filled or not, it's kind of overwhelming," he said. "It brings that energy like 'Alright, we gotta show, the world we can play on this stage.' It was definitely where we felt like we wanted to be."

Capitalizing on four turnovers by the Aztecs in the first half alone, the Mustangs were able to take an early $16-7$ lead by accumulating 101 yards on the ground. With a forced fumble caused by defensive lineman James Chen, linebacker Carton Gillespie was able to recover, and Cal Poly scored again four plays later when Ryan Mole ran the ball in for the touchdown. In fact, it wasnt until the second quarter that the Aztecs even made it onto the scoreboard and they never led until 6:51 leff in the game when they scored a five-

## Football

yard rushing touchdown. They failed oo gain the extra point with a twopoint conversion, leaving them with were able to set up the field goal by 33 -yard drive to the Aztec 4 -yard line with completion passes to Barden. "It was a really exciting game, Gillespie said. "It was the first game of the season, so it kind of had to set the tone.
While the Aztecs led the Mustangs in number of downs (21-23), the Mustangs dominated in total yards with 483 to San Diego's 379 The Mustangs held the ball 16 minutes longer than the Aztecs. Defensively, the Cal Poly football team came out on top as well. Leading the team in ackles, linebacker Fred Hives II had 10 with fellow linebacker Marty Mohamed trailing closely behind with ight. In addition to his forced fumbe, Chen (who was out most of the 2007 season due to an injury) also recorded a sack and a fumble recovery
2. The Comeback Kids

Cal Poly vs. Montana Nov. 26, 2005 t Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula, Mont.

Still feeling the pain from a 36 27 loss to the Grizzlies in the regular season, the Mustangs faced Montan again in the first round of playoffs and beat them for the first time in 11 years in a $35-21$ upset. Former linebacker and 2006 Buck Buchanan award-winner Kyle Shotwell (now a defensive assistant coach for the Mustangs) said the team knew they ere the underdogs going into th game.
(The game) was a big deal be cause it was the playoffs and we hadn't beaten Montana before. It was cold-weather game, and a lot people didn't think we could win be cause we were California kids and we su "Were and par to strong he said. "We came in really strong and we didn't let off the gas.
Defensively, the Mustangs pu up a fight. Recording seven sacks as unit, 2005 Buck Buchanan award winner Chris Gocong put up three and safety Kenny Chicoine mad one pick. Offensively, the team held 17-minute possession advantage al most doubled Montana's toral yard most doubled Menas total yard


Cornerback Asa Jackson (2) tallied seven tackles against the the "triple win" November 16, 2008 at Alex G. Spanos Sadium.

Noble had 41 carries for 188 yards and four touchdowns. Shotwell said my fondest memories from colle that going into the game, the team was prepared partly because they had already faced them
"We had them figured out. Wc knew who they were and how they were going to attack us," he said, "and we were able to play really well." But for Shotwell, it's not any spe cific play, tackle or sack made by one of his teammates that he remembers the most. In fact, for him, the mos memorable aspect of that game what happened after they won.
"I remember just at the end of the
 singing our fight song in front of the

## fans," he said "It was defini

scrutiny after the loss, and Dally said Gardner put a lot of that harsh criticism on himself.
"No matter what, he's going to be
his biggest critic. From the team en
vironment, it was unfair how people were coming down on him. It's kind of sad that he let that get to him and stopped playing collegiate foorball Dally said. "We didne console him Ds a team, which kind of broke his spis, her kis of broke his spint, bur at the time we had him through on. We had to sho was time to step work ethic that Youre kind of up and do our job ,

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Battling a physically bigger team
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## sports

## Callero

ber to think about coaching peo one thing that I can do this day that vill be personal in nature and not lt's not easy to gain the trust head coach, but Callero has found truggled. Perhaps it's the half-grin he carries: maybe it's his demanding ecord with other teams. Whatever
he case, since the first day he met the case, since ther hirst day he mer
his players, Callero has made a demanding impression.
"The first day he came and talk ed to us, he said we (were) going to change the whole atmosphere a new culture of basketball," sophoore forward Jordan Lewis said. Indeed he did.
He created a brotherhood tween his players. Callero is a fam-
ily man. Living in a household that includes his wife, Erika, and his daughter, Malia, he enjoys being with his loved ones. That mindset
"I'll do anything for my broth, my mom and my pops, and (Callero) created this thing where team is a tamily. All these are my brothers, all these are my family men with your family You live and die with your family.
Brotherhood wasn't enough. Callero wanted to leave an impression on his players. He teaches them the game of basketball, he teaches them ow to win, but he teaches them the "We are trying to get guys to be mature and positive and encourag-
ing," Callero said. "Wins or losses are not the things people care about.
Everybody wants to win games, but its about how you win the game, how you play as a team."
Callero's understanding of the problems and obstacles young men have gone through has been instrumental in this process. Callero
said he has always wanted to work sad he has always wanted to work
with learned how to deal with the problems of young students when he worked at a juvenile home and as a high school guidance counselor. "Kids are going to make mistakes." Callero said. "We are not perfect human beings, but we arc going to try to be.
But Callero could not satisfy
his hunger for basketball with that profession. After counseling, he became a basketball coach. With experiences he learned from helping kids in his back pocket, Callero tries not to only churn out basketball player when they graduate from his program, he aims to create men on the "I really feel like he emphasize us being mature enough to understand the concepts of basketball, be and off the court, and he teaches us to play with maturity on the cour present ourselves as Cal Poly and be proud of that." Lewis said changed the mindset and the out look of this team, but ask him how
"I didn't turn this season around, Callero said. "I didn't do anything: the players did it. I think a lot of it is just getting the student athlete to believe in themselves, believe in
what teamwork can do, believe in what hustle can do" do, betiere With these new outlooks the future for Cal Poly is bright. Next sea son, Cal Poly will have to combat Keeler, but will have firepower read to join the young staff on the hardwood.
The Mustangs will return thre starters who averaged double figures in scoring last season. To add to that lineup, Amaurys Fermin - a red shirt guard who averaged 18 points and eight assists per game at Hag rstown College in 2008-09 - wil be eligible to play. Not to mention stand-out recruits Maliik Love and Jamal Johnson will be joining the
"We have done so much this ee son, and I feel like next season and the seasons to come, with this new program, here is tor of ahead of us," Lewis said.
So after the offseason, the brighr lights in Mott Gym will turn or and, for another year, the men's basketball team will take the court. Evlocker room and pass through the hallway filled with championship trophies and placards.
Every day, they will notice there is a piece missing.
A Big West championship? An NCAA *chanpionship? Either will suffice said.

