Poly to offer more summer school courses than ever

Almene Vasquez

Summer school will look a little different this year. While Cuesta College will be cutting almost all of its summer school classes, Cal Poly is offering more than ever but with a projected change in fee structure.

Both schools' summer state funding has been cut but Cal Poly will continue to offer classes under the self-supported office of Continuing Education and University Outreach. For students, this means that while California residents will be paying more per unit than ever, out-of-state students might actually be paying less. In addition, more than double the amount of classes will be offered at Cal Poly.

The reason for the reduction in Cuesta's classes is twofold. One is the elimination of federal stimulus funds for summer school. The other reason is that Cuesta experienced a drop in students over the 2009-2010 school year, with approximately 400 students above the state-averaged quota. Officials said the college used money from their general funds to make up the difference.

Cuesta College Vice President Cathleen Greiner said the impacts above the students are not unmanageable. It is a profound decision and nothing we wanted to do.

"In terms of why Continuing Education is dealing with the summer term, it's basically because Continuing Education runs as a self-support function," Sullivan said. "We have the background and the mechanics in place."

Biological sciences junior Marissa Schuman is planning to attend summer school. She said the change isn't that big of a deal because she is only taking one class, but she added that the lack of Cuesta classes will be hard on her friend, who was planning on attending summer school in order to re-enroll at Cal Poly. Now he, like thousands of other Cuesta students, won't have that option.

Last year for example, 3,395 students enrolled in Cuesta summer classes. This year Cuesta will only be offering state-mandated programs, reducing enrollment in 4-credit courses to approximately 94 students.

Greiner said they wanted to focus their resources on offering students a full course load during the coming fall and spring semesters.

"This allows us to create a more certain class schedule for our students and our faculty," she said.

The first type of courses that will be offered during summer are necessary for year-round emergency services, nursing and psychiatric technician training. Cuesta will also be offering off-campus, non-credit enhancement courses for high school students, taught by high school faculty. Both types of courses they kept are not only year-long programs, according to Cuesta officials, they are needed by high school students.

Cal Poly, on the other hand, will be offering approximately 338 courses. This is an increase of more than 170 courses since last year.

In addition, as general education courses fill up, Dennis "Skip" Parks, dean of Continuing Education and University Outreach, said they are planning to create new sections over the course of enrollment.

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Architecture student wins first place in design competition

Danell Triarsi

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John Vierra won first place in the 2009 Bohemian Flats Boathouse Student Design Competition with his design "Boat on Board." He was awarded $2,500.

Jessica Barba

John Vierra senior John Vierra's design, it comes first. From strolling down the streets of China and Japan to playing with a slinky, the architecture student has found inspiration for his award-winning furniture and floating boathouse design in culture.

"What you think architecture is, it's really isn't. It challenges you because it has social implications to it and can influence people as they experience a building. It's a lot different from even what I thought it was," Vierra said. "We have to respond to the main-stream and what is happening today, and it kind of influences you in a way to constantly be aware of culture and society."

Vierra's culture-consciousness might be one of the factors that helped him win first place in the 2009 Bohemian Flats Boathouse Student Design Competition, which required competitors to design a boathouse for the Bohemian Flats, a bank on the Mississippi River in Minneapolis.

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Department receives $41,000 grant

Daniel Triarsi

The award totals are based on the number of grandchildren from each university's construction management program. Qualifying construction programs must lead to a bachelor degree and be accredited by the American Council for Construction Education, or place at least 50 percent of their graduates with California Licensed contractors.

Though Shawn Collins, a contractor at Dave Collins Flooring in Arroyo Grande, doesn't credit living and working on the Central Coast, I thought it was," Vierra said. "We have to respond to the main-stream and what is happening today, and it kind of influences you in a way to constantly be aware of culture and society."

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"I think it's important to tell students that there's two messages out there; summer school is definitely on and people can expect to see as many or more classes than ever before," Marks said. "We're charging a different fee structure than in the past, and we don't know how popular that will be with Cal Poly students."

On the other hand, out-of-state and foreign exchange students might find themselves paying less, due to the fee-structure change.

Non-resident Geoff Lofbrett, a mechanical engineering junior from Missouri, said he is planning on attending summer school if he studies abroad later in the year.

"It sounds good to me because I'm out-of-state," he said. "But either way, I'd consider taking it to stay on track."

Whether resident or non-resident, the average price-per-unit for summer quarter should be in the $225,000 range, according to Valencia-Laver. The final summer school fee structure has not yet been finalized.

Student accounts director Brett Holman explained that they are still waiting for the last bit of information from California State University officials.

"It's a little bit of a moving target because information is still trickling in from the chancellor's office about what we're allowed to charge," Holman said. "But we want to get the students as much advance notice as possible. We're not that far away from summer registration."

