Tutoring helps business freshmen

Miles Fairchild

Every Monday and Wednesday at 8 a.m., Patrick Holder sits in Economics 222. Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., he meets with students in the course — this time to tutor them.

Holder, an economics senior, tutors for a new workshop at the Orfalea College of Business. The workshop was developed by the Student Success Center, located in the college’s computer lab.

“In the past, students had to rely on their professors to find them a tutor,” said Amy Swanson, academic adviser and industry liaison for the college.

The college built the center so students could get help without going through their professors. It was initially centered on the use of drop-in tutors, who are available throughout the week. Now, the center includes a new group workshop aimed at freshmen and non-business majors taking classes to fulfill their GE requirements.

The College of Business has hired 11 new tutors this quarter. Some changes have been major, some have been minor. Some changes have been big and others have been small, Holder said. Holder gives students practice problems to work on at the workshop. He also does the problems on the board. When test day comes around, he teaches test-taking strategies and time management skills.

“It has really helped bridge the theory between learning and applying,” he said. “It brings the students and tutors together in a way they didn’t have before.”

These group tutorials have been popular with the students. In fact, the college has increased the number of group workshops from one to two this quarter.

A new group workshop has been added to the college’s computer lab.

“Students will come in very lost with what’s going on in the class,” Holder said.

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Campus Dining spices up menu

Campus food facilities updated throughout quarter to meet student needs

Daniella Orihuela-Gruber

Campus Dining has unveiled several new products and services on the Cal Poly campus this quarter. Some changes have been big, such as the switch from Pepsi to Coca-Cola and the addition of the Caribou Grill truck, while others have been minor, such as the new flavors and extensions offered at Vista Grande Café.

Campus Dining has brought in new products such as freshly-prepared teriyaki bowls, paninis, locally-made Indian food and soft-serve ice cream. The store also changed its coffee supplier to Costa Java, a local coffee company.

Another large change was the closure of the Mexican restaurant, Baja Surf, which closed over the summer due to loss of student interest. Campus Dining will instead focus on Vista Grande Café, which has a full-service kitchen and a better location, said Cal Poly Corporate Director Bonnie Murphy. "We know students want what they know," she said.

"We were able to streamline and combine our resources," Murphy said. "There’s more business at Vista Grande this year than at Baja Surf and VC's (combined) last year."

Vista Grande also has two new Wim’s installed in the dining area and big screen televisions so students can watch sports games. Campus Dining is planning on completing the sports bar atmosphere by adding sports memorabilia to the restaurant.

Another long-time campus staple was also radically changed over the summer. Lucy’s, an extension of Lucy’s Juice in the University Union, was changed into Dexter Subs. Nishiinaga, Cal Poly Corporation’s marketing manager, said that the change was in response to customer demand.

"We have changed our menu to meet the needs of our customers," she said. "We have added new items such as fresh-squeezed smoothies, salads, and wraps."
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Dexter Subs isn’t the only new, low-priced option around. Curbside Grill, a food truck much like increasingly popular ones in cities, came about when it became apparent that there was more demand for late night meals. The idea of a food truck for sports games was conceived and was initially supposed to serve students looking for a quick breakfast on the way to class as well.

“We asked ‘What are we missing?’” Murphy said. “We had omelette places open at seven, but students were starting classes at seven.” Breakfast, when the truck is usually stationed by Spayns Stadium, has not been very popular so far since many students don’t eat or have the time for breakfast.

Nishibay said the truck offers breakfast burritos, sandwiches and oatmeal in the morning and tacos, sandwiches and fries during lunch, dinner and late-night hours. Curbside Grill cook Stephen Gasch said that so far dinner traffic has been very popular.

“Even the rain hasn’t really affected traffic because no one wants to walk up to the Avenue or elsewhere,” Gasch said.

Campus Dining has been placing the truck outside the library at dinner and at Poly Canyon Village in order to give students late-night dinner possibilities until about 11:30 p.m., although hours and location have varied to see where the truck works best. Curbside Grill is also present at all sports games on campus.

The switch from Pepsi to Coca-Cola products has also been a big change on campus to bring down prices. Murphy said that both Coca-Cola and Pepsi submitted proposals to Campus Dining, but that Coca-Cola was chosen because it was cheaper.

