Sell yourself the professional way

Janelle Eastridge

Eighty percent of college graduates go into a profession different than what they earned their degree in: the normal 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. routine will not suffice for this generation, generation Y.

This is the claim and basis for The New Professionals, a new club on campus that hopes to change the mindset of today's youth, giving them the tools for a new form of success in the process.

"What would your life look like today if you truly had all the tools to reach your goals today, not tomorrow, not in 10 years?" asked Chase Roles, club president and architecture sophomore.

Inspired by such books as "Rich Dad, Poor Dad," "Think & Grow Rich" and "Mavericks at Work," The New Professionals is the brainchild of Roles and a friend of his at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Chapters of the group have been started on both campuses. Last year, the two were some of the first members for both campuses.

"I was getting all this awesome information," Roles said. "I felt so privileged, and I thought, 'Why is this not mainstream?' We need a vehicle for students to learn this information and how to position themselves to ensure success in this generation."

The club - which meets Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the Business building, room 114 - seeks to teach business skills beyond what is generally found in a textbook. Knowledge of these skills - and, more importantly, knowledge of how to apply them - are vital for achieving success in this generation, Roles said.

"It's something that you can't learn in the classroom, but will be exposed to in the workforce. You can just work, or you can take advantage of everything available to you. And this club provides just that," said Joon Kim, an aerospace engineering junior student member.

"I feel that it's a club about professional tools that we'll need once we go out into the workforce," he said. "It provides a lot of information that people should know, but do not.

The club focuses on both professional and personal development.

"What changes a person year to year is their personal and professional development, whether that be physically, personally or socially," Roles said.

Although the club is named The New Professionals, it is not just for business majors, but aimed at all majors. The idea is that all students will someday need to sell a product (or see Professionals, page 2

Local nuke plant's storage safe from terrorism

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reaffirmed its earlier conclusion that above-ground storage of radioactive waste at the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant is safe from terrorism.

The storage facility, which opens next year, will have large steel and concrete canisters each containing 32 spent fuel assemblies bolted to a thick concrete pad.

"We already have the license (to open the facility), which is still in effect, and this does not change that," plant spokesman Pete Resler said. The nuclear plant is operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

The nuclear watchdog group San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace had successfully sued in federal court to force the NRC to examine the environmental effects of a terrorist attack on a dry-cask storage facility.

The group criticized the NRC's determination that above-ground storage was safe, saying the agency didn't conduct a thorough investigation.

"It's a very disappointing document that deals with very serious issues," Mothers for Peace spokeswoman Jane Swanson said.

The ruling will not become final for 90 days, which includes a 30-day public comment period that began this week, NRC spokesman Victor Dricks said.

PG&E needs the above-ground storage because its below-ground storage pools are nearly full. The site will be big enough to contain 138 dry casks, which is enough storage capacity for all the fuel assemblies the plant will produce through 2025.

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"Those ratings are used when we evaluate faculty in terms of how they're doing," Wehner said.

The structure of organizing and compiling data from these student evaluations vary from college to college. In the case of the College of Agriculture, a student within that field member is prepared for class.

are processed differently, given that student input has higher seriousness. However, the bubble sheets and written responses that are formative, and they ask about how well a faculty department; it can help them improve their teaching effectiveness; it can be used to help validate their teaching performance," Suess said.

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To do this, meetings will be highly discussion-based, Roles said. The club will also bring in professional speakers and encourage students to "get out of their comfort zone and reach Students can relate to students better than some CEO, for the most part," Roles said.

Some topics to be covered include time versus energy management, making business plans, thinking innovatively and the brand called you.

"It's an awesome adventure. We're just starting out, but I see it going far," Roles said.

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themselves; so these business and professional skills are relevant to everyone.

It is about "using innovative, nontraditional, values-based methods in business, sales and marketing (and) creating success beyond the classroom," as per the group's motto. This means that the club will be a how-to club, focusing on showing students how to implement new business methods into their lives.

"When a teacher is willing to allow students for input, it allows them to grow as a teacher." Gillian indicated that he filled out evaluations in an honest manner, no matter what opinion he holds of his professors.

"Honesty can improve the way your class runs," Gillian said. "(The professors) are in a place where they could make the class better."
Quarantined TB patient is the son-in-law of a CDC microbiologist

Greg Bluestein

ATLANTA — The honeymooner quarantined with a dangerous strain of tuberculosis was identified Thursday as a 31-year-old Atlanta personal injury lawyer whose new in-law is a CDC microbiologist specializing in the spread of TB.

