Freedom: Jobs to get you out of the house

Cassandra Keyse

So maybe some industries aren’t hiring right now, but who wants a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job right out of college anyway? Non-traditional jobs can provide benefits beyond padding your wallet and are a great way to keep your resume updated and your skills sharp.

Substitute Teaching

For students interested in working with children, a part-time substitute teaching position adds experience to a resume while allowing flexibility to continue looking for a full-time position. Beth Summers, human resources specialist of the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, explained that after obtaining proper substitute teaching credentials, the experience that comes from substitute teaching is valuable to future employers, especially for those looking for a career in education.

“I think the selling point that a person can put on a substitute experience for a resume or cover letter is that they have really worked in a variety of situations and have been adaptable,” Summers said.

“The thing you really get from substitute teaching is that you go into a situation that’s unfamiliar to you and you keep that class going. You have to have people skills because you have to work with students and other staff. You have to go in and really think quickly and adapt, and if you’re looking for a job in education, substitute teaching is always applicable.”

Although there are benefits to taking a substitute teaching position, Summers warned that only those interested in a teaching career should consider it. Also, although there has been an increase in interest, the field of education is experiencing a downturn because of the financial crisis. Summers said.

“Any property over 12 units requires an onsite manager,” Larry Smyth, owner of Farrell Smyth Inc Property Management Division, said. “If you’re 12 to 14 units, it won’t pay that well because it’s not a full-time job. There has to be a significant number of units in order for a manager to be paid well.”

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New strategic communications VP brings extensive media background

Josh Ayers

The Cal Poly Rugby Club is among the best in the nation.

COURTESY PHOTO Chip Visci can bring his experience from the SLO Tribune among other media jobs in his new position for Cal Poly.

Cal Poly has named media veteran Chip Visci as its new vice president of strategic communications, ending a several month long search. The new administrative position demands a $120,000 annual salary.

Visci, who has tallied more than 30 years in the journalism industry, retired from the publisher position at The Tribune in October after four years of service to the McClatchy-owned business.

“One of the reasons I became a journalist was because I like explaining things to people,” Visci said. Monday, following his first day on the job.

Visci topped the list of qualified applicants and was one of the final two people who interviewed for the position according to Robert Kooch, Cal Poly provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Kooch said he took over the search committee for Vice President of University Advancement Sandra Ogren after she fell ill. He said his role was to “sort the wheat from the chaff.”

“After the interview process, one was chosen and that’s when the offer was made (to Visci),” Kooch said.

With high-level positions, such as Visci, a third party views and certifies the hiring process to make sure it was legitimate.

“It wasn’t like someone just stopped by and got the job,” Kooch said.

Visci built an extensive resume during his time in the

ASI wants student input in possible bus reductions

Alisha Axsom

Students looking for a way to protest possible reductions to bus services on campus can find an outlet through Associated Students, Inc.

In a campaign to stop San Luis Obispo from possibly cutting SLO Transit night and weekend bus routes, ASI has posted a survey that students can take about their use of various bus routes. Students can also write letters and send them to ASI who will read them at a future meeting of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments in April.

Secretary of student affairs Matt Teresi addresses the council today to inform them that ASI has begun building out the survey and collecting testimonials from students who use the buses at night and on weekends.

“We’re just looking for students who want to get involved, basically,” Teresi said. “We want to open up avenues for them to get involved since this is going to affect them. We want to be able to have them speak out and let their opinion be heard.”

The survey asks when students use the buses, which buses they use and how they would be affected if the service was cut.

Teresi said student safety is a big concern and a major reason for ASI creating the survey and collecting student letters. Students who rely on the buses to get to night classes, studying or...
people know what's going on. "I guess I wish they would be more vocal and let me." said ASI president Angela Kramer because they cannot afford to pay for on-campus parking or because they came from a city grant and the rest went through an effort by ASI to get extended night service started in the first place.

"We're just trying to personalize the issue," Kramer said. "I'm really excited about this. I think the student perspective, especially in San Luis, is really respected."