In addition, little changes have also happened all over campus—restaurants and stores. The interior of 19 Metro Station was redesigned and expanded so there are more menu options and combinations. Video menu screens have been added in 19 Metro Station and Backstage Plaza in order to change menus easily and put up important information and on-campus promotions.

When asked about bringing healthier eating options to campus, Murphy said that the salad bar is a testament to offering healthier options on campus.

“As much as people want burgers, some people don’t,” Murphy said. “A lot of changes have been made because people want fresh, wholesome, good food.” Murphy said that would probably be more changes seen all around campus throughout the year, but that they will likely roll out slowly due to budget restrictions.

Vita Grande recently installed Nintendo Wii consoles for student use. Management also plans to install sports memorabilia to create a sports bar atmosphere.

Professor Eric Fisher teaches Economics 222. The large class sizes, some of which have around 200 students, and the recent shift toward technology-complemented learning have placed some strain on Fisher’s teaching ability. This is where the tutors come in. They are a cost-effective solution for the college to help students, Fisher said.

“Patrick complements the lecture, as a person to talk to, which is hugely important,” he said.

He and Holder meet twice a week to discuss lectures and any problems students may be having, which Fisher said is very useful in identifying where students are struggling. Holder asks which concepts or problems students found most difficult and relays the information to Fisher.

“I get an honest, open assessment of where students are getting lost,” Fisher said.

Holder said his experience as a tutor has been positive.

“Seeing the students completely improve around me and understand what’s going on over the course of an hour is very rewarding,” he said.

Some students have found the workshop particularly useful, they said. Social science freshman San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (MCT) — An Atascadero man convicted last month of killing his 24-month-old daughter was sentenced Monday to 31 years in state prison.

Judge Charles S. Crandall handed down the sentence to 29-year-old Fermin Brito Falacios for his Sept. 10 conviction for physically abusing and killing his daughter, Natalia Brito.

Crandall said that he didn’t see any remorse from Balacios, which might have lightened the punishment, and called the murder a cruel act against a “defenseless, fragile” child.

“Your inflicted a horrible death,” Crandall said.

**SACRAMENTO (MCT)** — In a more reminiscent of one of his political heroes, Mayor Kevin Johnson announced Thursday that he might have lightened the punishment of a 29-year-old student key card to steal a fully fueled, four-seat Cessna 172 from the Thunder Bay, Ontario, flight school he attended.

U.S. District Judge Charles Shaw gave Leon a longer sentence than is outlined in federal guidelines — which was 12 to 18 months.

“Under the guidelines, this is treated like a stolen car,” Shaw said. “This is very serious. I think this is an extraordinary situation in terms of cost and the hours involved. And it posed a significant disruption to government.”

**WASHINGTON (MCT)** — The pace of job creation will lag even as the U.S. economy recovers, the Obama administration has identified corruption in the Karzai administration as a key issue that’s weakening the eight-year-old war effort against the Taliban. Karzai has had uneasy relations with the Obama administration, particularly as the Afghan president’s campaign was accused of being involved in widespread voter fraud in recent months.

**BEIJING (MCT)** — A new Chinese stock exchange that began trading Friday in Shenzhen could potentially be a key bourse for the fast-growing country.

This potential became evident on the opening day, when all 28 listed stocks soared and trading had to be suspended temporarily.

In remarks prepared for delivery at New York University, the director of the Office of Management and Budget said the economy is “somewhere between” the stages when hours worked increased and additional workers are hired.

“Unfortunately,” Orszag said, “even as the economy begins to turn around, the employment picture isn’t going to brighten immediately — as the contrast between the recently reported GDP numbers and the unemployment numbers that we are expecting later this week will likely illustrate.”

**International**

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN (MCT) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Tuesday that he would work to curb corruption in his next five years in office, but he gave no specifics about how that might be accomplished or whether Cabinet members might be fired to clean up his administration.

“We have been tarnished with corruption, and we will continue to make every possible effort to wipe off this stain,” Karzai said at his first news conference since he was certified Monday as the winner of the 2009 presidential election.

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**WASHINGTON —** Despite a rising nationwide toll of sickness caused by the H1N1 flu virus and an intensive push by the government to have people vaccinated, almost half of Americans say they aren’t likely to get the vaccine, according to a new McClatchy-Ipsos poll.

Just 52 percent of Americans say they’re likely to get the vaccine; 33 percent say they’re very likely to get it and 19 percent who say they’re somewhat likely.