Either way, Holman said Cal Poly students will most likely be charged on a per-unit basis, unlike the rest of the year's half-time and full-time conglomerate sums.

Financial aid students, on the other hand, might find things a bit different. Summer is the 'left-over' quarter for financial aid. Grant and loan eligibility, according to financial aid director Lois Kelly, is primarily based on the first three quarters of the financial aid year.

"If you're looking at a typical academic year, most of the enrollment activity occurs in the fall, winter and spring, and we base our calendar upon that," said Kelly.

Since financial aid eligibility is student-specific, Kelly said it's impossible to make a blanket statement about who will be eligible.

"I can't just say all students are eligible," she said. "But no student should make the assumption there's no remaining financial aid.

From a student perspective, the shift in fees will be the most noticeable difference.

"But in terms of how you go to register, it's going to be just like you always do. It's going to be seamless," Sullivan said.

Well, I should say that summer 2010 is going to be a little bit of an experiment all the way around.

—Debra Valencia-Laver
Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts

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"It's been a little hit of a move for us," Marks said. "We all have strong ties to Cal Poly and have watched closely the development of the construction management department into one of the top programs in California, if not the entire nation," Lopes said.

When the act was first created, contributions were limited to $25, thus the funds grew slowly. However, in 2003, the legislature removed the $25 limit.

Construction management program coordinator Tara Antonsa said how important donations are at any level.

"$41,000 is a very generous gift. A lot of attention is given to big donors, but equally critical to Cal Poly's success are the many donors who give smaller amounts," she said. "The contractor's gift shows how those smaller gifts create a cumulative amount that will do a great deal of good."

The construction management department received a $40,000 grant from the California Contractors State License Board.

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As a young architect, Vierra said what he's liked about the field was its seemingly endless opportunities. "When I chose architecture, I looked at the range of opportunities for what you can produce. You can go from furniture to large scale design to interior design," he said.

His favorite project yet was a bench entitled "monument" that transforms into three different seats. It won "Best in Show" in the 2009 William Carroll Furniture Competition & Exhibition that took place at Cal Poly last fall.

"I picked a star 'slightly' because when you twist the slits, it creates different forms with the different degrees, so my bench is actually a normal bench that you could rotate the pieces," Vierra said. "So it's you, rotate, what was once the support for the leg is now the support for your back."

The piece helped Vierra come up with the theme of "transformation," which he would later use for his studio.

He based this concept on the way he believes architecture influences and engages people.

Cal Poly architecture senior James Ross has known Vierra for two years and accompanied him to China. He said Vierra's time management and determination have led his peers to regard him highly for his success.

"He is willing to help out by giving me tips, pointers and critiques," Ross said. "I look toward my teachers and peers, and he is always someone I take into consideration."

Vierra said while the college workload is hectic and architecture students do not have much free time, more students should get involved in competitions to make themselves stand out in an already competitive field.

"I am a self-motivated student, and I like to challenge myself and set goals. And it's just kind of fun doing competitions," Vierra said.
Anti-rocket defense plan raises anxieties in Israel

Edmund Sanders

Sдерот, Israel — The rockets may be fewer and less frequent, but residents of this working-class town say they can’t shake the anxiety that comes with living in Israel’s most frequently bombed city.

Pedestrians strolling downtown keep an eye out for rocket-concrete-reinforced-basement shelter in case public loudspeakers crackle with a 15-second warning to dive for cover. Many motorists forgo seat belts so they can ditch vehicles quickly.

A playground is equipped with 8-foot-wide concrete pipes that are roughly painted to look like giant cacti, but double as children’s bomb shelters.

“People really have no sense of security here at all,” said Merilee Yosef, a 25-year-old mother of two.

Last month, the Israeli government said it was on the cusp of a technological breakthrough that would put such fears and precautions in the past.

A new anti-rocket defense system, called Iron Dome, was presented as a high-tech umbrella that would allow Israelis to go about their lives while short-range rockets fired from Palestinian territories or Arab neighborhoods were blasted out of the sky.

But despite promising results in a much-touted test in January, Iron Dome so far has heightened as many fears as it has dimmed. Critics say the technology is not yet ready to work in cities such as Sderot, which is only a mile from militant strongholds in the Gaza Strip.

Some officials, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, question the steep cost: as much as $1 billion for development and nationwide deployment.

Others warn against seeking technical solutions for threats better handled diplomatically.

“It’s no silver bullet,” said Yitha Shapira, chair of the security balance project at Israel’s Institute for National Security Studies. “In fact, it’s not going to solve any of our problems.”

Military officials this month began hinting that Iron Dome’s initial deployment this summer would be smaller than expected and would focus on protecting military installations rather than Sderot, which many assumed would be the first town to benefit.

Sderot grocery store owner David Turman, 48, feared at what many see as an armaments building block: “If it’s not deployed, I’m going to sell my business and leave Sderot,” said the father of three, whose house was damaged in 2008 by one of the 6,000 rockets and mortar shells fired at Sderot over the last four years. “I’m not willing to go through that again. I feel helpless.”