No bus route cuts are on the table right now, according to SLO Transit manager John Webster, but it is a possibility in the future when the new fiscal year starts July 1.

For this immediate time, there are no cuts, but next year there could be a cut in services, Webster said. "For the next fiscal year, everything is on the table."

The Bus Service Reduction Survey will be on the ASI Web site for three weeks where students can access it under "Recent Blog Posts." Those who want to write letters can send them to interests@calpoly.edu.

“Sometimes a company will have the manager collect rent so they would gain bookkeeping skills and dealing with day-to-day issues that would require people skills and maintenance skills," he said. "The manager is always adapting to changing circumstances; everyday is a new world. Learning to handle emergencies and being reactive as well as proactive to prevent catastrophes from happening in the first place is important."

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media, which includes the four years at the Tri- bune, a stint as vice president of operations for the non-defunct Knight-Ridder, as well as positions at the San Jose Mercury News and the Democrat Free Press.

Visci said that although he retired from the McClatchy Corporation, he wanted to continue to work in a field that would offer new experiences. "I didn't know what that would be exactly," Visci said.

Visci's position, which was reported by The Tribune to be the third-highest ranking job at the university, entails that he foster communication between the university and government.

"There are a lot of things that we cannot control in this process of finding work and getting into graduate school. What I try to do is focus on the things that we do have control over and that's how you present yourself, how you market yourself as a professional, your resume and cover letter and your correspondents," said Carole Moon, program coordinator and career counselor at career services.

"In this process, students become empowered and realize that there are a lot of things they can do to get to that good first opportunity. It may not be your dream job but just a nice opportunity that's going to add to your résumé, add to your skill set and that's going to be a benefit to you in the future."
WORD ON THE STREET

"Is the mustache making a comeback?"

"No, I think it should stay in the past where it belongs."
-Bethany Abelson, food science junior

"I can see that it is trying its hardest to make a reappearance."
-Jeanette Lydon, history senior

"I don't think the mustache is coming back. I think the goatee is more the look these days."
-TJ Puerling, mathematics junior

"The mustache is definitely making a comeback, and the girls love it."
-Jim Said, civil engineering senior

"The mustache is definitely making a comeback, and the girls love it."

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State

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson is helping Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson promote volunteerism in the state capital.

Jackson appeared with the former NBA star on Monday to promote Hands On Sacramento, a community campaign with a goal of making Sacramento the top city in California for volunteerism.

The goal is to have residents log more than 350,000 hours by the end of 2009.

Jackson also stopped by the state Legislature to promote his own cause — reducing interest rates on college loans.

As head of the Chicago-based civil rights group, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Jackson is urging lawmakers to reduce the interest rate on federally subsidized student loans to 1 percent.

National

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say a Florida woman called 911 three times after McDonald's employees told her they were out of McNuggets.

A police report said 27-year-old Fort Pierce resident Latreasa L. Goodfman told authorities she paid for a 10-piece last week but was later informed the restaurant had run out.

She said she was refused a refund and told all sales were final. A cashier told police she offered Goodman a larger portion of different food for the same price, but Goodman became irate.

Police said Goodman was cited on a misuse of 911 charge. A current phone listing for Goodfman couldn't be found.

A McDonald's spokesman said Goodman should have been given a refund, and she's being sent a gift card for a free meal.

International

BAGHDAD (AP) — Insurgents attacked a main U.S.-Iraqi base Tuesday in the northern city of Mosul, killing one American soldier and striking directly at the Iraqi command center for an offensive against the militants.

The barrage underscored the resilience of al-Qaida in Iraq and other groups after repeated attempts to break their hold in Mosul, a dangerous city where at least seven U.S. soldiers have been killed since early February.

With the U.S. combat role in Iraq set to end in August 2010, Mosul represents one of the key remaining showdowns with insurgents. American military planners have backed up Iraqi forces in the crackdown launched last month.

The attack Tuesday hit Forward Operating Base Diamondback in southern Mosul, according to the U.S. military.