Bob Cooksey would not comment on whether he reported his son-in-law, 31-year-old Andrew Speaker, to federal health authorities.

He said only that he gave Speaker "fatherly advice" when he learned the young man had contracted the disease.

In a statement issued through the CDC, Cooksey also said that neither he nor his CDC laboratory was the source of the TB bacteria that infected his son-in-law.

The CDC had no immediate comment on how the case came to his attention or if federal health authorities had been notified.

"I'm hoping and praying that he's cured, because he is believed to be in the early stages of the disease," hospital spokesman William Allstetter said.

Dr. Martin Cetron, director of the CDC's labs, which operate under the highest levels of biosecurity, said Thursday he had been approached by "a statement. "My son-in-law's TB did not originate from myself or the CDC's labs, which operate under the highest levels of biosecurity." Health officials in North America and Europe are now trying to track down about 80 passengers who sat near him on the two trans-Atlantic flights, and they want passenger lists from four shorter flights he took while in Europe.

However, other passengers are not considered at high risk of infection because tests indicated the amount of TB bacteria in Speaker was low, said Dr. Martin Cetron, director of the CDC's division of global migration and quarantine.

The president outlined his proposal in a speech ahead of next week's summit in Germany of leading industrialized nations, where global warming is to be a major topic and Bush will be on the spot.

The United States has refused to ratify the landmark 1997 Kyoto Protocol requiring industrialized countries to reduce greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2012. Developing countries, including China and India, were exempted from that first round of cuts. Bush rejected the Kyoto approach, as well as the latest German proposal for what happens after 2012.

"The United States takes this issue seriously," Bush said. "The new initiative I'm outlining today will contribute to the important dialogue that will take place in Germany next week."

Environmental groups were quick to criticize Bush's plan.

Friends of the Earth president Brent Blackwelder called the proposal "a complete charade. It is an attempt to make the Bush administration look like it takes global warming seriously without actually doing anything to curb emissions."
Popular TLC show ‘What Not to Wear’ builds up more than puts down

Taryne Swarts
Dee McMurran (M. McMurran)

Fashion, fashion, fashion... a dreaded word in today's society. Why? You ask me.

Well, I will tell you why.

While I was channel surfing on television, I came across a show that confirms the fact the fashion police in television actually exist. They are torturous and insulting and I absolutely love them.

“What Not To Wear” is a fashion show on TLC hosted by Clinton Kelly and Stacy London. The premise of the show is people get to nominate candidates who have an extremely bad fashion sense to appear on this show for a week.

They learn all about having good fashion sense and personal style. It is basically like a boot camp for people who dress poorly. I will never forget the contestants had no sense of confidence. They wore clothes that would make them fade into the background.

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Radiating confidence by the way you dress is highly vital and usually people are very intuitive when it comes to picking up whether you are confident or not by how you dress and represent yourself.

Fashion and personal style is about more than keeping up with the latest trends and fashion. No, it has far more depth and meaning.

The way you dress reflects a lot about who you are and how you view yourself and how other people view you.

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Sometimes it is not even about the clothes; a fashion icon Coco Chanel put it, “Style stays but fashion fades.” Personal style is about finding your identity, not being afraid to know who you are and to stand out from the crowd.
‘Break Bread’ with Tolosa this weekend

Cal Poly Sustainable Agriculture Resource Consortium hosts winery gala

Amanda Retzer
MUStAq DAILY

Big, warm leaves of multi-grain bread, mountainous chunks of heartily cheese and tasty glasses of Tolosa wines... these ingredients will be mixed together to create the sold-out event "Break Bread," a fundraiser for the Cal Poly Sustainable Agriculture Resource Consortium this Sunday at Tolosa Winery.

"I'm a lover of bread and I wanted a name that would highlight the bread and the grains," Program Associate of SARC Hunter Francis said.

"We also wanted something to reflect the idea of community and the people coming together, sharing, tasting and talking about the foods with the producers of the foods. It is the idea of coming to the table, breaking bread," she said.

With numerous guest speakers and endless samples, the event highlights the important relationship between the globe, grains and goodies from the bakery.

Food ethnologist Lorenz K. Schaller will present a unique slideshow, showcasing the important, biodiverse seedcrops.

"He has been involved in saving ancient seeds and preserving and studying edible feed crops, grains. Everything from rice to millet to barley to rye," Francis said.

"He has a food research foundation, and a wealth of knowledge in the history of grains and how they've been used in baking," he said.