Short-range rocket attacks have long been one of Israel’s most vexing military problems. The nation in the past decade has been targeted with more than 11,000 rockets and mortar shells by Hamas and other armed groups in Gaza. Israeli’s 22-day offensive against the coastal territory a year ago was largely an effort to halt the rocket barrage. The nation’s northern towns have come under similar attack from Hezbollah fighters in Lebanon.

Many of these homemade projectiles land in open spaces without caus-
Do you think the new rule regarding fall rush is fair?

"I think it is denying people an opportunity. A lot of freshman look forward to rushing when they get to college."
-J.R. Laing, psychology junior

"I think it is a good thing because things can get a little hectic your first quarter."
-Steve Hobus, mechanical engineering junior

"I think it is fair. Freshmen should focus on school their first quarter, but the policy should include women."
-Keli Farver, chemistry senior

"I don't think it is fair at all. My first quarter we had five people sent to the hospital for alcohol poisoning and four were girls."
-Zachary King, business administration freshman

"A lot of people go crazy their first year with alcohol, so I think they should wait a quarter."
-Nick Fylstare, biochemistry junior

"I think it will give students a chance to make friends when they first get on campus."
-Jeff Thomas, agricultural systems management freshman

Google under investigation by the European Commission

Mike Swift
SAN JOSE, Calif. — Google is facing a new round of scrutiny from antitrust regulators, announcing late Tuesday that the European Commission has launched an investigation into allegations of anti-competitive behavior by the Mountain View, Calif., search giant, after complaints from three European search sites.

In a blog post Tuesday afternoon, Google acknowledged the preliminary investigation, but said it has done nothing wrong. Google said two of the companies filing complaints with the commission were owned or had close ties to Microsoft, which through its recently approved partnership with Yahoo has emerged as Google's primary competitor in Internet search.

"We've always worked hard to ensure that our success is earned the right way — through technological innovation and great products, rather than by locking in our users or advertisers, or creating artificial barriers to entry," Julia Holt, a Google senior competition counsel, wrote in the post. "While we will be providing feedback and additional information on these complaints, we are confident that our business operates in the interests of users and partners, as well as in line with European competition law."

Analysts said that outside of reviews of Google corporate acquisitions, they were not aware of any other investigation of Google by the commission, and said the probe could have ramifications.

"It's something that has to be taken very seriously," said Greg Sterling, principal of Sterling Market Intelligence.

The commission, based in Brussels, Belgium, did not respond Tuesday to requests for comment from the Mercury News, and did not have news of the investigation posted to its Web site.

As its reach has expanded beyond search into digital maps, mobile phones, digital books and other parts of the Internet, Google has

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Fishermen law closes many areas to fishing

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WASHINGTON — Fishermen, anglers, charter and party boat captains and marine business owners from coast to coast gathered to demand changes in fisheries law that they say is putting them out of work.

This year and next, endangered coastal fishing grounds in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans are to be closed to allow depleted fish species to recover from overfishing. The closures could be as long as 10 years.

"A lot of coastal communities across the United States have had severe negative economic impacts from the excessive regulations," says Bob Jones, director of the Southeastern Fishery Conservation Association in Tallahassee, Fla. "The economic impact will be far beyond fishing industry." Local economies, which rely on recreational fishing, will also be hit by fishing restrictions.

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At the protest rally, the fishermen, who had assembled under the flag of the United We Fish, also said NOAA was basing its closure decisions on flawed data. They contend that the fish count is actually higher than NOAA's estimate.

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The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, which enforces the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, introduced annual catch limits, closed some areas to fishing to stop overfishing and intended to close others. While the no-fishing areas represent only 1 percent of the total U.S. waters, the closures mean a loss of jobs and revenue for local economies.

While fishing still is allowed in the Gulf of Mexico, a region of the Atlantic Ocean from Florida to North Carolina was closed initially to fishing from Jan. 4 to June 2 to allow stocks of red snapper to replenish. The period can be extended for another six-month period.

Fishermen fear long replenishment periods will have a severe impact on the commercial and recreational fishing industry.

"At least a thousand jobs in Fort Lauderdale will be lost this year," said Bob Jones, director of the Southeastern Fishery Conservation Association in Tallahassee, Fla. "The economic impact will be far beyond fishing industry." Local economies, which rely on recreational fishing, will also be hit by fishing restrictions.

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**State**

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — The county Board of Supervisors is scheduled to weigh in on March 9 on the issues of license renewal and the threat of earthquake faults at Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

The board is expected to consider requests by Supervisor Adam Hill, whose district includes the power plant, to send letters to state and federal regulators regarding plans by plant owners Pacific Gas and Electric Co. to conduct mapping of earthquake faults offshore of the power plant.