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Swiss mountain rescue unravels on Twitter

Raphael G. Satter  
Associated Press

An Alpine rescue in the Swiss Alps played out over the blogging Web site Twitter, ending in tragedy after a snowboarder was found dead, British media and Swiss authorities said Tuesday.

Police in the Swiss canton of Valais said a 29-year-old fell off a cliff in foul weather Monday evening near Verbier, a ski resort near the French border popular with British tourists.

British media identified him as Rob Williams, an entrepreneur.

Another snowboarder, identified as Joost Tatara, also 29, was found unattatched nearby police said.

Williams had been on a trip with a group of fellow Internet entrepreneurs when he and Tatara were separated from the group during a snow storm, according to the TechCrunch UK, a technology blog.

The pair’s disappearance sparked a frenzy of back-and-forth messages over the microblogging Web site Twitter, in which users swap “tweets” — 140-character-long updates, questions and answers.

Friends and colleagues across the world anxiously exchanged news and appealed for information.

One member of the expedition, identified as Michelle Dewberry, said that “2 of our ski party been missing since 4pm. Conditions terrible.”

“I got found but trapped. 20 mun team searching for other,” she added.

Cyberstalking over cell phone text messages has become the new trend of faceless harassment.

Stalkers turn to their cell phones to ‘textually harass’

Carolyn Thompson  
Associated Press

The college student had endured months of online and cell phone harassment from her ex-boyfriend. She ignored the barrage of e-mails, changed her phone number and dismantled online profiles to cut him off.

Then one evening, her cell phone signaled a new text message. It was him again.

“You should keep to yourself and stay away from other people,” the message said, according to the student, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because she feared for her safety. Her ex had found her photo online and attached it.

As text messaging has boomed in recent years, it has also given rise to so-called “textual harassment.” Text messages antagonize recipients in a way that is not easily ignored. Most people are never far from their cell phones, and the gadgets tend to blink and chirp until unopened messages are acknowledged. Adding another sting, the victims are often charged for text messaging.

The report found 23 percent of cell phone customers were stalked or harassed, the victims are often charged for unwanted messages.

Verizon Wireless and Sprint say they are willing to work with customers who are charged for unwanted messages. The cellphone companies for reinstating the number during the same period a year earlier.

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A study of stalking by the U.S. Justice Department’s Bureau of Justice Statistics released last month found nearly 20 billion text messages in the last quarter of 2008 alone, more than double the number during the same period a year earlier.

Sprint customers sent 41 billion in text messages in the last quarter of 2008 alone, more than double the number during the same period a year earlier.

Having a device deliver a message tends to embolden people and provides a sense of anonymity, even when the messages can be tracked to a sender, said Jayne Hitchcock, president of the volunteer organization WHOA, Working to Halt Online Abuse.

“They would never do this to someone in person,” Hitchcock said, “yet they use the faceless avenue to harass them. It was the agency’s first measure of the emerging practice, said Katrina Baum, one of the study’s authors.

“Technology has become a quick and easy way for stalkers to monitor and harass their victims,” the report said.

And unless calling plans include unlimited texting, recipients are charged an average of 20 cents for each message sent or received, wanted or not.

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What’s growin’ on?
the mustache trend makes a comeback

Daniel Triassi
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Matt Love is the epitome of cool. The 20-year-old Cal Poly civil engineering junior loves guitar surf and let his girlfriend do what she loves to do touch his mustache. That’s because Love does something few white guys under 30 do hold — or many enough to do he wear a mustache.

Well, that’s entirely correct. He “wears a ‘stache.”

There’s a difference.

Wearing a ‘stache is what older guys do, posky insurance salesmen, uncles, dished cops, washed-up 70’s stars and goes too far.

Rocking a ‘stache is what younger guys ought to be doing. It’s all about making the lip hip; growing an icon of virility. The varieties of official hair are virtually endless. When modern men of all classes, all ages and all social affiliations. Not since Victorian times has the art of mowing the lawn for men been so prevalent.