With a major focus on cereals, grains, Schaller founded nonprofit organizations. The Kusa Seed Research Foundation and The Kusa Seed Society to spread the word about the values of ancient seeds and grains.

After the presentation, there will be a group discussion about the significance of grains, as well as a link to Cal Poly’s sustainable agricultural initiatives.

"Our faculty director Neal MacDougall will be welcoming the crowd and doing introductions," Francis said.

"He will give an overview of (SARC's) programs and highlight what we have coming up in the next year," he said. "The most exciting news is that he will discuss our formalization process to establish our program as an official institute at Cal Poly."

After all the talk about grainy goodness, the expected 80 attendees will have the chance to try it all with a variety of different Central Coast goods. Fresh local bread, California cheeses, olives, preserves and Tolosa wine will be provided for sampling.

Highlighted on the list of foods are baked goods from Ciro Pasciuto, a well-known San Luis Obispo County baker and the head of the Paso Robles catering company Skipping Stone Productions.

Pasciuto learned the art of fresh baking growing up in an Italian fishing village. He is known for creating a new kind of cracker, the Coscantinian, nationally recognized by the National Association for the Specialty Food Trade.

Other locally-featured foods are Fresh Sheep Milk Cheese from Rinconada Dairy in Santa Margarita; Pêlreme Cheese, an award-winning cheese produced on campus at the Dairy Products Technology Center; Noah’s pickles and organic fruit spreads from Luger Ranches, a family-owned company led by a recent Cal Poly graduate. Crème Fraîche from Kendall Farms in Arroyo Grande will be served with the fruit spreads.

This is SARC’s first fundraiser of the year and all profits will go towards SARC and the Cal Poly Sustainable Farm. Last year’s dinner fundraiser proved to be a success with over $35,000 raised. The guest speaker was Michael Ableman, founder of the Center for Urban Agriculture at Fairview Gardens in Goleta and author of "Fields of Plemy."

SARC will host another event in October as a dinner fundraiser with guest speaker Paul Dolan, author of "True To Our Room."

"He is a big name in the wine industry because his book is about the sustainable vineyard and viticulture practice," Francis said.

All tickets are sold out for the event, which will from 5 to 8:30 p.m.
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LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

U.S. should work with international community

After reading Brian Eller's column for quite some time, I finally found something we can both agree on in Wednesday's "Time for America to pull out of United Nations": The U.N. is far from a perfect institution and vast changes need to be made. But that's where the similarities end.

The U.S. were to withdraw from the U.N. and act without regard for international opinions, the U.S. could only be identified as a "rogue state" and the single greatest threat to world peace. The suggestion that "the U.S. should act with nations that have simi-
lar values" shows the very hubris of which America is so despised world-
wide. If any other country were to try this little stunt, severe punishments would follow.

On the issue of human rights, I fail to see the moral high ground from which Eller claims the U.S. acts. A look at recent history reveals a bloody U.S. foreign policy: supporting Saddam Hussein while he gassed both Kurds and Iraqis, sanctioning which resulted in the death of 600,000 children under the age of 5, supporting the invasion of East Timor (200,000 killed), bombing of the al-
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LOS ANGELES — Lakers owner Jerry Buss and head coach Phil Jackson on Thursday and said he told his frustrated superstar he would "pursue every avenue possible" to improve the team.

The conversation took place a day after Buss agreed to trade, saying among other things he had been mired by Buss nearly three years ago when he signed with the Lakers.

"I talked with Kobe this morning and assured him that I share his frustration and, more importantly, I assured him that we will continue to pursue every avenue possible to improve our team with him as the cornerstone," Buss said in a statement.

"I told him that we will keep him apprised of our progress and we agreed that we will talk again in the very near future."

Bryant, the NBA scoring champi- on for the past two years, asked the Lakers for a trade Wednesday. He said nothing could change his mind, but he backed off somewhat after speaking with head coach Phil Jack- son.

"I don't want to go anywhere — this is my team," Bryant told KLAC radio. "I love it here. I called Phil. Man and I talked; it was an emo- tional conversation. But he just said, 'You know what, Kobe? Let us try to figure this thing out.'"

Bryant said at that time he hadn't heard from Buss, indicating a con- versation could go a long way toward resolving the matter.

Some three hours earlier, in an interview with ESPN Radio, Bryant said he wanted to be traded. He added that it was a matter of trust, and he would rather "go play on Pluto" than remain with the Lakers.