More than 20 people have expressed their support for the post-pone ment either as writing or verbally to the board. However, PG&E opposes any delay, saying the window of opportunity for license renewal with the NRC is now, while the seismic mapping will take years to complete.

**National**

NEW YORK (MCT) — In the doorway of one home, Jeana Marie Beaudouin, 37, a married mother of three young girls, was found shot several times in the upper torso.

Beaudouin was still alive as medics rushed her to the hospital, but she was pronounced dead shortly after she arrived. Two people were found injured in the home, police said. Beaudouin and her husband were returning home when she was shot in the driveway at about 11 p.m.

Her husband and children were home at the time she was shot.

**Arroyo Grande (MCT) —** The Tri-County Building and Construction Trades Council will pay ice cream for anyone who supports Doc Barneston's Ice Cream Lab in Arroyo Grande against a carpenter's union. The free ice cream will be available from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday. Pickers from Carpenters Local have been posted outside the ice cream shop for more than four months.

**International**

CHINA (MCT) — China will require individuals seeking to establish personal Web sites to verify their identities with regulators and have their photographs taken.

It is part of a campaign to crack down on Internet pornography.

The new requirements add another layer of oversight in a country that is already deeply criticized for having some of the world's strictest Internet controls. Regulators have also discussed requiring stricter identification verification to purchase mobile phones and have comments online.

Google Inc. threatened to quit China last month partly because it refused to censor in Chinese search engine. Officials said the new rule is needed to stifle Internet porn.

PARIS (MCT) — The European Union will provide 11.4 million euros ($14.5 million) in humanitarian aid to Sudan, the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid department (ECHO) announced today. The amount represents one seventh of the Commission's worldwide humanitarian budget for 2010.

Most of the aid for Darfur is for refugees and displaced persons. The European Commission's website. The commission's focus on South Sudan is an asset, refugees in Darfur may return and reoccupy their homes. In past years, most of the funding has gone to Darfur.

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**Professor tries to change drug control policy**

Don Saptarini

TOP POLITICAL REPORTER

PHILADELPHIA — To much of official Washington, the portrait of substance abuse in the United States is grim.

More than 22 million Americans use drugs or alcohol.

Just 10 percent of them get treatment — and an alarming number report:

At treatment centers designed to help them, half the counselors quit each year. Worse, the newest research-based therapies often do not reach clinics at all.

In the dysfunction, A. Thomas McLellan sees opportunity.

"We've got to put scientific information into policies that make sense and will deliver for Americans," said McLellan, who left Philadelphia six months ago to become the nation's No. 2 drug policy official.

Science, he says, can make treatment inviting, catch abuse before it turns into addiction, save communities millions of dollars — in short, make a system that has been shaped by the politics of avoidance. There is even a "science of recovery," and he said he believed that talking about it would help move the national conversation about recovery from one of shame to one of triumph.

Passionate about bringing science to Washington, yes. Enjoying doing it, no.

Seated on a couch in his sparsely furnished office a few blocks from the White House, the lanky and modestly-bred psychologist was characteristically blunt.

"I guess I could be called a fairly, fine, nice kind of guy," said McLellan 61. "Government is really am — am — am — am — do you get the drift?"

Five years ago, happily rebuilding his boat and content directing a leading research center on addiction, McLellan had no interest in Washington. Then his 30-year-old son died of a combination of anti-anxiety medication and alcohol poisoning; his older son was in treatment at the Betty Ford Center at the time.

When Joe Biden called and personally asked him to join the new administration, McLellan said he was "nervous but sure" that he should go where he could have the greatest impact. His new role is to lead a team at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, to reduce demand for illegal drugs.

A big test of his influence is due in the coming days, when President Barack Obama releases his National Drug Control Strategy. The document, written by McLellan and his boss, drug czar Gil Kerlikowske, will guide the actions of 11 federal agencies that deal with drugs, from education to homeland security.

The moment is ripe for change.

The last two decades have brought effective new therapies and several proven medications; vaccines are on the horizon. In recent years, the official view of addiction has undergone sweeping changes. Genetics is now known to play a role, and research suggests that brief interventions over the long term can trump intensive hospitalization.

It is possible to change minds in this field, McLellan doesn't study any one thing. He compares them all.

"Tons has spent his whole life preparing for this job," said Charles P. O'Brien, a mentor and director of the Center for Studies of Addiction at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

To hear McLellan tell it, that preparation has been a series of coincidences and lucky breaks.

Raised in Mechanicburg, Pa., and trained with a Bryn Mawr Colle ge's graduate in experimental psychology — his 1976 thesis examined negative conditioning in rats, cockroaches, pigeons and crabs — he had to choose between an $80,000 faculty position at Yale and a $34,000 technician's job evaluating substances-at-risk at the Comtevile VA hospital.

