Bush says he acted in nation's best interest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reflecting on two tumultuous terms in the White House, President George W. Bush defended his tenure in a farewell address Thursday, arguing that he followed his conscience and always acted in the best interests of the nation.

"You may not agree with some tough decisions I have made, but I hope you can agree that I was willing to make the tough decisions," Bush said, according to excerpts of his prime-time speech released in advance by the White House.

A booked to eight years indelibly marked by terror, two wars, recessions and a push for democracy, the speech offered Bush one last chance before he leaves office Tuesday to defend his presidency and craft a first draft of his legacy for historians. He is scheduled to deliver the speech from the White House East Room, with just 112 hours left in his presidency.

Bush is spending his last weekend as president at Camp David. The speech is his final public appearance until he greets President-elect Barack Obama at Inauguration Day at the White House's North Portico.

Bush called the inauguration of Obama, the first black president, a "moment of hope and pride" for America.

"Standing on the steps of the Capitol will be a man whose story reflects the enduring promise of our land," he said in wishing the best to Obama, incoming first lady Michelle Obama, and their two daughters.

Bush's presidency began with the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil and ends with the worst economic collapse in three generations.

"Even in the toughest times, we left our eyes to the broad horizon ahead," Bush said with his trademark optimism. "I have confidence in the promise of America because I know the character of our people. This is a nation that inspires immigrants to risk everything for the dream of freedom. This is a nation where citizens show calm in times of danger and compassion in the face of suffering."

When the gym is not an option

Cassandra Keyse

Are you tired of waiting in line for a half hour or more to get on that elliptical machine at the gym? Would you rather not have to wake up at the crack of dawn or wait until late at night to work out without being surrounded by the crowds of students?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, then maybe an alternative workout is for you. There are a variety of ways to get fit that are not only beneficial to your body, but provide other useful perks as well.

Poly Escapes

On campus, Poly Escapes combines endurance, cardiovascular and upper-body strength training with a love of all things outdoors in order to provide students with an alternative workout. Activities such as rock climbing at either the rock wall in the University Union, or a trip to Cabrillo or Bishop's Peak build "both mental and physical strength for the core and upper body," said Austin Gardner, industrial engineering senior and Poly Escapes front line representative.

Gardner went ice climbing during his first trip with the organization and thinks that the trip provided both cardiovascular and upper body training.

"You have to hike out in the snow to get to the climbing spot which is where you get more of the cardio, and then you are pulling yourself up the wall," he said.

Physical Education Class for Units

If you are in need of a few extra units, one option is to enroll in a kinesiology course such as a team sport or an aquatics class to get fit on a bi-weekly basis.

"The classes are all based on one sport like basketball, wrestling, or football," kinesiology senior Dany Barragan said.

"You learn the fundamentals from the beginning. There are skills testing that involve learning something in order to teach it back to someone. It’s mostly cardio, but it’s a good workout.”

Each of the kinesiology classes are one to two unit courses and are open to all majors, however some spaces are reserved for kinesiology majors.

Self-Defense Class

Another opportunity is to take a self-defense class at the Recreation Center.

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Israel forces shell UN headquarters in Gaza

A Palestinian firefighter gestures as he and others try to put out a fire at the United Nations headquarters after it was hit in Israeli bombardment in Gaza City, Thursday.

Ibrahim Barzak
and Amy Teibel

Israel shelled the United Nations headquarters in the Gaza Strip on Thursday, engulfing the compound and a warehouse in fire and destroying thousands of pounds of food and humanitarian supplies intended for Palestinian refugees.

Another Israeli bombardment on Thursday killed the Hamas security chief.

Disabled jet ditches into NYC river; all rescued

David B. Caruso

A US Airways pilot ditched his disabled jetliner into the frigid Hudson River on Thursday afternoon, after a collision with a flock of birds apparently knocked out both engines, but rescuers pulled all 155 people on board into boats as the plane sank, authorities say.