Forty-seven percent say they aren’t likely to get it: 30 percent who say they aren’t at all likely to get vaccinated and 17 percent who say they aren’t very likely to do it.

The vaccine is available through a shot or a nasal spray. The McClatchy-Ipsos poll also found rising opposition to the health care overhaul legislation that’s before Congress. Some 49 percent of Americans now oppose it — up seven points from October — while only 39 percent said it was a good idea.

The chart highlights a poll showing people’s feelings on health care and swine flu.
Abortion funding a sticking point in House health care bill

David Lightman
WASHINGTON — Would abortion be easier or harder to obtain under the health care overhaul legislation that the House of Representatives is likely to consider later this week?

It depends on how one interprets the bill.

Abortion opponents are upset that the measure would require plans that offer elective abortion services to set aside at least a dollar a month from each of their patient’s private premium dollars in an account strictly apart from any federal funds.

That segregated funding, abortion-rights backers say, would ensure that federal money wouldn’t be used.

For the past 32 years, federal money can only pay for abortions in the case of rape, incest or to protect a woman’s life.

However, to Rep. Lou Capps, D-Calif., a leader in the effort to fend compromise, the legislation doesn’t expand the government’s role in funding abortion.

“Health insurance reforms legislation is not the place to be breaking any new ground on the issue of abortion,” she said.

Anti-abortion lawmakers, thought to include 20 to 40 Democrats and virtually all of the 177 Republicans, have expressed serious concerns about abortion language in the health care bill.

Democrats control 250 of the 435 House seats — two are vacant — and 218 are needed for a majority, but party leaders are convinced that a compromise on the abortion language can be reached shortly. The Senate, where Democrats control 60 of the 100 seats, is expected to follow suit.

“I am pretty confident we can get there, especially making very clear that any money spent on the issue of termination of pregnancy will not be spent by the government but by the individual,” House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said Tuesday.

Many Democrats who described themselves as “pro-life” were confident as well.

“I can’t imagine that this will kill comprehensive health care,” see Abortion, page 5

False claims

Criticism levied by protesters against overhauling health care are gaining traction, despite the fact that the criticisms are untrue.

Percentage of those who say the plan will likely...

give health insurance coverage to illegal immigrants... 55%

lead a government takeover of the health care system... 54%

use tax dollars to pay for abortions... 50%

create “death panels,” which will allow the government to make decisions about when to stop providing care to the elderly... 45%

Results of a recent poll show that false criticisms of the government’s proposal to overhaul health care persist.

were found to be false.

were confident as well.

they support it. The poll had an error margin of 2.98 percentage points.

The surprising finding of widespread resistance to the move: the vaccine comes as the illness continues to spread and a growing number of Americans say they’re concerned about it.

63 percent now versus 51 percent last spring.

Nearly 23,000 people have contracted the flu so far in the United States, and 164 children have died from it.

Federal health officials are striving to assure Americans that the vaccine is safe, through constant appearances in the news media and on the Web site www.flu.gov. This week, for example, they said the vaccine had been subjected to rigorous safety tests and clinical trials and that it posed no more risk than an ordinary seasonal flu vaccine.

“This vaccine is made exactly the same way as we make seasonal every year, with decades of good safety experience,” Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said Tuesday on CBS.

Health officials are urging the people most at risk — children, pregnant women and health workers — to get vaccinated first.

Many who want the vaccine have been frustrated by long lines and delays, however, as the government says it’s received about only 30 million doses, 50 million short of what it had projected it would have by this time. Production was slower than expected.

“I fully understand how frustrated people are and, frankly, how anxious a lot of parents are about getting this vaccine in a timely fashion,” Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Monday.

What if people are skeptical about the vaccine or put off by delays in its availability, most of them aren’t blaming the Obama administration. Two out of three, 65 percent, said they were confident that the administration had done everything in its power to make the vaccine available in time.

The views of the Obama administration’s handling of the vaccine have partisan undercurrents.

Democrats were the most confident: 82 percent gave thumbs up to the government and 16 percent said they didn’t have confidence.

Independents were next, expressing confidence in the government by 56-36 percent.

Republicans were the most distrustful, giving 49-49 on the administration’s handling of the vaccine.

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Federal government takeover of college loan pool in works

Mara Rose Williams

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — College students are facing a sea of change in borrowing to pay for their degrees — unfortunately many would still be drowning in debt.