Bryant, who turns 29 in August, is owed $88.6 million for the four years he has left on the seven-year, $136.4 million contract he signed July 13, 2004. That was a day after Shaquille O'Neal was traded to the Miami Heat.

Bryant said he felt Buss missed him right before he re-signed by telling him one thing and Jackson something else about the team's goals.

Bryant said he was told the Lakers would immediately try to rejoin the NBA's elite. But he said Jackson told him the Lakers weren't bringing him back as coach follow- ing the 2003-04 season because the Lakers were committed to reducing payroll and rebuilding long term.

Jackson was out of coaching one season before being rehired by the Lakers, who haven't won a playoff series since Bryant re-signed. Bryant has the right to terminate his con- tract after the 2008-09 season.

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As for what her signing does for the program, Modglin said: "We're starting to be recognized a little bit more. People didn't know we had a softball team. Everyone else is starting to recognize us. We can recruit some really good players. We can be a dominant force in Division 1."

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about as much elbow room as a New York subway, all the while praying it doesn't rain because you know there's no shelter available.

But that side of the stadium will be OK. Just give it time.

And if you have the time, do your- self a favor and check out Mustang Memorial Plaza when the pillars are glowing under the moonlight. There is no sight more beautiful on campus.
Poly's Homes vaults to standout freshman season

Daniel Seguin

Jenna Homes is a recreation administration major. She is just about to finish up her first year at Cal Poly. Although she is only a freshman, her star is shining bright.

Homes is already one of the leading athletes on the Cal Poly track and field team. The Walnut Creek native won the women's pole vault at the Big West Conference Championships on May 11 at Cal State Northridge with a mark of 12 feet, 5 1/2 inches.

She then tied for 21st at the NCAA Regional Meet last Saturday at Oregon's Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore., with a mark of 12-0.

For Homes, getting involved with the track and field team — pole vaulting specifically — was something that took a bit of convincing.

"Actually, I wasn't going to get involved with pole vaulting at all," Homes said.

She said her eventual coach at Las Lomas High saw something special in her.

"He knew that I played soccer and that I was sort of fast," Homes said. "One day he asked me if I was going to come out and pole vault.

Homes said she told him no, but he remained persistent. She said she had a real impact on her decision.

"He told me to come out and do track," Homes said. "He said it would be fun so I ended up going.

Homes stuck with it. By the end of her first year of high school, things began to fall into place athletically.

"I broke the freshman record for pole vaulting at 9 feet, 6 inches," Homes said. "I still hold that record at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek."

While winning is nice, Homes reminds herself of the people who have helped her.

"I'm not the kind of person that needs to win all the time," Homes said. "There's more to it than just that. I just want to go out there and have fun, be competitive and bond with my teammates."

Bonding is not only important to Homes, but to her teammates as well.

Cal Poly's Mike King — the Big West champion in the pole vault for the men's team — is impressed with the work Homes has done already.

"Jenna is only one of two girls from our track team who qualified for regionals as a freshman," King said. "That's something that most people would dream of their entire career in college — just (to) make it to regionals."

Hoyt said that national competition is on the horizon for Homes.

"She can gain experience at regionals, make some improvements next year and plan out her goal to be at nationals," Hoyt said.

King also feels that Homes has what it takes to eventually make it to the national level.

"I'm pretty confident that if she keeps improving, she'd definitely make nationals within the next year or two," King said.

As far as Homes' future is concerned, there could be an Olympic medal shining off in the distance.

Homes said that if that particular possibility happens to come along, then it would be most welcome.

"I try and take it one step at a time," she said, "but sometime in the future, if the opportunity is right, I do want to go. One day, (the) Olympics really come into the picture, then yeah, I'll put a hundred percent into that."

And just what do the people around her think about Homes possibly wearing that gold disc around her neck in the near future? King said that with the improvements Homes has already achieved, the possibilities are endless.

"She's got a lot of natural abilities, strength and speed," King said. "All-around improvement is pretty much what she's been doing this year.

I think that by the end of her senior year, she could definitely be closer to those Olympic standards."

Hoyt said that when it comes to her abilities, with proper steps and training, both the Olympic Trials and the games have never been out of the question for Homes.

"I would say if she really got motivated this year and put all her concentration, on and off the track, into her pole vaulting and training, she could be at the Olympic trials next year," he said. "To be at the trials is really the first step. For someone who is only 19 years old, if she could get there and get a chance, then that's big."

Hoyt went on to speculate four years farther into the future.

"Maybe four years after that, if she keeps going, she can be in that elite group of women that goes down in the history books," he said.

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