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## sports

## Mustangs

Cal Poly jumped onto the scoreboard in the first 21 minutes of the game with a 13-0 lead over the Badgers. The initial touchdown came from a forced fumble by Jackson, allowing the team to gain 60 yards in 11 plays. The game was a see-saw battle until Wisconsin forced the game into overtime with a last-minute 3-yard touchdown run by running back P.J. Hill. In total, the Mustangs had possession of the ball for almost 40 min utes, scored 35 points against a team that generally allows no more than 26 and gained 95 yards thanks to passing and 276 yards on the ground.
Despite the 32 -degree weather and $10-\mathrm{mph}$ winds, the Mustangs still managed to pull out a wellplayed game against a team that many expected to trample them. An FBS team, the Badgers never led in the game until they finally won in overtime and were actually mocked by a Big Ten Network analyst for over-celebrating. The analyst compared their excitement to beating Ohio State in order to get into the Rose Bowl, not beating a Football Championship Subdivision team that students and the media expected to get destroyed.
"In actuality, we were the better team that day. We were playing harder, we controlled the game and gave ourselves every opportunity to win," Dally said. "After that game, we were so distraught that we couldn't pick ourselves up after the first round. It was so emotionally draining that, yeah, we played good, but it wasn't enough."

In the weeks preceding the game
the Madison newspaper, The Capital Times, ran numerous articles bashing the Mustangs, mocking Cal Poly's reputation as a high-ranking engineering school. What makes this game so significant in Mustang history is not Gardner's missed field history is not Gardner's missed field goal (except for some who can't
seem to let it go), but rather that it showed the nation what our football team is capable of. We're labeled as an FCS football team, yet we were able to give an FBS team a run for their money and gain the respect of fans and residents of the Wisconsin area. Following the loss, the Mustang Daily editor received an e-mail from a Wisconsin resident who praised the team's offense, teamwork and execution.
"Your coach, your team ... should forever remember that game as an outstanding display of college football," Douglas Alexander wrote, "You should have won that game. Congratulations to you. You have a fan in Wisconsin."
Dally said being positively acknowledged by Wisconsin fans and the media was exactly what the team had set out to prove.
"We wanted to prove to the fans, to the media, that a prestigious Big Ten team isn't as big as they think it is. Toward the end of the season when you can play as a team, the level of comperition isnt as big as they perceive it," he said "We fels like should have won that game, and to prove some people wrong in the process was exactly what we wanted to prove."

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## Dang

## hours a week

The things that members of $m y$ amily want him to do is he try to study by his best, try to become a successful person, and the one who can bring happiness to family and everybody surround him," Phu said. Mathematics professor John Martin taught Phong in a precalculus class when he began studying at Santa Rosa Junior College in fall 2005. Though it has been a few years and he's had hundreds of students since then, he remembers Dang because his English wasn't good, but his math was excellent, Martin said.
Dang was very quiet in class, not answering or asking questions, he said. And unlike other students who attend office hours hoping to pry answers from their professors, Dang came to Martin to have words clarified. It was unusual, Martin said, because he wanted to do the work himself.
"He was a very quiet student," he said. "But I could tell as soon as I saw the work that he understood the mathematics."
Dang finished second in Martin's class, which the professor said is a remarkable achievement for someone with a language barrier. Martin even tried to convince him to get a mathematics degree and said he'd love to Dang come back to the junior college.
"He was hardworking, dependable, all those things faculty love in students," he said.

In 2008, Dang was admitted to University of California, San Diego and UC Santa Barbara but chose Cal Poly for its finance major, small class sizes and the friendly smalltown community vibe. He plans to head to the East Coast to get his master's and then he wants to work for a financial firm.

While he currently plans to return to work in Vietnam in about 10 years, he said his family thinks he'll stay here.
"Nothing is perfect, 100 percent sure. I think I will go back, but not for sure," he said.

Benita Yannine Robledo-Espinoza was the 2008 Cal Poly recipient. According to her profile on the CSU Trustees' Award Web site, she was raised by her single mother, an immigrant who worked as a waitress to support her three children. When her mother's business failed, her family stayed at a homeless shelter throughout her eighth-grade school year. Robledo-Espinoza made honor-roll throughout her academic career and was the first of her family to attend college. Like Dang, she studied business and planned to work for an accounting firm after graduation.

Even with a high GPA, an award and a $\$ 3,000$ scholarship, Dang doesn't boast about his accomplishments.

II think I'm just lucky because there are other students who are better than me, smarter than me," Dang said.

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