A campus gift guide to Valentine’s Day

Genevieve Loggins

Thanks to various Cal Poly organizations there are multiple ways to purchase Valentine’s Day goodies without leaving campus.

Flowers

Cal Poly’s floral design club is holding it’s traditional fundraiser for Valentine’s Day by selling bouquets arranged by award-winning foran.

Students can choose between four arrangements: the “Beauty and Innocence” arrangement is made up of pink Gerbera Daisies, “Rumors and Reflections” consists of Black Magic Roses, “Love and Fascination” is a dozen red Carnations formed into the shape of a heart and “True Love” is made up of red tulips.

“Last year we had a large turnout and decided to expand the arrangements, with four to choose from, so to offer a little more variety,” club director Melinda Lynch said. “Each arrangement is personally delivered, creating a personal approach.”

The Cal Poly Plant shop has a variety of special Valentine’s Day floral arrangements and bouquets, including balloons, potted plants and prearranged gifts, co-manager Natalie Loggers said.

“The steal of the day is the ‘romance to go’ which is a $20 arrangement, with different varieties of chocolate and candy with mixed flower arrangement,” she said.

Arrangements and bouquets will be made before the holidays, and the shop will be open on Valentine’s Day, a very popular time of year for foot traffic, she said.

“It’s really fun with holidays, because a lot of students come, and they’re able to find something for their sweet heart, or friends,” she said. “And with our delivery service available to students it makes things easier for those living in the dorms.”

Fraternity and business junior Jordan Leib thinks the event is important to raise awareness of AEPi to students. The fraternity tries to price competitively to raise turnout.

“We sell roses every year, which has become identifiable with the fraternity, and it’s always a good way to advertise who we are,” Leib said.

Fun

Peers Understanding: Listening. Speaking. Education (PULSE) will be raising awareness about how to have healthy relationships and promote responsibility, director Rejean Dommas said.

“We will be selling condom roses and candy rosebuds to see Gifts, page 2

Stimulus bill narrowly survives Senate test

David Espo

WASHINGTON (AP) — An $808 billion economic stimulus bill backed by the White House narrowly advanced in the Senate on Monday over strong Republican opposition, and Democratic leaders vowed to deliver the emergency legislation for President Barack Obama’s signature within a few days.

The vote was 61-36, one more than the 60 needed to move the measure toward Senate passage on Tuesday. That in turn, will set the stage for possibly contentious negotiations with the House on a final compromise on legislation the president says is desperately needed to tackle the worst economic crisis in more than a generation.

The Senate vote occurred as the Obama administration moved ahead on another key component of its economic recovery plan.

Officials said Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner would outline rules on Tuesday for $350 billion in bailout funds designed to help the financial industry as well as homeowners facing foreclosure.

As for the stimulus, Obama said Monday night at the start of his televised news conference, “I can tell you with complete confidence that a failure to act will only deepen this crisis as well as the pain felt by millions of Americans.”

The Senate vote was close but scarcely in see Stimulus, page 2

Health services fee could increase

Ashley Ciallo

If approved, students will be facing a $30 per quarter increase of the health services fee alongside any other potential fee increases that may occur. This fee will afford students three additional health services by students.

Based on previous demand, health services saw 1,000 fewer students and had 10,000 fewer visits last year. Counseling services saw nearly 3,000 fewer students; only 18 percent could get an appointment within 72 hours. Fewer available appointments and referrals to community services resulted in lower satisfaction ratings for health services by students.

The proposed fee increase was recommended by the Campus Fee Advisory Committee in direct response to California’s budget deficit and Cal Poly’s growing residential community, which has over 2,700 new tenants in Poly Canyon.

Based on previous demand, health services saw 1,000 fewer students and had 10,000 fewer visits last year. Counseling services saw nearly 3,000 fewer students; only 18 percent could get an appointment within 72 hours. Fewer available appointments and referrals to community services resulted in lower satisfaction ratings for health services by students.

Martin Bragg, director of Health and Counseling Services said the additions will be more convenient for students by decreasing the amount of time it takes to wait for an appointment. He said that not being able to see clients once a week because of heavy demand diminishes the effect of counseling. The outcome will allow health services to see more people individually and every week versus every other week or every third week.