There were no immediate reports of any serious injuries.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Laura Brown said Flight 1549 had just taken off from LaGuardia Airport en route to Charlotte, N.C., when the crash occurred in the river near 46th Street in midtown Manhattan.

The plane, an Airbus 320, took off at 3:26 p.m. and went down minutes later, Brown said.

“Your eyes go back and forth into a flock of birds,” Brown said. She added, “Right now we don’t have any indication this was anything other than an accident.”

Doug Church, spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Union, said that the pilot reported a “double-bird strike” about 30 to 45 seconds after takeoff and said he needed to return to New York.

The controller instructed the pilot to divert to an airport in Teterboro, N.J., for an emergency landing, Church said.

The plane was submerged in the icy waters up to the windows when rescuers in Coast Guard vessels and ferry boats arrived, opened the door and pulled passengers in yellow life vests from the aircraft, whose fuselage appeared intact. The plane was sinking in the near-freezing water on one of the coldest days of the year, with the mercury around 20 degrees.

Witnesses said the plane’s pilot appeared to guide the plane down.

“They saw a commercial airplane coming down, looking like it’s landing right in the water,” said Bob Read, who saw it from his office at the television news magazine “Inside Edition.”

“This looked like a controlled descent.”

Barbara Sardelis, a researcher at The Associated Press, said the plane went down from the news organization’s high-rise office. “I just thought, ‘Why is it so low? And splashed it hit the water,’” she said. See Crash, page 3

WORD ON THE STREET

“How do you feel about tuition possibly rising $400 per quarter?”

“Jobs are really hard to get so I think the best thing right now is to stay in school, and if tuition rises it’s going to be hard to pay for it. We all want an education, but it’ll be hard for everybody, I wish we knew what we’re paying for sometimes.”

-Brianna Wong

“It’s not a good idea. We’re already poor.”

-Taylor Doyle

general engineering freshman

“I’m surprised. I didn’t actually think it could go any higher. Scholarships can only get you so far and that’s what I’m on right now and that’s just kind of bad news for all of us.”

-Megan Martin

earth sciences sophomore
**State**

FRESNO Calif. (AP) — Six environmental groups sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Thursday challenging a new Bush Administration rule exempting dairies and other large-scale livestock operations from having to alert officials when toxic emissions are released.

Earthjustice, which filed the suit in a federal appeals court in Washington, says the exemption threatens the health and safety of people living and working near lagoons that store farm animals' urine and feces, sources of dangerous ammonia and hydrogen sulfide.

**National**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit Thursday challenging the constitutionality of a law that requires whistleblowers with allegations of war profiteering or other contract fraud to file their lawsuits in secret.

The secrecy requirements of the False Claims Act violate free-speech protections and have kept war fraud complaints in Iraq and elsewhere hidden from public view, the ACLU says in its lawsuit.

"Secret courts and secret proceedings have no place in this country," said Chris Hansen, senior attorney with the ACLU's First Amendment Working Group, in a statement.

**International**

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev has twice rebuked the government led by his predecessor Vladimir Putin in the past couple of weeks, raising questions of whether a rift is developing between the powerful former Kremlin leader and the man he chose to replace him.

On both occasions, Medvedev criticized the government for not doing enough to help industry and business cope with the global financial crisis, which has hit Russia hard.

"The planned measures are being fulfilled slower than we counted on and, most important, slower than the current situation demands," Medvedev said during a visit Sunday to an engine plant outside Moscow with government ministers.

**Briefs**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Labor unions, churches and advocacy groups spanning the ideological spectrum are weighing in on the effort to overturn California's ban on same-sex marriages.

At least 29 amicus briefs have been submitted to the California Supreme Court.