The change, perhaps as soon as July, would end the Federal Family Education Loan program that has dominated the federal student loan pool for more than 40 years.

Banks and other private sources would be cut out of the process by the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, passed in September by President Barack Obama's desk. It is expected later, but a vote possible as soon as Saturday.

The House is ready to move ahead. Currently, the bill says no federal money would be used for abortion services, unless a pregnancy was the result of rape, incest or endangered a woman's life.

"Colleges that once kept a long list of lenders are converting to the Direct Loan Program, in which student loans come directly from the government," said KCP. Mike Doyle, adamant that they want a bill on year.

The trend was accelerated by many private lenders dropping out of the business when the economy tanked. That led Congress to pass temporary legislation — expiring in June — to assure that students and families still would be able to get loans for school.

In the last two years, students already were relying more on federal loans. The volume of loans from private sources fell by 52 percent in the 2008-2009 school year, according to a recent report by the College Board, a nonprofit organization that watches trends in higher education.

"Moving to direct lending will eliminate the uncertainty families have experienced due to the turmoil of the financial markets," said Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

That's all well and good, said Tony George, director of financial aid at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, which is preparing to switch to the Direct Loan Program by December.

But the cost of borrowing would remain the same as under the old system.

"Will students get any better interest rates with direct lending? No," George said.

The balance of outstanding federal loans assumed by students or their parents continues to grow. By 2007-08, two-thirds of four-year undergraduate students had some debt along with their degrees. The average cumulative debt incurred was $27,803, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

During the same time, 56 percent of graduate education students owned, with the average cumulative debt $40,297. The range was $19,404 for those with medical degrees to $29,975 for those with a master of arts degree.

WORD ON THE STREET

"Are you going to the Mustangs vs. Gauchos soccer game?"

"No, I have class and volleyball practice. I would go if I didn't have those things."

-Kathryn Sulenski, wine and viticulture sophomore

"No, I'm going to the beach instead. I don't really follow soccer."

-Ryan Cosgrove, agricultural systems management senior

"I plan on going and looking forward to beating our rival UCSB this year."

-Bobby Dodge, mechanical engineering freshman

"I would if I didn't have so much homework. Maybe I'll poke in for a bit and support the team."

-Michael Crivello, computer engineering junior

"I am going because I got too many Facebook messages to ignore it, and my friends are going too."

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Another Type of Groove brings back Mr. Poetic

Hillary Preece
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Multicultural Center does not know exactly what this month's Another Type of Groove (ATOG) featured performer will be. But they do know Darnell Davenport Jr. "Mr. Poetic," will have a lot of his performance on the audience.

"Mr. Poetic really sells off of what the audience has to say and how they react," said Josué Urrutia, student coordinator of this month's ATOG.

Davenport made his Cal Poly debut at ATOG in December 2008 when he opened up for featured poet Jason Johnson.

"He is a fluid and electric spoken word poet," said Urrutia, who selected Davenport because of last December's performance.

The audience's positive response and feedback to his previous pieces made Davenport a contender and now headline for this month's ATOG.

"He's young, up and coming, and he's just got it all," said Joseph Shirazi, student president of the Multicultural Programs and Pride Center.

"The Multicultural Center's goal for ATOG is to create a sense of true home space, a place where audience members and open mic poets feel related and comfortable.

The mission of every Multicultural Center event is to represent and celebrate the diversity of the student body, according to the center's Web site. Comfort with diversity is a theme of ATOG achieved by providing thought and respect towards the poets.

"Every month is a little bit different, each poet is really unique has their own style and energy on stage," Shirazi said.

While October's ATOG featured Tomas Raley, a recognized Chicano spoken word poet, the Multicultural Center went in a new direction by selecting a younger, more audience-centered poet like Mr. Poetic.

"He's pretty big on jokes and incorporates them to make everyone feel at ease and at home," Urrutia said.

In addition to Davenport's performance, ATOG will feature an open mic session, intermission and a DJ in Chico State auditorium from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Sophomore industrial engineering Megan McIntyre says an open mic provides the opportunity for self-expression and learning.

"People want this outlet to express their ideas and opinions and learn more about life and how it's interpreted," McIntyre said.