All in IVterkin, author of “One Thousand Beards: A Cultural History of Facial Hair,” explains that the mustache is, in particular, has always been identified with what he calls “the three F’s: foreground and heads.” In other words, men who are too effeminate, too European or too evil sport the ‘stache.

Throughout history, some very dark men have worn mustaches including “Hitler, Vlad the Impaler. Furthermore, most of the images of the devil have mustaches,” Peterson said. Even if they are associated with evil, mustaches can be also seen as powerful.

“The military mustache was a big tradition and linked to machismo,” IVterkin said. “Particularly in World War I, when men in British regiments had handlebar and toothbrush-style mustaches.”

In the clearest sign that the ‘stache had fallen out of mainstream favor, the creators of Brawny paper towels “shaved” their iconic Brawny Man in 2003. The new image, company executive Michael Benraud said at the time, “signals to shoppers that these towels are completely updated and have moved into the new millennium.”

Whether it’s because Love does something few white guys under 30 do hold — or many enough to do he wear a mustache.

Although Brawny recently dumped their famously mustached mascot, the facial hair trend is on its way back.

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Kredible set to wow crowd
with comedy/magic mix

Chris Jagger
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

For performer Justin Kredible, pleasing the audience doesn't come through outrageous stunts or over-the-top jokes. Instead, the comedian-magician's hybrid joke mix is his own craft while using simple magic to keep the audience entertained.

When Associated Students Inc. presents Kredible Wednesday, the audience shouldn't expect a conventional magic show. With a similar act to famous comedic magician Penn and Teller, Kredible performs a unique, almost satirical style of magic. In essence, he is the antithesis of David Copperfield.

"My approach to magic is pretty tongue-in-cheek with hip and a little bit of the absurd," said Kredible in an interview with The Mustang Daily. "USA Today called it 'like a magician, but cooler,' which really sums it up."

In recent years, Kredible has established himself as a premiere family entertainer with appearances on a slew of networks including NBC, CBS, FOX and MTV. He is best known as a regular guest correspondent on the "Rachel Ray Show." This past summer, he appeared in the ABC show "Room 401" and was a guest star on the hit show "Gilmore Girls." He is the host and creator of the video on-demand series "Turning Tricks," which airs on the Lifetime network.

Last April he traveled with singer-songwriter Jason Mraz on the opening act for the North American "Music, Magic and Mike Peace" tour, which also featured bands "Bushwalla" and "The Marketplace Brothers," where he both performed and hosted.

Kredible, who was a student when he started performing, has been touring colleges for six years. He is extremely popular with the college crowd, who apparently can't get enough of him.

He was voted "Entertainer of the Year" in 2007 and 2008 by readers of Campus Activities Magazine and hopes to retain the title this year.

Kredible is currently making stops at universities across the United States. Despite his rigorous college-performance schedule, he is ecstatic about the opportunity to perform at Cal Poly.

"This will not only be my first show at Cal Poly, but my first performance in San Luis Obispo," Kredible said. "I've loved visiting campuses that I've never been to."

ASl has enjoyed success by bringing magicians to Cal Poly in recent years. Last year, magician "Mike Super" attracted 700 students to his performance. A similar turnout is expected Thursday.

According to ASl special events supervisor Dana Mattson, magicians have always been popular with Cal Poly students, "Justin Kredible brings a sense of comedy with his magic act, which will set him apart from other comedians and magicians and hypnotists that we've had in the past," she said.

The performance will take place at 8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. It is free for students with a Poly ID card and $10 for the public.

Mustache
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Mustaches, in other words, are so last century. At least until now. Still, some are cautious to jump on board. Social sciences junior Sarah Kensing said she 'only likes a mustache if it's on Brad Pitt.'

If the ranks of 21st-century male-mustache devotees are growing slowly, there are even fewer women out there who have a taste for a particular style.

A survey over conducted about women's attitudes toward beards, even those not written by the Gillette Company, has indicated that more than 2 or 3 percent of women would describe a full beard as sexy.

Nutrition sophomore Alyce Amselbauer said she 'wouldn't date a guy with a beard unless he's a Santa Claus.'

