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. "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 worked at a marketing firm and were consequently exposed to vocational seminars, leadership conferences and an influential mentor.

"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," he said. "We need a vehicle for students to learn this information and how to position themselves to ensure success in this generation."

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

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Evaluations matter

Isaiah Narciso

At the end of every quarter, students have the opportunity to act like Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul or Simon Cowell when it comes to rating their professors. While these evaluations rarely lead to an outright dismissal of professors, student input plays a big role in how professors decide how to teach classes in the future.

David Wehner, the dean for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, indicated that there was a legitimate purpose in requiring students to fill in bubbles and write short answers before the quarter is done.

"They're done every quarter with faculty who are developing their teaching program and are in the promotion and tenure process," Wehner said.

Associate vice president for academic personnel, Michael Suess, noted that such evaluations are required under the Faculty Collective Bargaining Agreement.

"They're used as one point of information regarding how well a faculty member is performing his or her teaching responsibilities," Suess said.

In other words, collective bargaining is a contract between the Board of Trustees and the California Faculty Association.

Wehner explained that there was risk that courses would not be evaluated on a quarterly basis, especially if they're taught only once a year. Therefore, he said that new faculty should receive feedback on a regular basis.

He thought that evaluations give students a better quality of education and lead to better professors in the classroom.

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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 cisterns 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 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.
PGE 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.

— The Associated Press
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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 has to answer 28 questions related to the course.

Wehner described several types of questions asked during the evaluation. These types include formative, summative and general questions.

"There are questions that are global. For example, rate the instructor and the course," Wehner said. "There are questions that are formative, and they ask about how well a faculty member is prepared for class."

"Wehner assumes that most students take the evaluations seriously. However, the bubble sheets and written responses are processed differently, given that student input has higher priority.

"The comments that the students would handwritten are sent back to the instructors," Wehner said. "The statistics, the average and the mean are seen by the faculty member, the department head, the committee reviewing the faculty member and myself."

"Suess said there are many advantages to having students evaluate professors at the end of every quarter. "They get feedback from the students; they can compare how their teaching compares with other faculty members in the department; it can help them improve their teaching effectiveness; it can be used to help validate their teaching performance," Suess said.

The faculty member usually distributes the student evaluations during the last week or two of class. The professor then leaves the classroom, and the completed forms are collected by a student who later takes them to the department chair.

"This protects the integrity of the system," Suess said. "Then they are evaluated by each question with the number of responses provided by the students."

"But we also look at their syllabi and their grading purposes, exams and evaluations by faculty peers."

Based on the evaluations he filled out, English junior Colin Gillan felt it was beneficial to "shed light" on teaching strategies that worked. He also thought evaluations benefit both the students and the professors.

"I play a part in the education of this school," Gillan said. "When a teacher is willing to allow students for input, it allows them to grow as a teacher."

Gillan 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," Gillan said. "(The professors) are in a place where they could make the class better."

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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 teach. Students can relate to students better than some CEO, for the most part," Roles said.

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

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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 father-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 the attention of federal health authorities.

"I'm hoping and praying that he's getting the proper treatment, that my daughter is holding up mentally and physically," Cooksey told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "Had I known that my daughter is holding up physically, I would not allow him to travel."

Cooksey's tale speaks to the length and difficulty of diagnosing and treating TB. The CDC's division of global migration and epidemiology director, Dr. George Alstetter, confirmed Thursday he recently co-authored a report on a bacteria outbreak in bone marrow transplant and oncology patients in a hospital water supply.

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Popular TLC show ‘What Not to Wear’ builds up more than puts down

Tarynne Swarts
Deer Mountain (Al, Missouri)

Fashion, fashion, fashion... a dreadful 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 actually exist. They are torturers 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 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 with a horrible fashion sense with commanders who insult, mock, bully and train for greater purposes.

To many people, this show might seem demeaning and embarrassing to the women selected to appear, but I personally feel the way in which these people dress, carry and represent themselves is far more embarrassing than actually being insulted by Stacy London. All she is trying to do is enhance their beautiful qualities.

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Many people feel fashion and personal style is superficial and what really matters is what is inside a person... Wrong!

Though inner beauty is extremely crucial in life, first impressions and outer appearances are as especially important when it comes to job interviews and other aspects of life.

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. Personal style goes hand in hand with confidence and good self-image.

As I watched “What Not To Wear,” I could immediately sense many of the contestants had no sense of confidence. They wore clothes that would make them fade into the background and become mere unnoticeable wall-flowers.

I fully support their mission. Sometimes it is not even about the clothes; as 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.
Big, warm leaves of multi-grain bread, mountainous chunks of heavenly 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 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 its 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.

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Paciutto learned the role of fresh local foods at an early age while growing up in an Italian fishing village. He is known for creating a new kind of cracker, the Crussican, 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; Pelme Cheese, an award-winning cheese produced on campus at the Dairy Products Technology Center; Noah's pickles and organic fruit spreads from Laguna Ranches, a family-owned company led by a recent Cal Poly graduate; Crème Fraiche from Kendall Farms in Atascadero 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 Plenty."

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

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

All tickets are sold out for the event, which will from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

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Smiling is key to success in Thailand

Thailand is a tolerant mindscape. Many believe its transvestites are just as accepted as anyone else. What little racism exists in this country is largely directed towards blacks. However, progress is being made. There is a distinct glimmer of hope for blacks in Thailand. Like a distant oasis in a parched desert, racial tolerance is just over the horizon. There is a symbol of optimism and an embodiment of tolerance and progressiveness.