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Even though water-soluble vitamins are more easily absorbed and secreted, they are just as important and can be harmful if not consumed in the correct amounts. They aid in good vision, healthy skin, hardness of bones, preventing damage to cell membranes, and helping blood to clot. Some food sources of fat-soluble vitamins include dairy products, fish oils, leafy greens and carrots. Deficiency in these vitamins can cause certain consequences.
Vampires continue to swamp popular culture

I’m a vampire, he’s a vampire—won’t you be a vampire too?

Despite being a lifelong vampire aficionado (um, does that sound creepy?), I’d rather be a vampire hunter right now. We’ve got plenty to distract us from the undead this season, especially in the two best-selling book series by Stephenie Meyer and Charlaine Harris.

Pillars, the conflicted vamp in Meyer’s “Twilight” series, once seemed more un-vampire-like than the “vegetarian” vampire family in Meyer’s “Twilight” series.

How could anyone take Edward Cullen, played by Robert Pattinson in the film adaptations, for a monster? His swoony, melancholy gaze could melt glaciers. Barnabas, the conflicted vamp in the ’60s soap “Dark Shadows,” may have been more good than evil, but he was never as nice!

Harris’ Sookie Stackhouse series features a handsome nice-guy vampire named Bill (played by Stephen Moyer in HBO’s adaptation, “True Blood”). Sookie (Anna Paquin in the show) is incredulous when he introduces himself; Bill is a mysterious name as you can get.

In Meyer’s and Harris’ fictional worlds, vampires are no longer a metaphysical curse. It’s the name for another kind of person. Vampires can be good or bad.

The best way to understand this huge cultural shift is to read some of the classic vampire tales in editor Otto Penzler’s gargantuan, 1,024-page anthology, “The Vampire Archives.” The superb collection features stories by Bram Stoker, Edgar Allan Poe, Arthur Conan Doyle, and Stephen King—not to mention John Keats, Lord Byron, and Goethe. The tome includes the full text of one of the greatest vampire classics, Sheridan Le Fau’s novel, “Carmilla.”

By their very existence, traditional vampires subvert the Judeo-Christian order, long the foundation of Western culture. They are neither dead nor alive. They can create other vampires (their “children”); without preconception. They are powerful predators gripped by an insatiable need to feed off a human’s life force or soul.

The vampire craze is part of a larger American fascination with the gothic handed down by the Puritans. It is the flip side, the dark side of our unbounded optimism. Terror and the Uncanny from Poe to the Pulps, our forebears were terrified that the wild, chaotic power of nature would swallow up their carefully cultivated sense of moral decorum.

That basic fear — that we might lose our individual selves to a malevolent power, whether it be nature, God, the devil, technology the military, or politics — lies at the heart of the modern horror.

“Poe to the Pulps” is the first in a brilliant two-volume collection edited by Straub, which concludes with “American Fantastic Tales: Terror and the Uncanny from the 1940’s Until Now.” The second work shows the rapid evolution of fictional horror in an era beset by real-life horrors inconceivable a century earlier.

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Chicago doctor invents life-saving lingerie

Erika Scliffe
THE狀況 TIMES

To you, that cute pink bra with built-in face masks might conjure up thoughts of sexy lingerie. But, Dr. Elena Bodnar, it represents a possible lifesaver.

Bodnar's invention received the Ig Nobel Prize, given by the Annals of Improbable Research magazine for achievements that "first make people laugh and then make them think."

"The brilliance of my idea is that it's very simple," said Bodnar, who is the director of the non-profit Trauma Risk Management Research Institute.

To use the bra mask, the wearer unclips the bra from under her shirt, which breaks it in two. Because each cup has hooks on its side, the strap is wrapped around the head and hooked to the cup, which goes over the mouth. Bodnar said an experienced user can don the mask in mere seconds.

The bra mask could be used during such disasters as fires, terrorist attacks, dust storms or a flu outbreak, Bodnar said. Indeed, she first thought up the idea while treating victims of the 1962 Chernobyl nuclear disaster as a medical university graduate in her native Ukraine.

Bodnar is now pursuing commercialization of her bra mask. She hopes all women will eventually have one.

What about the men? As Bodnar noted in her Oct. 1 acceptance speech at Harvard University, "Isn't it wonderful that women have two breasts, not just one? We can save not only our own lives, but also a man of our choice next to us."