The 'stache has been on a bumpy roller-coaster ride down and up again during the pro-mustache Movember movement - a double-edged razor. Originating in Australia in 2004, Movember challenges men to grow mustaches for the month of November to raise money for men's health charities. It is estimated 200,000 men worldwide participated in 2008. It brings a mustache back every fall, only to kill it off a few weeks later.

However, liberal studies junior Laura Kloetzer, facial hair reminds her of Johnny Depp. She 'likes a man with stuff, be it rugged and manly, so that's how you differentiate between a man and a boy.'

But when it comes to its upstarts neighbor, Kloetzer says, "mustaches can't compete. For Circo Meo or old men that have Harley's, it's more of a personal choice, unless you're a rock star."

Despite all of the negative things it can be associated with, the mustache is making a comeback around Hollywood and campus.

Brad Pitt has thrown his pretty-boy weight behind the revival, donning a mustache on the cover of January's Rolling Stone and told "Entertainment Tonight" it's his goal to romance respect for the style.

Or take Jason Garrett, the Yankees first baseman whose summer mustache back coincided with his sprouting a particularly fine-looking 'stache. Whenever a common absurd trend becomes a mainstream one, there is a natural tendency to look for a deeper meaning. Do beards that call to mind Charles Manson suggest dissatisfaction with "the system?" Are broody beards, dark and somber physical manifestations of melancholia in the air from the current economy?

Perhaps the most prevalent reason for the facial hair renaissance is a reaction to the scrubbed, shaved, pickled and waxed men of '90s. Beard enthusiasts said it's "a reaction to the heightened grooming expectations that were unleashed with the rise of metrosexuality as a cultural trend. The pendulum has swung the other way, and it appears men want to feel tough and masculine."

For college guys today the trend is "beard振兴, comic relief and pure laziness, as opposed to viewed points. 'Scruff' is a suggestion that you have more important things to do than shave — and of course, for its appeal to women."

Politics professor and author of "One Thousand Beards; A Cultural History of Facial Hair" explained, "Young guys, especially college kids, are growing mustaches for the sense of style and a sense of irony.""
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Americans will once again have a powerful medium to remind them of the human cost of war

The Pentagon’s decision to lift a ban on photographing flag-draped coffins is not only a long-overdue milestone for journalism in this country, but a symbolic gesture that a new era of openness with the American people has begun.

The change in media policy came on Thursday when Defense Secretary Robert Gates said in a press conference that the Pentagon will lift its ban on the photographing of coffins of U.S. war casualties traveling from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. The decision was not made without sensitivity to the families of the deceased, however, and Gates rightly pointed out that the permission of these families should be obtained, and that the photos should be made available only to those directly affected.

"We have decided that the decision regarding media coverage of the dignified transfer process at Dover should be made by the families and not by us," Gates said.

This reversal of two decades of media policy was a crucial step in the never-ending task of abiding by the principles of our democratic society. It is both fundamentally important for the credibility of a free press as a watchdog, as well as for reminding the ever-forgetful public of the sac­ritices these men and women have made, and continue to make, in service to our great country.

Whether or not one agrees with the military effort these courageous individuals enlisted to serve, we cannot forget that they fought and died doing the work many of us are unwilling to do, and their return to their home soil should be acknowledged and respected.

A blanket ban on media coverage does more to ignore their honored sacrifice than it does to respect the deceased. Hans on any profit advocacy organization dedicated to supporting America’s military families, said in an open letter to Gates that of nearly a thousand member households that responded to its poll, over 85 percent said that the ban should not be lifted.

According to Ellsworth, a proud father of a son who gave his life in service to the organization, "he heard from mothers terrified that their fallen hero would be used as political propaganda; from fathers who didn't want to have to answer media questions as they watched their sons come home; and from parents who wanted their solemn moment to remain private and far from the media lenses."

These concerns are very understandable, should be respected and have not fallen on deaf ears. What Gates made clear in his statement is that family consent is the priority. Not all groups dedicated to veterans and military families disagree with this decision. VoteVets.org chairman Jon Stoelke, an Iraq veteran, said the lifting of the ban "truly honors the sacrifice of the men and women who fight for our country."