“If you’re emotionally upset waiting for weeks to be seen it’s not right, it’s devastating,” he said.

The proposed alternative consultation process will seek approval from three constituencies: Associated Students Inc. Board

SLO POWDERED WITH SNOW

Brian Binkowski

San Luis Obispo County was surprised yesterday by rare snowfall in some of its higher elevations after several days of rain and cold temperatures.
Stimulus
continued from page 1

Doubt since the White House and Democratic leaders agreed to trim about $100 billion on Friday. As a result, Republican Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania broke ranks to cut their votes to advance the bill.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., battling a brain tumor, made his first appearance in the Capitol since suffering a seizure on inauguration Day, and he joined all other Democrats in support of the measure.

"There is no reason we can't do this by the end of the week," said Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev. As House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said, he declared he was prepared to hold the Senate in session this by the end of the week. "said Dorgan said. "Pulse will have a booth set up at the University Union on Thursday, at 11 p.m. for students to visit and play games, each with a relationship theme and even get married."

"We will have games all based on communicating in relationships, and a booth set up for couples, or friends, to get married and have their picture taken," Dorgan said. "It's just to have a good time and enjoy relationships."

The bookstore is having a pajama party Wednesday night from 11 p.m. and all Valentine's gifts, ranging from cookbook to picture frames, will be 30 percent off.

To up the fun factor, Backstage Pizza will be handing out free slices of pizza with the purchase of a drink, and 19 Metro Station will give free breakfasts to students wearing pajamas, marketing manager for U.S. Corral Bookstore Teresa Kaiser said.

"Everyone will be wearing their PJs, including the staff, but the idea is to just have fun, we turn up the music, making it a very fun nighttime event," Kaiser said.

The sale offers students a chance to save money and get creative with the different arts and crafts supplies for those interested in making gifts for their family and friends, she said.

Valentine's items on display at Campus Market include gifts featuring Cal Poly chocolates made by the food science and nutrition department. The chocolate production course, founded in 2000, is the only one taught at an American university.

Health
continued from page 1

of Directors, the six college council, and students, who will be able to attend any of the nine events will receive an official response form where they can provide individual feedback or reject the proposal, as well as the opportunity to give suggestions and feedback. Majority support of at least two of the three communities is required for the proposal to pass. Morton said that he hopes the alternative consultation process will give students an opportunity to practice direct democracy. "This mechanism requires us to be certain that we have reached out in a sufficient way to the student community in gathering detailed feedback. Students have an opportunity to share their thoughts and the vote will be held...for two weeks and require participation of at least 38 percent of the student body to pass," it failed to clarify that 38 percent participation by the student body is required to consider the voting valid, however, in order to pass the fee, a majority of participants must approve the fee increase.

Finally, the article stated "current, the majority a student pays in CBFs was assessed by a student's fees might not necessarily be going to his or her particular college," Each student's CBFs will remain in his or her college.

The article said that "the increase of $362 would apply equally to all students at the university" but failed to clarify that part-time students would pay a reduced fee of $181 per quarter.

When the article stated that the vote will be held, for two days and require participation of at least 38 percent of the student body to pass," it failed to clarify that 38 percent participation by the student body is required to consider the voting valid, however, in order to pass the fee, a majority of participants must approve the fee increase.

HEAR IT. SEE IT. WATCH IT. CLICK IT. YOUR NEWS REPUBLICAN

www.pascalpoly.com

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

GIFTS
continued from page 1

Gifts help students understand the importance of safe sex," Dorgan said.

The bookstore is having a pajama party Wednesday night from 11 p.m. and all Valentine's gifts, ranging from cookbook to picture frames, will be 30 percent off.

To up the fun factor, Backstage Pizza will be handing out free slices of pizza with the purchase of a drink, and 19 Metro Station will give free breakfasts to students wearing pajamas, marketing manager for U.S. Corral Bookstore Teresa Kaiser said.

"Everyone will be wearing their PJs, including the staff, but the idea is to just have fun, we turn up the music, making it a very fun nighttime event," Kaiser said.