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New Academy Award rules allow for more best picture nominees

Rafer Guzman

With the release of "Amelie," a big-budget film starring Hilary Swank as Amelia Earhart and directed by Mira Nair, it seems like Academy Award season has officially begun.

So this might be a good time to ask: How is the best picture race shaping up?

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WHERE: Tuesdays -Thursdays, 1 -4 PM WHERE: Closed, Nov. 11, Veterans Day
WHEN: Just come to the Health Center, no appointment necessary
HOW: Students with complicating health conditions (like asthma, diabetes, heart problems, or compromised immune systems) are encouraged to get their vaccine on the first day.
Students cannot be sick at the time of immunization.
Students with significant egg allergies cannot receive the shot.

Health Services will be closed for regular services from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the days when the vaccine is being given. Counseling Services will be open as usual.

For further information go to www.afld.calpoly.edu/ehs/h1n1.
Britain is a small country. It is really a small country. Even though the U.S. govern­ment is not in a position now due to the economic crisis, there are several ways the country can track both eco­nomically and politically.

First and foremost, Americans must judge the Thatcher government. The look after the light and inter­ests of all Americans, rather than just an elite few. The Thatcher government, in the name of conserva­tion, encouraged people like Dr. Rand Paul, who’s running to be a Kentucky Senator (and is Dr. Ron Paul’s son), and Peter Schiff, who’s running for a Senate seat in Con­necticut (the person who also suc­cessfully predicted the housing crisis).

Besides electing the right poli­ticians to the nation’s highest of­fices, Americans need to bring our troops home. Although they’ve done a lot of good work in Af­ghanistan and Iraq, it’s time for them to come home. This can’t be so with both dignity and honor right now. The Republicans’ de­finition of "victory," as we’ve seen, is the country can wait for it to be achieved to bring troops home. Didn’t Bush already declare “victory”?

The Democrats’ thoughts on Afghanistan and Iraq are a little more confusing. They are supposedly believe that America should end the war, but have gone oddly su­pportive of the election of Obama, even though troops remain en­gaged in conflict. In addition to getting troops out of Iraq and Afghanistan, mili­tary forces in places like Germany, Japan and South Korea should be on the agenda. The central bank is the Federal Reserve, the central banking system of the country, and it can wait for it to be achieved to bring troops home. Didn’t Bush already declare “victory”?

Thomas Jefferson said: “I believe that the best way to make our liberties dangerous to our liberties than standing armies.” The Fed also controls the monetary policy near 1 percent during the Green­span era, which in part allowed the housing bubble. Great. Tax­able bubble. Interest rates are currently near 6 percent under Bernanke in an effort to revive our economies, but with the same potential to create a bubble as was created by Greenspan’s artificially low interest rates. We need the free market to set interest rates, not some empty monetar­ist notion of debt must come to an end before it ends our currency.

Since we’re talking about get­ting back to the way America used to be not too long ago, we must all have read about the In­ternal Revenue Service (formed in 1913), and the 16th amend­ment (ratified in 1913), which is the income tax. I propose we go with the Fair Tax, which “abolishes all federal personal and corporate income taxes, gift, estate, capital gains, and another minimum, Social Security, Medicare and self-em­ployment taxes and replaces them with a simple, equitable, federal retail sales tax administered pri­marily by existing state sales tax authorities” (Fairtax.org). Taxes are too way complicated and not nearly transparent enough. The amount of time and money spent yearly preparing tax returns is dis­gusting. Under the FairTax, April 15th could be a normal day.

All in all, there’s plenty of work to be done (or more often than not, not done) on health care, also health care, education and Social Security that could all use some revising, but let’s focus on those topics for a later date. Over­all, I think we need to go back to the basics of what government comes to the gov­ernment. The government should protect our life, liberty and prop­erty. In our politicians’ attempt to do more for us, they have managed to do more harm than good.

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Class requirements unfair
Can I say that CE 204 is the worst class ever? My teacher con­cluded with our "high" average for the midterm - 51%. The questions on that test were nothing like what we read in our study guide nor what we had been practicing for. The test was extremely multiple choice, 5 questions. No partial credit for wrong answers, or writing about anything. And the assigned online homework was a complete failure!!! Errors that disallow you from getting 2 points correct on the homework, for example the right an­swer is mistakenly "wrong"! How are students supposed to learn in these conditions?

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handily sweep with the Yankees up by three runs and Pettitte allowed four runs in six innings in his Game 3 victory.