The National Military Family Association issued a statement last week that said it also agreed with the decision, and further applauding Gates for "his recognition that individual families must play a part in whether photos be published of the coffins."

The ban has its roots in the U.S.-led invasion of Panama in 1989, when bad timing placed former President George H.W. Bush before live cameras, joking with White House reporters before a Christmas holiday, just as the first casualties were arriving at Dover Air Force Base.

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The Pentagon administration upheld the policy and George W. Bush as a candidate respected the full benefits of an exception to it when the coffins of victims of the USS Cole terrorist bombing were allowed to be photographed at Dover, just weeks before the 2000 election.

Now that the ban will officially be lifted and the families of the dead will have the rightful say whether they want a photograph of their son or daughter’s casket published. Americans will once again have a powerful medium to remind them — in case they need it — of the human cost of war and the price so many Americans have paid in service to their country.

It is now in the media’s hands to show the same kind of responsibility in portraying the return of our soldiers’ remains objectively and not serve any cause other than the public’s right to know what is happening in the name of our freedom.

Matt Fountain is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily reporter and photographer.
"Consensus building" is the rallying cry of the day lately. It is a blanket buzzword. It begins all political discussions; it ends all arguments. Most everyone has caught the fever and appears unhurriedly, unquestioningly aligned with this grand new mission of creating consensus. But I must be one of the dull ones—that troubles me.

Far too frequently, I meet grown adults who happily maintain this curious conviction that consensus building must be our central focus, for without this blessed, sublime unity we have no hope of escaping our country’s current dilemmas.

I have begun to wonder whether certain adults are not more like children than they realize. Many appear to believe that dear Santa will come and give us all the presents and jobs we want (and deserve) if we all just believe hard enough in the magic of unity. Of course, people like me, who haven’t embraced the holy sport are the most despised crowd at this time of the year. After all, it is our lack of simple faith which, by all reason, makes Santa’s joyful arrival right.

While I hate to think that I or any other sullen soul would be accused of keeping Santa at bay, I fear my condition is irreversible. My feet are solidly crushed in the rude realities of the outside world, and, as a result I (shockingly) believe that there are several other aspects to be considered when assessing the potential success of a political endeavor—things like viability, rationality, budgetary and ethical constraints, etc.

When did majority belief and affirmation become the multiplier of all progress? Don’t expect taxpayer support if you can’t keep campus clean

Don’t believe that the mainstream corporate media tries to tell or not tell people. The truth is, the era of mass protest never ended. It was not just a phenomenon of the ’60s. In the ’70s we had major protests for civil and women’s rights, and the Poor People’s march on Washington. In the ’80s we had huge nationwide protests against nuclear power plants and weapons that were somewhat successful. People were in the streets over U.S. support of the Contras in Nicaragua. In the ’90s we protested forest destruction and pollution and fought for civil and gay rights all over the country, with millions marching.

There are in jail today whose protest efforts should not be ignored. I was part of many of these movements, and have been arrested over 16 times for stopping business-as-usual to draw attention to these significant issues. Please do not deny these facts. - Kapla Stern

Response to “The ’60s are back: student marches for environmental change”

The purpose of social media is to share information with others, so there is no point in discussing user privacy in this context. If users upload their photos for others to see, they should not expect any privacy protection.

On the other hand, Internet services that do not have the “social dimension” (email services, Mass media, people) should be expected to keep user data private. In some cases encryption should be used to make user data inaccessible even to the service provider.

- Anrek

Response to “Don’t overestimate privacy of online information”

You need to post this at UCSD as well and I will help you do it too. It will cause a freaking riot with all the sheep here down here bowing to the “Anointed One” and proclaiming the power of the federal government to be necessary and supreme. It’s articles like these that keep me from jumping off the Giesel Library.