The sale offers students a chance to save money and get creative with the different arts and crafts supplies for those interested in making gifts for their family and friends, she said.

Valentine's items on display at Campus Market include gifts featuring Cal Poly chocolates made by the food science and nutrition department. The chocolate production course, founded in 2000, is the only one taught at an American university.

Health
continued from page 1

The sale offers students a chance to save money and get creative with the different arts and crafts supplies for those interested in making gifts for their family and friends, she said.

Valentine's items on display at Campus Market include gifts featuring Cal Poly chocolates made by the food science and nutrition department. The chocolate production course, founded in 2000, is the only one taught at an American university.

HEAR IT. SEE IT. WATCH IT. CLICK IT. YOUR NEWS REPUBLICAN
Stimulus
continued from page 2
All 36 votes in opposition were cast by Republicans.
The two remaining versions of the legislation are relatively close in size — $834 billion in the Senate and $819 billion in the House, and are similar in many respects.
Both include Obama's call for a tax cut for lower-income wage earners, as well as billions for unemployment benefits, food stamps, health care and other programs to help victims of the worst recession in decades. In a bow to the administration, they also include billions for development of new information technology for the health industry, and billions more to lay the groundwork for a new environmentally friendly industry that would help reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil.
The measure nearing approval in the Senate calls for more tax cuts and less spending than the House bill, largely because it includes a $70 billion provision to protect middle-class taxpayers from falling victim to the alternative minimum tax, which was intended to make sure the very wealthy don't avoid paying taxes.
Both houses provide $87 billion in additional funds for the Medicaid program, which provides health care to the low income. But the House and Senate differ on the formula to be used in distributing the money, a dispute that pits states against one another rather than Republicans against Democrats.
Wednesday, February 11th
5pm-8pm

Wear your PJ's to dinner at 19 Metro station or BackStage Pizza, then pop into the bookstore and receive a 30% discount on all:

- Regular priced Cal Poly clothing & gifts
- General reading & reference books
- Seasonal promotional gifts including:
  - Valentines
  - Greeting cards
  - Stationery
  - Gift wrap
  - Stuffed animals

- Student supplies including:
  - Art
  - Office
  - School

*Does not include: Textbooks & Courseware, Computer Department, Photo Department, Sale Items, Special Orders, Rainbow Sandals, Hard Rock Collectibles, Magazines, Food & Beverages and Health & Beauty.

www.elcorralbookstore.com
Hung on parking garages, adorning buildings and decorating creek walkways around San Luis Obispo are hidden treasures. These art pieces were put in place by the Art in Public Places program, a committee under the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council, "ARTS Obispo," which helps the city decide where to place public art pieces and pick which artists get commissioned.

I think the cities have realized it's important to have a public art program," said Jim Jacobson, a local artist who has several art pieces around San Luis Obispo. "It makes a city so much more attractive and so much more revealing as to what it stands for and what it's about.

The statue of Tick in the Downtown Centre, the signs identifying each level in the Palm Street parking structure and the Child and Bear fountain in Mission Plaza are just a few examples of art pieces that have been installed over the years as a result of the Art in Public Places program. Jacobson was one of the first artists selected to create a piece for the program and the first piece he completed was the mobile in front of the Parks and Recreation Department building. He said he read that the city had gotten money together for public art and wanted to be a part of the program.

"I've been a part-time artist just about all my life and I thought (the public art program) would be an exciting way to get involved in making large pieces and some pieces that had a significant amount of money behind them," Jacobson said.

Now a full-time artist, he said there wasn't as much competition in the early days of the program when there were only 10 proposals instead of the most recent 70, but Jacobson considers himself fortunate to have been commissioned.

He worked on two more mobiles in the Mission Plaza area and a hand railing on Santa Rosa Street in front of the Frank Lloyd Wright building. He said there wasn't much money involved with the hand railing but it didn't matter.

"It was just so exciting to do something that would tie in to the Frank Lloyd Wright building, which I thought would be quite an honor," said Jacobson, who includes the famous architect as someone who inspires and influences his art.