"I didn't know I want to be a drug rehab specialist," but needed the money.

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That work led to his Addiction Severity Index, a series of measures — medical status, employment, drug, alcohol, legal, family and psychiatric — that are now known to be relat-

ted to treatment outcomes. The ASI is the standard hour-long interview used to plan treatment and judge progress around the world.

He was soon hired by O'Brien, who was building a top treatment center at the Philadelphia VA while heading up addiction research and doing animal studies at Penn.

In 2007, McLellan sat down with Nancy J. Campbell, author of "Discovering Addiction: The Science and Politics of Substance Abuse Research," and recounted how his vision evolved for an oral-history project.

"And then my eldest son gets ad-
ted," he said. "He was 16, and he was addicted to cocaine, alcohol, marijuana. OK. Mr. Expert where are you going to treat your own son? What kind of treatment are you going to ask for? Wow, was I punched in the stomach by that," he said.

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Cal Poly releases new white wine

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Cal Poly releases new white wine

The Cal Poly wine and viticulture program recently released their latest wine, the Mustang White. The wine, a 2008 edition made by Mike Horton, is Cal Poly's first Mustang White and is made from a blend of pinot blanc and pinot gris grapes. The wine marks the eighth wine that Cal Poly currently has available for purchase.

John Peterson, director of the wine and viticulture program, said the program makes two different categories of wines: estate wines and Mustang wines. He said the estate wines are made from grapes grown at Trestle Vineyard, located at the northern part of campus by Poly Canyon. The grapes grown there include syrah, chardonnay and pinot noir. The estate wines are designated as such because they are made from grapes grown by Cal Poly.

The Mustang wines are made from different blends that include grapes donated from wineries all over the county, Peterson said. He said they originally released 2006 and 2007 versions of the Mustang Red since the zinfandel grapes were available for use. After seeing the popularity of the Mustang Red, Peterson said it only made sense to offer a white as well.

He said the blends differ from year to year and give each wine a unique taste. "Pinot gris and pinot blanc have their own characteristic flavors," Peterson said. "When you blend them together, they complement each other to give the wine its own character." He said the Mustang White is chardonnay, pinot gris and pinot blanc.

The selection of Cal Poly wines produced by the wine and viticulture program can be found at Cal Poly Downtown and Central Coast Wines.

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"Flight of the Pelican?"
Firestone Walker Brewery provides a variety of tastes

Once upon a time, there was a little boy. This little boy had big dreams. Dreams of exploration, fame, fortune — being a columnist who talks about different kinds of beers and experiences. Of making up words like experience. This boy, of course, was me and was only considered little by his 82-year-old grandma, but still.

Here we are, now. While fame is dependent on how bored you are in class, and the fortune is just plain non-existent, the exploration is still there. And this week, I went exploring out of the safety of my living room.

This week’s beers are from a local favorite that has gotten some national and international attention, at least as far as awards go. That’s right, ladies and gents, this week’s beers are from Firestone Walker Brewery. Now I know most of you have probably already tasted and formed your opinions about these beers, but hey, you haven’t heard them talked about by a professional (term used extremely loosely), right?

Also, I’ll be incorporating some things I learned from the unique experience that I had, as a columnist for the Mustang Daily touring Firestone’s facilities. Yes, a unique experience that you, as a lay person, cannot have because you’ve never done it. By vicariously reading this column.

Or by showing up at the brewery on Saturday or Sunday at either 1:30 or 3:30 in the afternoon. Or probably just by sweet talking them into giving you a tour some other time.

Oh, and just to be sure there is no confusion, I’m not talking about Firestone Grill in downtown San Luis Obispo. I’m talking about the brewery located in Paso Robles. Now that’s all cleared up, let’s get going.

I shall start at the beginning. When my companion and I got there, we were a bit unsure as to what to do, but quickly figured out we should order at the bar and then take a seat. So we did, but not until after we got the sweet tasting sets — Actually, apparently, they serve their samples in the paddle from “Dazed and Confused.” Oh, maybe not, but they are seriously paddles.

They serve four four-ounce samples, one each of their Pale, Double Barrel Ale, Union Jack IPA, and Walker’s Reserve Porter. Each sample comes in its own hole in the paddle, and you can pick the whole thing up at once! Sweet. But that’s not even the best part — with the free pint glass. Overwhelming, I know.

The first beer I tried was the Pale Ale. This is a light-bodied pale ale, and it has a nice golden color and white head. The aroma is floral, and permeates throughout the tasting of the beer. It is quite crisp, which is to be expected of a pale ale.

The next was their signature Double Barrel Ale. This is their rendition of the British Pale Ale, though according to their Web site, they think it’s better than any Brit can do. I’ve no opinions as far as that goes, but the beer is a tasty one. It was, I think, the mildest of the four as far as flavor goes. It gets its name from the fact that it is actually and moderately hopped, which is what Blue Frog would probably be considered highly hopped. This is a tasty pale as you will find at a brewery that brews more for the masses and less for the ale, not masses.