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Twenty-seven years ago this week, an Air Florida plane bound for Tampa crashed into the Potomac River after a snowy field at the Denver airport, injuring 38 people. That was the first major crash of a commercial airliner in the United States since Aug. 27, 2006, when 49 people were killed after a Continental Airlines plane veered off a runway and slid into the Hudson River in New York, continued from page 4

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Meanwhile, Israeli troops pushed deeper into densely populated Gaza City on the 20th day of the offensive to rout out Hamas militants.

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Little orphan Annie comes to the PAC

Cassandra Keyse

For 30 years, a beloved red-headed orphan has enthralled audiences with her charm, spunk and hope for tomorrow. "Annie," one of Broadway's most successful musicals is coming to the Christo­pher Chan Center for two performances on Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m. and is sure to have a new generation of fans tapping their toes until the final curtain.

This classic musical has once again been brought to the stage behind the direction of Martin Charnin, the original lyricist from the 1977 premiere of "Annie" on Broadway. With original music by Charles Strouse, original book by Thomas Meehan and the addition of Tony Award-winning set designer Ming Cho Lee's fresh look, the Chicago Tribune proclaimed it "one of the best musicals ever".

The show is a part of a series of Broadway productions that will appear at the PAC this season. Other series scheduled feature classical music and dance productions.

"We chose 'Annie' because it worked well with the dates we had and we've had the show before with a successful turnout," said Peter Wil, programs man­ager for Cal Poly Arts.

This musical, set during the Great Depression, follows Annie from her hand­kissing day at The Municipal Orphanage in New York City to her happy ending in the loving care of Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks.

Along the way, she and her fellow ragamuffin orphans endure the wrath of their unadjudicated caretaker Miss Hannigan who makes life at the orphanage unpainful, to say the least. As the song goes, "instead of kisses the's got kicked out."

Annie, determined to find her real parents, runs away from the orphanage and finds herself in a battle over her real parent and ultimately, her future.

With some of the most widely recognized songs in musical theater such as "It's a Hard-Knock Life" and "Tomorrow," the optimistic attitude of the show's title character will have audiences members old and new hammering along.

Given the nature of the production, Wilt expects that the audience will be mostly families with young children, especially those with young girls who would be able to better relate to the character. Also, he expects that Broadway fans, in general, will likely be in attendance.

"Really, this show is for anyone who is looking for a feel-good experience," he said.

Normal ticket prices for performances at the PAC range from $44 to $68. However, given that "Annie" is geared towards a younger audience, special ticket prices are being offered. For children under age 16, tickets are $20 and adult prices are offered at the box office in advance.

So far, tickets for the two performances have been selling well at the box office, but have not sold out.

"It's filling up," said senior theater major Lindsey. "I expectation has been for tickets to sell out."

Tix may be purchased at the PAC ticket office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.
Many of us are (or should be) looking for careers as graduation nears, others are looking for internships and still others just need a part-time job to earn some extra beer money. While you can rely on your rugged good looks to make it through the job interviews, you still need something before you can get to the interview phase. That something else is this week’s word’s resume.

For our benefit, Cal Poly Career Services has been gracious enough to provide us with some resume guidelines. Let’s look at them.

“Brief and easy to read.” You can pretty much stop here, all the other rules just elaborate on this one. But once the class you are reading this is only half way over, you might as well keep reading.

“Communicate your features, not your faults.” This doesn’t mean that you have to lie about yourself, but it does mean that you should put your best foot forward.

“Remember that you are writing a resume, not a story.” This goes for all your writing. Let’s examine them:

— "For complete sentences are doubly dull. It turns out that complete sentences are only needed for school. In the real world, no one wants to waste their time reading an entire essay sentence; they just want the easily digestible bits and pieces of your thoughts.

— "For a resume, you want keywords; be specific in naming skills; avoid lines, graphics, columns and italic type." For non-valed resumes, there should be so many lines, graphics, columns and italic type, that your resume appears to be party-like it’s 1999."

— "Avoid use of personal pronouns." This goes for all your writing.

— "Well-organized headings and presentations make us want to keep reading."