My name is Elie Kiwan. Woods. Part black and part Thai, Tiger Woods stands at the cusp of the tolerance curve. Like a rare bloom in an expansive ocean, Woods is a marker of hope. He is a symbol of the fading hostility that Thais have for blacks.

Yet, there is some deeply rooted racial tension, specifically from prostitutes, but blacks seem to be tolerated to a degree. The prostitutes push them away, possibly out of ignorance that their illegitimate child with a black person could someday become an international icon. Despite the superficial hospitality and kindness, many, many-class Thais are taking steps towards complete tolerance of blacks, perhaps so far as to talk to them in their restaurants.

How does Tiger Woods exist? The answer, of course, is racial tolerance. It's out there. I can feel it. There is a symbol of optimism, a symbol of hope. Thais have for blacks.

There are no other exterior character flaws in Thai culture. The rest is all happiness. The default emotion is happiness. The default relationship is friendship. The default expression is a smile. It's impossible to make Thai people angry. I've even seen them make them falter in their mastery of conversation. How old are you? Where are you from? Why aren't you married? There is no privacy, no clandestinity in Thai conversation. It's a good thing only the most conditioned of English speakers can understand you. We really have no hope of being understood. Ask for a Tom Collins, get orange juice; ask for a soda, get a beer. I see where the confusion lies.

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LOS ANGELES — Lakers owner Jerry Buss promised Kobe Bryant 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 Bryant was asked to trade, saying among other things he had been misled 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 champi­on 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 Jackson.

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

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 $66.6 million for the four years he has left on the seven-year, $150.5 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 misled him right before he re-signed by telling him one thing and Jackson something else about the team's goals.

Bryant also said he told the Lakers he would immediately try to rejoin the NBA's elite. But he said Jackson told him this season they weren't bringing him back in the same way for the 2004-05 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 contract after the 2008-09 season.

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As for what her sings does for the program, Modglin said: "We're starting to recognize our songs on the radio, but more. People didn't know we had a softball team. Everyone is starting to recognize us. We can recruit some really good players. We can be a dominant force in Division I."
Poly's Homes vaults to standout freshman season

Daniel Seguin mustangdaily.com

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 brightly.

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.

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While winning is nice, Homes reminds herself to be humble.

"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 Conference player of the year and the school's Female Athlete of the Year — is already one of the standout freshman seasons.

"I'm very excited about that," she said. "I've only lived in San Luis Obispo (in San Luis Obispo). It's big step going across the country."

Modglin said she expects to continue playing in the outfield upon her arrival and that the Rip tide is "re-done everyday."

Modglin said she expects to sign for the summer — New England's regular season ends Aug. 19 — but is unsure beyond that point in time.

She will graduate with a business degree with a concentration in accounting and said working for an accounting firm is one of several possibilities.

"I'll do (softball) as long as I can and see from there," she said.

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Cal Poly freshman pole vault Jenna Homes clears the bar at the Big West Conference Championships at Cal State Northridge on May 11. Homes eventually won the event with a mark of 12 feet, 5 1/2 inches.

Hoyt said. "She doesn't lose her head."

Hoyt also talked about how impressed he is with Homes' abilities while under pressure.

"She gets into competition, she remains calm and she just does her thing," Hoyt said. "She really handles the pressure very well."

Hoyt said that improvement and experience are necessary factors in any athlete's life. He 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'll definitely make nationals within the next year or two," King said.

And 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 sometimes 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?

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

"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."

And then there was the sight of the old, forsaken press box opposite the stadium, Spanos Stadium is a special place. The end of place you slow down in your car while driving past game time. And on Thursday, one thing was particularly clear — although no one is happy the stadium construction past its deadline last fall, at least the stadium's breathtaking scale and beauty. And now that the $23 million project is finally over with, it's safe to say it was a success, no matter how belated.

San Diego State, by the way, will play at Qualcomm Stadium. To say that Cal Poly's press box measures up with that of an NFL venue is a significant statement.

The view was so spectacular from the roof that downtown San Luis Obispo could be seen from one side and the entire Cal Poly campus from another.

After touring Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Thursday for the first time since moving to the new facility in November 2006 — a visit as overdue as the stadium's construction — I and two others on the 45-minute guided sightseeing tour were taken aback by the stadium's breathtaking scale and beauty.

Stadium tour leaves lasting images

Tristan Aird

With the season she had, it figured that Lisa Modglin wouldn't be quite done playing softball.

Sure enough, Modglin will leave June 13 to join the defending National Partial Fastpitch champion New England Riptide. The graduating senior said Thursday in a phone interview that she had not yet signed a contract, but planned to soon after its expected arrival via fax.

"I'm really excited," Modglin said. "I haven't thought about it much. The opportunity kind of came up a couple months ago and it wasn't something I was about to pass up.

Modglin enjoyed the finest season in program history this year. Among the San Valley natives of 2007 accedes are fast-team Louisville Slugger NFC All-America honors, Big West Conference Player of the Year and the school's Female Athlete of the Year award.

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"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 Conference player of the year and the school's Female Athlete of the Year — is already one of the standout freshman seasons.

"I'm very excited about that," she said. "I've only lived in San Luis Obispo (in San Luis Obispo). It's a big step going across the country."

Modglin said she expects to continue playing in the outfield upon her arrival and that the Rip tide is "re-done everyday."

Modglin said she expects to sign for the summer — New England's regular season ends Aug. 19 — but is unsure beyond that point in time.

She will graduate with a business degree with a concentration in accounting and said working for an accounting firm is one of several possibilities.

"I'll do (softball) as long as I can and see from there," she said.

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