Jacobson has worked on many more pieces for the program and said he enjoys the entire process of public art. Jacobson calls the historical research that goes into creating his art, and the design process of creating something that will work in a specific location, exciting.

San Luis Obispo has several ordinances in place to fund the creation and display of public art around the city. One ordinance states that 1 percent of all the money from capital improvements (meaning any buildings the city builds) goes toward a public art fund.

A second ordinance for private developers was later added to the San Luis Obispo Municipal Code, stating that 0.5 percent of the money the developer spends goes toward public art for the building. If the developer chooses not to do public art, the developer pays the 0.5 percent to the city, which is then used to fund public art projects.

Jacobson has worked on many pieces over the years and is looking forward to working on many more in the future. He said he would be excited to work on a public parking garage or a public library.

**Register for...**

**KINE 470-471**

**Media & Technology in Human Performance**

**Instructor:** Jack Phelan

**Learn how to:**

- Design a website
- Create an electronic resume & cover letter
- Shoot & edit digital videos
- Use cutting edge multi-media & IT tools

**Seating is Limited!**

For more information e-mail jgphelan@calpoly.edu
Or visit: www.calpoly.edu/~jgphelan/

Be ready to market yourself after graduation.

Alisha Axsoom MUSEUM EDITOR

Have a love-hate relationship with Valentine's Day? I love the overpriced flowers that everyone complains about. I love the chocolates because it's a sign that all of those New Year's resolutions have been forgotten, and the excuse to wear pastels easier to get. This gesture says, "I love you and I want to show you and not because society says I have to do this with a little you can't stand."

I embrace the day with friends you and I want to share you and not because society says I have to do this today."

Reason No. 2 Valentine's Day sucks: All of a sudden, everyone is single. Decide they want to complain about it. I know that glittered hearts patronize everyone at every store, but that doesn't give anyone the right to be grumpy. The day is intended to celebrate love, and not just the romantic kind. There is nothing wrong with being single because you're not the only one. Someone loves you, even if it's only your mom. So you want to wear black to make some grand point about how upset you are that you're single and how you hate the idea of Valentine's Day? Original. That's attractive and uplifting. I wonder who you are single when you are Beaumng with such positivity?

In reality this holiday is decorated with good intentions, even if corporate America has led it slightly astray. Embrace the day with friends you love, it would be better then spending it with a date you can't stand.

Join us for a romantic celebration on... Valentine's Day at...

BUONA TAVOLA RISTORANTE

Saturday, February 14, 2009

We will be featuring a four course menu with a choice for each course. $42.50 per person++. *TICKET WITH ANY EVENT Tickets Buona Tavola will be open from 11:30 to 2:30 for Lunch and from 4:30 to 10:00 pm for Dinner.

1037 Monterey Street, SLO (805)543-8000
943 Spring Street, Paso Robles (805)527-0600
www.bsdco.com

See pages 6 and 7 for a map of public art in San Luis Obispo
lic art for their project, or it's determined not to be suitable for public art, the developer can put the money in an in-lieu fund. From this fund, the city can fund new art projects, as well as complete repairs and maintenance on existing art pieces.

The most important thing (the private developer ordinance) does is it provides the city a way to do matching grants," said Art in Public Places committee chairperson Ann Ream.

After one of the original founders of the program, Bill Beeson, passed away, the arts council wanted to honor him with an art piece. The council asked the city if it would match the money they raised, up to $10,000, and the city agreed because it could use the in-lieu fund.

When the city decides it wants to put a piece of art somewhere, an extensive selection process is completed before the artist and artwork is chosen. A Request for Qualifications is sent out as a call to artists who want to participate. Artists then submit their resume, references and a narrative of what their vision is for the site. A jury of five to seven people from the community decide which artist and artwork they think will work best for a specific space and then the artist can begin the creative process.

ARTS Obispo helps facilitate the process of finding the artist, getting jurors and then distributing the art piece when it is finally finished, but they are more of an advisory body to the city council, said ARTS Obispo program director Alissa Maddren.

"To reach out to the community is very important and for them to get involved in public art," said public art coordinator Shannon Bates. "The most significant way they can do that is to be part of the jury," she said, adding that they often seek people to do just that.