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Kim Murray, deputy director for community development for the city of San Luis Obispo, has worked with the class since September. Murray spoke to the merit of the city and regional planning class.

“These are a dedicated bunch of students,” she said. “Their professional, hard working and enterprising attitude is the same when it comes to researching, writing or presenting their findings.”
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I didn't go at the right time, but apparently it has a much better flavor. Next up is the beer that was probably my favorite — the Union Jack IPA. Tasty. It was quite the lovely contrast from Blue Frog's "balanced" IPA. It was hopped up and deliciously bitter with 72 international bitterness units, which is pretty high. On top of being hoppy than the preceding beers, it does, as you would expect, contain a bit more alcohol — 2.5 to 2.7 percent more alcohol by volume, for a total of 7.5 percent to be exact. It is also a citrus beer, as opposed to the floral ones above. Full in flavor and hops, this is a rare beer that is worth the extra couple of bucks to get a six pack of this rather than the Pale or DBA.

And finally, the black sheep of the group the Walker's Reserve Robert Porter. Of course, this is a combination of coffee, chocolate and smoked flavors, as it seems most American porters are. As you go, it is pretty mild. I liked that the prominent anisau and flavors weren't smoked, but rather highlighted the chocolate and coffee aspects.

According to the Web site, there are also hints of coffee and caramel, though even after all of this tasting for you people, my back isn't quite that trained. I just keep trying. This was a very smooth, not bitter, easy-drinking beer. If you're looking for a chocolate-coffee drink but don't want to get a frappuccino, go grab a porter. While nothing necessarily extraordinary, this would be a good, balanced choice, and trying it gives you a chance to see what Firestone can do besides pale.

All in all, the tasting and tour were enjoyable and informative experiences, with my favorite being the Union Jack IPA. I would recommend going, if for no other reason than to get a cool pint glass and to check out the paddles that they use. If you want an even more unique visit, call ahead and see if you can check their unpublished DBA on tap. Let me know how it is.

Now, it seems that with every good experience comes a bad one. For example, while I was having a good time at the bar this weekend, I had the misfortune of having to hear Ke$ha's TiK ToK. Before I could use my modification practices to tune it out, though, I heard her talking about brushing her teeth with a bottle of whiskey, which I presume to mean Jack Daniel's Whiskey.

I would just like to remind you that sadly, Ke$ha has now made a ton of money. This means that she can afford to pay a chauffer to drive her around after she finishes a bottle of whiskey.

Do be sure that you have the necessary arrangements made, even if that means paying a friend to be designated driver for a day of wine, beer or whiskey tasting — or even just a night of drinking downtown or in another friend's house. Be safe out there and drink responsibly. As I'm sure Ke$ha herself would say, if you are around on account of alcohol, nobody is going to "call up" your "phones phones" in jail.

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The class is broken up into two subtopics: a topic team and a task team. Topics are largely based on the student's interests, which include broad areas of environmentalism such as alternative transportation, water and energy use. Throughout the process, they have contact with the city and community members.

"It's a great experience for students to get involved and see what public workshops are like, how you handle public input and how the political processes help shape the project," Murray said.

To further involve the community, the class decided to have a public meeting at Farmers Market to get strategies for climate change. They also held two public meetings for input and participated with sixth grade students from Los Ranchos Elementary School for an additional perspective.

The elementary school students came up with unique ideas such as city and regional planning senior Jonelle Fournet-Collazos.

"One girl suggested turning parking lots into forests, one boy suggested making a fast food drive-thru for bikes and one girl suggested having a celebrity, like Fer-gie, on a bus so people would ride," Fournet-Collazos said.

At the second public meeting, San Luis Obispo citizens voted on which they thought was best for the city to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Popular examples included expanding the availability and frequency of bus routes, creating more walkable neighborhoods, and creating a "cash for grass" program for replacing lawns with water efficient landscaping.

At the meeting, Monica Kittinger, a city and regional planning senior, spoke on ways to increase parks and open space.

"I know climate change is real. I'd rather be part of the solution than the problem," she said. "It's rewarding to be environmentally conscious and to work with the city.

At the end of the quarter, the climate team will have a final draft of their action plan for review by the city.

"This augments all the technologies, training and great background Cal Poly students train for," Murray said. "I would do it again in a heartbeat."
Shutter Island (2010)

Director: Martin Scorsese
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, Sir Ben Kingsley, Max Von Sydow, Michelle Williams, Emily Mortimer

What can be said about Martin Scorsese that hasn't already been said? He is respected not only for a body of work that includes unmatched classics like "Raging Bull," "Goodfellas" and "The Departed," but he is also admired for his true passion and knowledge of the art of filmmaking. He is, without a shadow of a doubt, one of the greatest directors of all time … arguably even the best of all. I have yet to see a film of his that I can honestly label as bad or unsatisfactory. All of his films, even the lesser known ones, have a good number of aspects that will astonish you.