Of course, Utley could make the questions moot by having two more big games and helping his team do what Adrian asked Philadelphia icon Rocky to do from his hospital bed in the past.

"Rocky II: "War, War!"

Then there would be no debate.

Philadelphia (lack of) freedom

Considering the number of Phillies and Yankees fans in close proximity in Philadelphia for three days and the amount of alcohol ingested, there were relatively few incidents of note.

Except for this one.

A Yankee fan and Phillies fan, both from Haddon Pa., were both arrested after a brawl following the Yankees’ Game 4 win on Sunday. But neither was arrested for the fight, according to this account in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Yankees fan, 31-year-old Je­son Moore, told police he had been punched by 35-year-old Marcus Mal­loy at a local bar.

But police arrested Moore for be­ing drunk and disorderly. Then police dis­covered that Moore owed about $1,000 worth of outstanding traffic tickets and charged him with that.

They also cited him for not having a valid address on his driver’s li­ence.

Mallow tried to drive away, but po­lice stopped him and said they found an open bottle of whiskey, a bag of mari­juana, a stolen pipe and prescrip­tion pills obtained without a prescrip­tion.

Mallow was arrested and charged with drug possession.

Transit workers: We’re out

One final update on the Philad­elphia transit strike that threatened to disrupt the World Series but didn’t as both sides talked through the week­end.

The transit workers decided to strike Tuesday at 3 a.m. — less than four hours after Game 5 of the World Series ended at Citizens Bank Park.

Union president Willie Brown said city negotiators gave less respons­ive to his demands once he agreed not to strike during the middle three games.

“I understand I’m the most har­ried man in Philadelphia right now,” Brown said, forgetting about Derek Jeter and A-Rod.
For the love of the game: Men’s ultimate Frisbee

Kate McIntyre

Kurtis Mundell owns about 20 Frisbees, some of which he keeps in his car for “emergencies.” His favorite is one he swiped from a competitor in Seattle, Washington. It’s white with black print and a submarine graphic. For an ultimate Frisbee player, stealing Frisbees from other teams is common practice.

Cal Poly’s ultimate Frisbee team, called SLO CORE, was started in 1978, 10 years after Joel Silver, the film director, started the first ultimate Frisbee team in New Jersey. Originally the game reflected football rules, but after awhile, Silver and cofounders Bernard Hoffling and Jonny Himes changed the rules to include other sports like hockey and soccer. Other schools became interested as the rules got out, and on Nov. 7, 1970, the first interscholastic game was played. Two years later, the first intercollegiate match took place in 1972 between Rutgers and Princeton, according to UltimateFrisbee.com.

“When you get a brand new Frisbee, before it gets kicked or scuffed up, it’s just great,” Mundell said.

Although it is one of Cal Poly’s more obscure teams, the sport is played in more than 50 countries worldwide and regularly by nearly one million people in the U.S. There are also scholarships for ultimate Frisbee players from colleges like Carleton College and from the Pittsburgh Foundation. Currently there are about 60 players on the Cal Poly men’s team, and according to Mundell, about half are rookies, all of them are apt to steal a Frisbee, Dominic Saheehy said.

“There’s a circulation,” he said. “If you buy one and bring it to a tournament, there’s a good chance it will get stolen.”

He added that players do have to be sneaky about it.

“If the rule is there, you just have to run around and play ultimate,” he said. “A lot of the guys on the team are my best friends.”

Not only do players stay fit and meet people, but they also have fun. Saheehy, the engineering senior, said the ultimate Frisbee lifestyle is his favorite part about the sport.

“It’s not a cutthroat thing,” he said. “The best teams are having a lot of fun.”

Paul Van Bloemen Waanders, women’s ultimate Frisbee coach and mechanical engineering graduate student, played on Cal Poly’s team for five years, at which time Mundell was her coach. He loves the sport so much that he is now coaching the women’s ultimate Frisbee team, which was formed in 2004.

“It’s not because of the game, although the game is fantastic. It’s because of the people,” he said.

Van Bloemen Waanders said that while most men consider ultimate Frisbee as a college sport, it’s actually universal.

“People think it’s a local, beach, like college sport. When in fact, you can’t go anywhere without seeing one,” she said.

— Paul Van Bloemen Waanders
Women’s ultimate Frisbee coach