One line bold, the next italic, the next in Title Case.

— "Remember that what you highlight is what you especially want an employer to read; don’t aim for the middle of the page. Too much highlighting can be confusing." Unless you use a range of colors to highlight, that is just exciting!

— "Balanced use of Blank Spacing."

— "For what you want to do is cut your resume into tiny pieces and separate those with text and those without. Then, weigh the two groups on a scale to make sure they are even."

— "Bold shaft relieved by a Career Counselor or other knowledgeable person. Resume must be perfect with no spelling, typing or grammatical errors." I feel the phrase “knowledgeable person” needs a little more explanation. Does it mean a dictionary about that drunk gay crashing on your couch?

— "Duplicate at a printer or professional copier."

— "For complete sentences are doubly dull. It’s a thankless job where you are almost sure to be rejected and not get any response."

— “One (preferably) or two pages. By a size four font."

¿Cómo es usted, lady of the week?" appears on Fridays and will explore some of the more important issues of college life, one word at a time.

Thanks for article on Ricky Henderson

I would like to thank Tim Dahlberg for a great commemoration to the terrific player that is Ricky Henderson. I remember Ricky Henderson getting out all the last time and I would say, “Ricky gets on.” So it wasn’t much of a surprise when he was inducted into the Hall of Fame. He had over 3,000 hits and stole a lot of bases. Ricky was a fun player to watch. Thank you again for a very well-written article. Go Padres.

Evon Barrett

physics sophomore

Not all politicians are corrupt

Mr. Van Rombough and Mr. Johnson

I can’t disagree more with your beliefs and logic towards American politicians. This is a classic case of throwing the baby out with the bathwater: "a few politicians are corrupt so that must mean they all are." True, I feel crimes such as the ones Gore Blagojevich has been charged with should be prosecuted tirelessly because they shake the foundation of trust in our government, as we can see in both of your articles. But Blagojevich’s corruption doesn’t make a politician corrupt. Everyday from the Sierra Club, to the National Organization for Women, and yes, even Extremesternal-Phenomenon have a PAC (book it) up they’re not all nothing. Also, you need to have personality to get anywhere in this world. I’m guessing, Mr. Van Rombough, that you didn’t become the editor in chief by being a recluse.

I ask, have you ever worked with or even met a politician? It’s a thankless job where you are continually told you aren’t doing it right. You’re ignoring people like our Congresswoman Lois Capps. I would rector from politics if she ever acted corrupt.

Your ratiocine to then resort to smaller government is particularly disturbing. Though both are unacceptable, I much rather have a Blagojevich run our country where we can vote him out instead of a Madoff or a Lay who will never face public scrutiny and control, assuredly using their own "masteries of persuasion." Nobody is perfect, but at least politicians have a term limit.

Conner Johnston

industrial engineering senior

Israeli attacks are inconceivable of human life

I am saddened by Israel’s lack of consideration for human life and international law. The people of Gaza should not be collectively punished for the actions of Hamas. There is absolutely no reason for more than 300 women and children to be killed.

Today the United Nations will not be distributing food or medical supplies due to the attacks made on its headquarters by the Israeli Defense Forces. Last week, a U.N. truck was shelled, killing a U.N. worker, two U.N. employees, European governments and the U.N. have expressed outrage over both inci­dents. A third example of Israel’s belligerency is its naval attack on the Dignity, an international boat carrying medical supplies and 16 humanitarian activities, including former U.S. congresswoman Cynthia McKinney.

The UN Secretary General has recently accused Israel of cruelty for not letting the people of Gaza escape as refugees before the Israeli invasion. They are trapped in a war zone where they are being bombed in their homes, mosques, schools and hospitals. Human Rights Watch recently alleged that Israel has attacked civilians with white phosphorus, a substance that many people consider an experimental chemical weapon.