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The film opens with U.S. Marshal Teddy Daniels (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Chuck Aule (Mark Ruffalo) approaching Shutter Island via boat through a giant foreboding cliffs, a lighthouse and more, all of which seem just as alarming and ominous as the next. Even to mention, a massive hurricane is approaching, ensuring the fact that Teddy and Chuck are stuck whether they like it or not. Lehane’s story and Laeta Kalogridis’s screenplay both needed to be filmed with a focus on atmosphere and fear, a task that Scorsese tackles with impeccable direction. As he always does, he expertly crafted film that is almost incomparable Oscar winner Sir Ben Kingsley ("Gandhi," "Sexy Beast"). It’s soon obvious that the mar­shal, Teddy in particular, do not like the feel of this place and believe there might be some sort of conspiracy surrounding Rachel’s escape. Scorsese uses his legendary skill and patience to reveal the story by bit by bit, a method that some find frus­trating. Flashback scenes show that part of Teddy’s personality is a direct result of atrocities he witnessed and participated in during World War II. The entire film is meant for you to constantly be on edge and always be thinking.

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I’m taking a fascinating American history class this quarter, in which we learned that an important characteristic of the colonies and early America was labor scarcity and land abundance. People were able to work hard and secure their own land and they were also able to get jobs quite easily because farmers needed workers on their land, and there was a need for resources to use and export.

However, when America began to modernize and industrialize, things began to change. Cities began to form, and there was an opportunity for people to successfully make it into the upper or middle class as there was during the time of the Revolutionary and Civil War eras. In the early 1900’s, problems began to emerge in society, such as what to do with immigrants and women. Should women have the right to vote, and did America promote equality and freedom? Out of these tough questions emerged the progressives.

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Given a choice, would you use taxpayer money to subsidize banks or to help students pay for college? It’s rare for a public policy ques­tion to be this big a no-brainer. But that’s the right way to describe the Obama administration’s proposal to save an estimated $80 billion over 10 years by making all student loans directly through the government rather than private lenders, and de­irect that money toward education programs.

The House has passed legislation to eliminate the middleman — companies such as Sallie Mae — from the process, but the proposal is stalled in the Senate amid filibuster threats.

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan wants to use the money for programs that help students get to college and succeed there, crucial steps for the country if U.S. compa­nies are to compete globally long­term. The biggest of these programs is a $40 billion increase in Pell Grants, which would improve affordability for students now and reduce indebted­ness later.

The plan also includes $8 billion for early childhood education, an es­sential ingredient for success later in life, and more money for community colleges, low-interest Perkins loans and college-tuition tax credits.

In concept, the proposal isn’t that dramatic; the government already makes the majority of student loans. However, a very profitable slice cur­rently goes through private compa­nies that lend out federal money and collect fees and interest, even though taxpayers bear the risk of default. This piece of the market would be eliminated.

Lenders, supported by some law­makers from both parties, are argu­ing against the plan, trying to protect what Duncan calls their “free ride.” Perhaps sensing that public opinion isn’t on their side, they’ve suggested an alternative that would limit their profits but also save the government for less.

One of the primary arguments against the bill is that it represents a government takeover. But this argu­ment is purely political, not substan­tive, as the government provides vir­tually all the capital for student loans already.

The industry also says the bill will cost jobs. Sallie Mae estimates it would be forced to lay off some 2,500 people, though it doesn’t ac­count for positions that would be regained because the plan calls for private companies to service the loans. Regardless, saving these jobs isn’t worth $80 billion.

The lenders argue they can serve students better, and they’re at least partly right, which is why the gov­ernment would still contract with them to service the loans.

But during the economic collapse, many private lenders stopped offer­ing loans altogether, forcing colleges to turn to the more reliable direct lending programs instead — hardly a shining example of excellent cus­tomer support.

It’s one thing to lose your car loan when credit markets freeze up, but quite another to be unable to at­tend college. Stu­dent lending is too important to be left to market vagaries.

This plan eliminates corporate welfare and funds key education pro­grams without add­ing to the deficit. The Senate should pass it without de­lay so that colleges will have time to implement it in time for the next school year.

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"The combine is going to de-
termine a lot for me; it's definitely
gong to be high-pressure," he said.

"But I feel very confident in my
abilities, that I can prove I'm faster
than people think I am, that I can
prove I can catch the ball better
than people think I can," he added.

As Gerhart puts it, for this four-
day stretch he will be more of a
stock athlete than a football player.
And a psychiatric patient. And an
honorary livestock member.