Certain people have to be on the jury, such as a community member or business owner in the area where the art will be placed and artists. Bates said. The rest of the jury is made up of people who are simply interested in picking a piece or being involved in the community.

"It's a big commitment of time, but it's also something that's interesting and fun and a great experience; you get to be involved in the community," Bates said. "A lot of our pieces will be there for hundreds of years and you could say I was involved in putting that piece there."

After the jury selects an artist, their artwork moves to the Architectural Review Committee and members of the public are allowed to voice their opinion at this time. Ream said it's written in the guidelines for the Art in Public Places program that the public have the opportunity to express their opinions on each proposed project. The city council will then either approve or not approve the piece.

Currently, a stainless steel sculpture set is proposed for a site across from the Apple Farm restaurant. The project has already been through the jury selection and review process and is near construction, Bates said.

Other projects in the works for the public art program include reconstructing the fountain at Marsh and Higuera streets and a piece of sidewalk art that will go in front of San Luis Obispo Little Theater.

With the economy in its current shape, some may wonder how the city can fund all these public art pieces. Bates said it's a question that comes up a lot when the city is forced to cut positions because of budget issues but it's important to know where the money comes from.
Most of the money for projects, such as the Marsh and Higuera Streets fountain, comes from private developer fees.

The ever-shrinking budget is cause for some concern among those involved in the Art in Public Places program.

“(The program) could definitely go away,” Maddren said.

“It’s one of our big concerns right now because our budget is so thin (the city council) might look at it and decide (they) can’t do that.”

The percentage of the capital improvements that go toward public art could be reduced to 0.5 percent which is something the council has done previously during slow economic times.

Bates said she doesn’t predict too much of an impact right now because the city uses a lot of money from private developers (not the city budget) and the money used for current projects is from the city’s budget two years ago.

“(Some people) are saying that development won’t be down because this is the time to develop,” Bates said. “Land costs are low, construction costs are low so maybe there won’t be that decline in development that we’re predicting and then our public art fund will be pretty healthy.”

Even with the budget concerns, the program remains strong for now and an important part of San Luis Obispo culture. Ream said she recently drove past the Hey Diddle Diddle sculpture (which depicts a cat atop a fiddle on the corner of Marsh and Garden streets) and saw a young girl on her father’s shoulders with her nose touching the cat’s nose.

“That sums it all up,” Ream said. “There’s all this language, and it’s good language, but it’s the language of public art helps the community, it does this, it does that. It’s all true but to see that, to see the language come to life was really wonderful.”

PHOTOS BY ALISHA AXSOM MUSTANG DAILY

MUSTANG DAILY

Valentine continued from page 5

Even with my complaints and woes over this holiday, I can’t help but love to hate it. I’ve done the romantic dinner and even received a heart shaped box of chocolates, but these things didn’t make me love the person more or make the relationship any better. What makes a good Valentine’s Day is doing what you want to do, not what you are expected to do. If candle-lit dinners and chocolate covered strawberries are your thing, then go for it, but that’s not for me. This year I’m going to do Valentine’s Day right; I will wear pink, order pizza, drink beer and enjoy good company.

Denise Nilan is a journalism senior and the Mustang Daily’s sex columnist.
write a letter

Mustang Daily reserves the right to edit letters for grammar, profanity and length. Letters, commentaries and cartoons do not represent the views of the Mustang Daily. Please limit length to 250 words. Letters should include the writer's full name, phone number, major and class standing. Letters must come from a Cal Poly e-mail account. Do not send letters as an attachment. Please send the text in the body of the e-mail.

By mail: MustangDailyOpinions@gmail.com
By email: letters to the Editor
Building 26, Room 226
Cal Poly, SLO, CA 93407

China, U.S. should work together for greener future

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who will make her first visit to China in just a few weeks, will likely set a new tone for U.S. foreign relations towards the country. Among other issues, she's expected to discuss climate change, an issue that should be dealt with by the two countries focusing on their similarities rather than their differences.