By definition terrorism is "violent or destructive acts such as bombing committed by groups in order to intimidate a population into granting their demands." It is my opinion that both Hamas and the IDF fit into this category due to the horrific attacks that terrorize civilians in Gaza and Is­rael. How can Israel continue to call itself a democracy if it refuses to follow international law? It is my hope that both sides abide by the UN resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in order to prevent further loss of human life at a minimum.

Grace Kirschner

history junior
SPORTS

‘Rivalry Night’ brings Gauchos to Mott

STAFF REPORT

Rivalries never die. They may lose their luster some years, but the bad blood never quite goes away.

When the Cal Poly (3-11, 0-4 Big West Conference) men’s basketball team and UC Santa Barbara (7-9, 3-3) meet at 7 p.m. on Saturday in Mott Gym, the bad blood will be rekindled.

Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley stressed the importance of a win more so than a win over the rival Gauchos.

“I don’t think it’s any more important than any other one, but it’s obviously sweeter when we beat Santa Barbara,” Bromley said. “It’s one of those things that if you beat them, it takes the sting of being 3-11.”

The Mustangs have lost six consecutive games. Their last victory was against Portland State on Dec. 17 in Mott Gym.

“Losing is the hardest thing,” Bromley said of the slide. “There is nothing that we are doing winning and winning in life regardless of what you do. And it crushes you when you lose.”

The Mustangs have struggled in large part due to injuries and other issues keeping key players off the court.

Senior guard and co-captain Trace Clark was ruled academically ineligible and hasn’t played since Dec. 23. Cal Poly has not won without him this season.

Senior forward John Manley has been sidelined for the entire season after a nagging back injury flared up just before the season began.

Ironically, the injury first occurred against the Gauchos when the Mustangs were up for a layup and was fouled hard from behind by UC Santa Barbara then-senior guard Brandaun Full­ove.

“I wasn’t trying to take him out. I just wanted to make sure he didn’t score,” Fullove told the San Luis Obispo Tribune after the New Year’s game. “I really didn’t mean to hurt him but, I mean, if you want to whine like a baby maybe you should stay on the sideline.”

The play prompted a warning to both teams from the commis­sioner of the Big West.

Bromley said there is a “good chance” that Manley will see his first action of the season Saturday.

“He loves to compete, loves to sacrifice his body,” Bromley said of Manley. “He’s always looking for someone to hit. He probably should have played some football. It’s too bad he can’t be the physical part of practice.”

With two of the three co-captains out, players have had to step up for Cal Poly. Senior guard Cha­rles Thomas has stepped into the role of starting point guard and has im­proved his game Bromley said.

“Now that Trae’s not here (Chaz) and I have more communi­cation,” he said. “We have to be on the same page even more. I think he’s really taken to that. He’s really trying to do what is best for the basketball team on the floor.”

Southern California QB Sanchez to enter NFL draft

USC junior quarterback Mark Sanchez declares draft eligibility at a press conference in Los Angeles on Thursday.

Ken Peters

Los Angeles — Mark San­chez made his own call.

Coming off a record-setting Rose Bowl, the Southern California quarter­back will skip his senior season to enter the NFL draft — going against the advice of coach Pete Carroll.

Sanchez, a fourth-year junior, an­nounced his plans at a campus news conference Thursday, the deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft.

The past three stars who played quarterback at USC under Carroll stayed for their senior seasons, and the former NFL coach thought San­chez should do the same.

Carroll tried to convince San­chez that another year of college ex­perience would help him in the pro game, but Sanchez said he had care­fully weighed all the considerations before deciding to leave.

“It has been my dream since I was just a little kid to play in the NFL and thanks to this great academic institu­tion and football program, I have the opportunity to realize that dream,” said Sanchez, dapperly dressed in a business suit.

“It was with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to this university. But I can’t tell you how excited I am for this dream to come true.”

Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart, along with John David Booty, all returned for their final year of eligibility with the Trojans in 2005.

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His father, Nick, said he had mixed emotions about his son’s de­cision to enter the draft.

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