He will spend today and much
of Friday being poked and prodded
by doctors, who will look at every-
thing from the left knee that had
ligaments repaired his sophomore
season to the size of his hands. The
rest of Friday and Saturday will be
spent taking the infamous mental
aptitude test called the Wonder-
lic, "I was joking with my agent
that maybe I should miss some on
purpose, so they don't think I'm
too smart," Gerhart said, and get-
ting grilled by as many NFL teams'
representatives who have interest.

Earlier this season, the Mustangs
defeated Cal State Fullerton 76-73
in overtime.

"It went all the way down to the
wire," Clancy said about the first
match. "It couldn't get any closer."”

Minnagh said the team has
been working a lot on its press break
since the Titans pose a tough man-
-to-man full-court defense. She also
said they are the toughest offensive
rebounding team in the league. The
Mustangs were without Fratter that
game.

"We have very different person-
nalities, but a similar style of play," San-
tago said. "We both like to run so
it should be a fast-paced, physical
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You're basically there in your
giddle, walking the stage," Gerhart
said. "The interviews are sup-
posed to be really intense. You sit
down in a room with the owner
and the general manager and the
coach and the position coach and
the team psychiatrist, and they ask
you anything they want basically."

Then on Sunday, it's time to
break out the track shoes and pro-
duce those magic numbers. Diggins
will be scribbled down for the 40-
yard dash, including split times for
10 and 20 yards. There will be a
vertical jump, a broad jump, a 20-
yard shuttle and a cone drill.

McShay, who predicts Gerhart
will be a second- to third-round
pick, says he "doesn't bring the explo-
siveness" and "is not a home-run
thrower."

Gerhart, who gave up baseball
and left Stanford 10 hours short of
a degree to pursue his NFL dream,
begs to differ.

"We'll see this weekend," he said.

Basketball
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Becky Tratter, Ashlee Stewart
and Brittany Lange were honored
as the graduating seniors. Trat-
ter scored a career-high 19 points
against Northridge. Lange went 4-4
and Stewart hit 4-5 from beyond
the arc, contributing to a season-
best 14 three-pointers for the team.

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that game," Santiago said. "It was a
really good feeling leaving the court
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Women's basketball begins season-ending road trip

Katherine Grady
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A game after Cal Poly's seniors said goodbye to Mont Gym, The Mustangs (17-8, 10-3 Big West) look to defend their first place spot in the Big West against Cal State Fullerton (12-15, 6-7) Thursday night. "We certainly have teams breathing down our necks right now," junior guard Rachel Clancy said. "We are trying our darndest to put ourselves in that position," head coach Faith Minnemah said. "I hope we play one of our few games (to get closer to the championship) we would rather do that."

The team recorded the highest scoring single-game total for the program since 2001 with their 100-78 win against Cal State Northridge this past weekend. As is consistent with many of their performances this year, the Mustangs outscored the Matadors in the second half — scoring 60 points to 39. They converted 40 percent of their shots in the first half but came out and scored just shy of 80 percent of their shots in the second.

“We got into the locker room and said we can’t be playing like this,” senior forward Kristina Santiago said. “We came out the second half and ended up blowing them out.”

Before the game, Cal Poly honored their seniors who had an outstanding game, according to Minnemah. Santiago scored a team-best 24 points. The Santa Maria native is the conference leader in scoring, rebounds and steals.

“Sh (Santiago) is one of the best, if not the best player in the league,” Minnemah said.

Santiago described the feeling of being in Mont Gym for the last time with people she's been playing with since her freshman year.

“It was crazy,” she said. “All four starters standing with me were seniors. It hit me all of sudden … I’m never doing to be here standing with them again.”

Mark Conley
mustang daily

Gerhart has much to prove at NFL Scouting Combine

From toast of the Heisman Trophy homestretch to just another slab in the NFL meat market, the past few months have been a whirlwind for Toby Gerhart.

But the Heisman runner-up touched down in Indianapolis on Wednesday with everything he feels he’ll need to succeed during the next four days at the NFL combine: good running shoes, a sleeker physique and a healthy dose of spite for the Mel Kipers and Todd McShays of the world.

“I hear what people have said about me on TV,” Gerhart said of the ESPN analysts. Neither Kiper nor McShay list Gerhart among their top five running backs available in the April 22 draft, and they are hardly alone in that assessment.

“They say I don’t have top-end speed or the burst,” Gerhart added. “They say I can’t play running back at the next level. I don’t think I’m getting the respect I deserve.”

Thursday begins his chance to prove them wrong. After a record-shattering season that saw Gerhart set the Stanford single-season rushing record (1,871 yards), lead the nation in rushing touchdowns (26), lead the Cardinal to a surprising Pac 10 title and finish a historically close second to Alabama's Mark Ingram for the Heisman, Gerhart finds himself in unfamiliar territory: under duress.

He has spent the past five weeks at Velocity Sports Performance in Irvine, doing special- ized strength training five to six days per week. His roommate is another Heisman finalist and un-