Unable to agree on each other's role in addressing climate change, the talks between the world's two largest greenhouse gas emitters have remained in gridlock since the United States excused itself from the Kyoto Protocol in 2001. To ease into a new era of policy making, both countries should focus on popular initiatives that could significantly reduce emissions, such as shared efforts to develop electric vehicles, green buildings and carbon sequestration projects, as devised in a recent Brookings Institution report.

"Climate change evokes philosophical disagreement, whereas clean energy evokes economic opportunities," said the report's co-author David Sandalow, who served as associate director for the global environment in former U.S. President Bill Clinton's Council on Environmental Quality. Rather than grapple with the most controversial issues in the climate change debate — trade competition, coal use and emission targets — a focus on mutually beneficial, large-scale projects would "capture the public's imagination" for further emission reductions, said Sandalow.

The two countries could also strengthen pre-existing local partnerships that exchange technology and expertise in a range of climate-related industries. For example, Denver, Colo., and the Chinese city of Shanghai have joined forces to develop electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. These partnerships currently suffer from "information barriers" and a lack of funding, the report said. Zhou Wenzhong, Chinese ambassador to the United States, said "China has done a lot, but of course it's not enough. Our most urgent issue is to limit poverty and develop the economy for one-fifth of the world's people."

Coal-mining efforts have recently been shifting from China's northern Shanxi province to an even more vulnerable ecosystem: the grasslands of Inner Mongolia. Many worry that if this area becomes the next big provider of energy and chemical products, large amounts of its natural resources will be destroyed beyond the point of restoration, as seen in Shanxi. It must be emphasized that no amount of money can replace the soil carried off by sandstorms.

To break out of the vicious circle of using fossil-fuel energy, China must shift its reliance to clean energy sources. Rural communities have the means to contribute to this transformation by developing their own energy, which would reduce their toll on their immediate environment and decrease their collective greenhouse gas emissions. Many wealthy Chinese farmers are already using energy-hungry appliances such as air conditioners, refrigerators and microwave ovens, as well as coal for heating and cooking. Yet, they typically ignore the traditional bioenergy sources like straw may go a long way toward helping China meet its climate change goals.

Mobilizing farmers to use readily accessible, traditional bioenergy sources like straw may go a long way toward helping China meet its climate change goals.

So what if the millions of villages in China were mobilized? For one simple and repeatable solution, look at the data collected for the experiment entitled "Using straw as livestock fodder to promote circular energy use in rural areas" by the Institute of Botany at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The experiment was aimed at making full use of the straw that farmers discard, and was carried out in the village of Junjiao in the Shandong Province.

Mobilizing farmers to use readily accessible, traditional bioenergy sources like straw may go a long way toward helping China meet its climate change goals.
Give entire $875 billion to students for quick economic fix

Obviously, the federal government hasn't been spending enough over the past eight years, or we wouldn't be in the jam that our silly free market economy got us into.

If the federal government has been able to give out hundreds of billions of dollars in loans from foreign dictators and megabucks over the past few decades to pay for useless things like the Department of Defense, Social Security, and Medicare, surely there's still credit out there somewhere for us to feed on.

I don't care if it's our great-grandchildren's great-grandchildren's credit, we need it now. Obviously, the federal government hasn't been spending enough over the past eight years, or we wouldn't be in the jam that our silly free market economy got us into.

Step Two: U.S. Senate Republicans need to send a bill to the House of Representatives to replace the omnibus pork that President Obama sent in January. This bill should have these allocations: $875 billion (at least) in stimulus checks to every college undergraduate. One line item in the bill and they're done. You laugh, but I have done the math on this. It works.

There are about 14.2 million students pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree in the United States.

If you take a calculator and divide 14.2 million people into $875 billion, you reach the whopping number of $61,619.72 per student.

Imagine what would happen if every college student in America received a check for $60,000. For those of you with limited imaginations, allow me to enlighten you on why this plan is flawed.

College students spend money. It's what we do. If we are not spending money, it is because we don't have it to spend. Obviously, not a problem with $60,000 in cash burning a hole in your checking account. None of that waiting around for a project to be studied, commissioned, designed, discussed and voted on. No waiting around in committee for our Problem Solved, for us and for the economy.

What kinds of industries does undergraduate spending support? Local businesses, small businesses, American businesses; the ones in need of support.