- Nathan

Response to “A new movement for sovereignty”

It is ridiculous to claim that President Obama offers “visionary solutions” in his recent speech. He has no plan to increase spending to record highs, while at the same time cutting the budget deficit; it is a utterly ridiculous plan, which has proven not to work, is to raise taxes on the rich. Also, to claim that Republicans are not offering solutions is very naive on your part. The solution they pose is to cut government spending, and apparently no one is listening to reason.

- John Bailey

Response to “Obama’s speech offers visionary schemes”

Letters to the Editor

Don’t expect taxpayer support if you can’t keep campus clean

On Monday, March 1, I rode my bicycle up through the Covel Library. I was discouraged, it not all forlorn, when I discovered a huge crowd had been formed around the campus, particularly on the lower-north side of the administration building (the art center area).

Cal Poly students, faculty and administration if you wish to ease operating costs and tuition costs, show that you are willing to respect university property and to keep the order necessary to prevent higher maintenance costs. As state taxpay­ers, why should we pay for your lack of care and self-discipline?

Ken Kalkowski
San Luis Obispo resident

There’s more to gender discrimination in sports than for­dunk

Although Alisha Axon’s points regarding the popularity of women’s sports are persuasive and well ex­ecuted, she leaves out an important caveat from her testosterone theory.

Men’s sports, mainly baseball, football and basketball, draw their popularity from history. One hundred years ago, when men’s sports achieved national notariety, women’s sports (and human rights for the matter) were nonexistent. Men dominated society and in turn so did their gender-based activi­ties. Women, African Americans and immigrants can attest to the fact that history doesn’t change overnight.

Gender-based influence is preva­lent even in today’s society. I too grew up watching Magic Johnson and Nolan Ryan with my dad, but when I decided to go to art and worked on guy-oriented projects. Meanwhile, my memories of hanging with mom include grocery shopping, folding laundry and talking history. When it came time for family fun, we often enjoyed all these activities in family combos which furthered my training as an adult. This upbringing provided me with qualities as a human which span the wide spectrum of likes and dislikes. I can thank both testosterone­ and estrogen for giving me the upbringing needed to read between the lines and think for myself. In re­gard to women’s sports gaining the same level of popularity as men’s, my crystal ball is clouded with visions of LeBron, A-Ko and Tom Brady. Go Dodgers.

Anthony Pannone
animal science senior

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He's played in the NL, since the Chicago Cubs acquired him from Boston in July 2004. Garciaparra would become Oakland's third-oldest player behind Russ Springer (40) and Jason Giambi (37).

Crosby, who singled and scored a run in Tuesday's 6-4 loss to the Chibs, will make $5.23 million in the final season of a five-year contract. He was discouraged to hear about the A's interest in Cabrera, suggesting he might seek a trade.

"I'm hopeful to get a chance to play shortstop somewhere," Crosby said Tuesday. "Obviously they decided to bring in someone else. I want to play shortstop, but I don't know what the plans are."

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stronger players are forwards. Their job is to will possession of the ball. The rest of the team is composed of smaller, faster players who try to make plays.

"There's something about the game that I think is unique in itself," Cannon said. "It's kind of hard to see from the sideline. It looks like a big mess but it's interesting because there are so many fine points to the game that you just don't see in other sports."

Rugby has given some players the opportunity to travel the world. History junior Chris Spiers has played rugby in 13 different countries. He spent last summer in Argentina and traveled to Wales with the Cal Poly rugby club two years ago.

"Rugby is giving me an opportunity to see the world," Spiers said. "I've stayed with other families and learned how they live. If it weren't for rugby I would have probably never left the country."

Sports and the rest of the club won't have to worry about traveling for their next match. The Mustangs host UCLA at 2 p.m. Friday. The second squad will lead things off at noon.

Massman is optimistic about the rest of the Mustangs' season. He expects to go undefeated in the four remaining league games and play well in the national championship.

"It's pretty grass roots," Massman said. "I don't think there are many top-10 teams in the nation that will have to scrap for it like we do."

Former Los Angeles Dodgers infielder Nomar Garciaparra is on the verge of signing a one-year deal with the Oakland Athletics.

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