The food and beverage industries, which are taking just as much of a hit these days, need help the most. One can only imagine how much of an impact money spent at grocery stores would have on the national economy. Think of all the jobs.

Speaking of jobs, I think the U.S. auto industry might be saved by this. Speaking as a carless American, the first thing I would buy would be a vehicle. With all that money, GM might even restart the Hummer line. Maybe that's only a dream, but there is more in my line of reasoning.

Recognizing that the laundry, food, and liquor industries might move over most of the profit from this stimulus bill, one should note that college students are not all-stuffy people. I'm sure some of the money would make its way to our parents, who would spend it on responsible stuff. So, in the end, everyone benefits.

Now try to disagree with me that $875 billion is undershooting our potential just a bit.

Jason Staggs is a contributor to The Battalion of Texas A&M. This article was originally published in The Battalion.
Lifeguards - Avila Beach Port San Luis Harbor District has seasonal part-time opportunities for high school graduates (or enrolled seniors age 17+) with certification in First Aid and CPR/Title 22 (or ability to obtain same) to serve as lifeguards in Avila Beach. Candidate must be able to: pass a 500 meter ocean swim test in 10 minutes or less; provide safe conditions for users of public beach by watching over beach activities; advise public of sea conditions; provide lifesaving assistance; use emergency equipment; keep logbooks of incidents/ injuries; and maintain cleanliness of beach areas. Prior experience desirable. PAY RANGE: $11.96 - $15.26/ hr. (Minimum wage during training: $8.00/ hr.)

Swim Test: Saturday, March 14, 2009 (Avila Pier at 9:00 a.m.) Obtain application at the Harbor Office, 2200 Port San Luis Blvd., Avila Beach, Mon-Fri from 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:00-4:30 p.m., or by mail: Port San Luis Harbor District, P. O. Box 249, Avila Beach, CA, 93424 or online at www.portsanluis.com. Deadline: Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Questions call 958-5400 x11.
Rodriguez claimed he introduced Rodriguez to a steroids dealer. Camacho, who has admitted using steroids, subsequently said he had no knowledge of any drug use by Rodriguez. "They are looking in the wrong places," Camasco said in a text message to The Associated Press. "This is a 25-year cover-up. The true criminals are Gene O Hoffman (union head) Donald Fehr and (commissioner) Bud (Selig). Investigate them, and you will have all the answers."

SI said that Orza, the union's chief operating officer, tipped off three players in September 2004 that they would be tested. Orza has repeatedly denied that he tipped off players, saying he merely reminded them late in the season that if they had not yet been tested, baseball's drug agreement required them to be tested by the end of the regular season. Orza, who has been widely criticized by media since the SI report, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that he doesn't care what the media says. "I know the facts," Orza wrote. Rodriguez said Orza told him in August or September 2004 about the list of names that had been seized by federal investigators. "He said there's a government list. There's 104 players in it. You might or might not have tested positive," Rodriguez said.

On Friday, Rodriguez is still expected to attend an event at the University of Miami, which is renaming its baseball field in his honor. He gave $3.9 million to the school in 2003, the largest gift ever to the Hurricanes baseball program and money that provided much of the resources needed for renovating the existing on-campus stadium. In return, the baseball complex will be called Mark Light Field at Alex Rodriguez Park.

Despite the scandal, the facility will continue to bear Rodriguez's name, a university official said Monday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the matter's sensitive nature. Miami baseball players and coaches were not available for comment, spokesman Mark Proy said.

---Associated Press Sports Writer Tim Reynolds in Miami, Dan Gelston in Philadelphia and Stephen Hawkins in Dallas contributed to this report.

---

To see what Redskins fans are saying about Kaufman, check out Off the Page at apps.mustangdaily.net/offthepage

---

Admission is FREE for Cal Poly students for all home Athletic events.
Cal Poly assistant coach Mel Kaufman shares some tips with senior linebacker Dominic Rickard last year.

Cal Poly Hall of Famer Kaufman passes away

SPORTS
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly linebacker's coach and two-time Super Bowl champion Mel Kaufman died Saturday night in his home in Santa Margarita. He was 50.

No cause of death has been announced but an autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday.

Kaufman was a linebacker for the Cal Poly Division II national championship team of 1980, but he had his greatest success with the Washington Redskins where he won Super Bowl XVII in 1982 and XXII in 1987.

"It was a tragedy. He was a good man and a compassionate man," said former Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson in a news release. "I pray that the stress of the coaching business wasn't a contributing factor. He was just a good guy, a passionate guy, a Mustang."

Ellerson, who left to take the head coaching job at Army in December, originally hired Kaufman to guide his young linebacking core last spring.

Kaufman helped the Mustangs to an 8-3 record, a top three national ranking through most of the season and the school's first ever home Division I playoff game.

"I hired him because of his past, the number of guys he played with over the years and the kind of person he was," Ellerson said. "We took a bit of a chance with him because he hadn't coached before at this level, but there were a lot of compelling things in his background as a player and scout as well as who he was as a person."

Former Washington Redskins general manager Bobby Brathard remembered the unheralded linebacker for his work ethic and commitment.

"I bought Mel a whole bunch of protein powder and peanut butter, and told him to start lifting to gain weight," Brathard said. "He got up to 218, 220 at the start of the 1981 season and ended up playing at about 215. He just did just an amazing job."

Former Cal Poly defensive back LeCharls McDaniel, who along with Kaufman signed with the Redskins in 1981, said that the pair were able to push each other towards the successes they achieved.

"Mel and I came to Cal Poly together," McDaniel said in a statement. "Both of us were skinny kids and we both knew we had to work to achieve anything. We went into pro football doing the same thing. Bobby gave us an opportunity. We roomed together. We kept each other going."

McDaniel will also remember Kaufman for the purity in which he played the game of football.

"There were tough times, but it's a little easier when doing it with friends," McDaniel added. "He was a true friend, a great football player. He came into Cal Poly at 170 pounds and played with leverage, played with speed and played with confidence that you can only try to teach kids today."

"He's one of the great Redskins."

Kaufman retired from the NFL in 1989 after starting 78 of 91 career games with Washington. He maintained the team as a scouting supervisor until 1998.

Ronald Blum
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez, the player who would restore integrity to baseball's home run record, admitted Monday to using performance-enhancing drugs himself.

The All-Star third baseman said in an interview with ESPN that he used steroids with the Texas Rangers for three years, from 2001-03, in an attempt to justify his status as the game's highest-paid player after signing a 10-year, $252 million contract.

"Back then it was a different culture," Rodriguez said. "It was very loose. I was young. I was stupid. I was naive, and I wanted to prove to everyone that, you know, I was worth, you know — and being one of the greatest players of all time."

He said he quit after 2003, his first of three AL MVP seasons, because "I've proved to myself and to everyone that I don't need any of that." He was traded to the New York Yankees before the 2004 season.

The admission came two days after Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site that Rodriguez was among 104 names on a list of players who tested positive for steroids in 2003, when testing was intended to determine the extent of steroid use in baseball. The results weren't subject to discipline and were supposed to remain anonymous.

"When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day," Rodriguez said.

"And I did take a banned substance and, you know, for that I'm very sorry and deeply regretful. And although it was the culture back then and Major League Baseball overall was very — I just feel that, you know, I'm just sorry. I'm sorry for that time. I'm sorry to fans, I'm sorry for my fans in Texas. It wasn't until then that I ever thought about substance of any kind."

Rangers owner Tom Hicks said the admission caught him by surprise.

"I feel personally betrayed. I feel deceived by Alex," Hicks said in a conference call. "He assured me he had far too much respect for his own body to ever do that to himself... I certainly don't believe that if he's now admitting that he started using when he came to the Texas Rangers, why should I believe that it didn't start before he came to the Texas Rangers?"

The 33-year-old Rodriguez ranks 12th on the career list with 533 home runs, including 52, 57 and 47 in his three seasons with the Rangers. He is 209 behind Barry Bonds' record 762.

Now, though, he's on top of a much different list — the highest-profile player to confess to doping, joining teammates Jason Giambi and Mike Piazza.