The top three applications included the "Roomie Tab," (left) which tracks room payments, "Where's My Book," (center) and "OASEDO.M D^M AIL.COM" (right) which allows users to track specific buses.

### Attack of the Android applications

**A Cal Poly computer science class was challenged to create the best Android application, and three rose above the rest.**

*Amanda Sedo*

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Six Cal Poly students came out with top prizes in an Android App Contest sponsored by Intuit last quarter. The contest was the final project for professor David Janzen’s computer science class where 33 students teamed up to produce 17 applications to compete for first place.

The goal of the contest was primarily to motivate the students, but also to reward the students who did an exceptional job,” Janzen said.

A panel of judges, including Janzen and representatives from Intuit — the software company known for making TurboTax — and GOGGI — a relatively new company specializing in mobile applications — ranked the applications based on creativity and quality.

“This quarter we went more with the second criteria (quality),” Janzen said. “The winner’s applications didn’t crash, they were intuitive and easy to use.”

Henrietta Wong, a computer science junior, and Adriel Fauad, a computer science junior, authored the “Where’s My Book?” application, receiving first place and Motorola Xooms from Intuit.

“The application is a way to keep a library of books that you have loaned out,” Fauad said. “If you lend someone a book, you can see who you checked the book out to and even send a reminder to them.”

Wong said the app is geared toward students and the niche of people who like to read, especially in a college setting.

“It is ideal for students who are borrowing textbooks as well as for those readers who haven’t switched over to a Kindle yet,” Wong said.

Both Fauad and Wong did not expect to win first place, but were confident they would make the top three.

“Of course we were hoping to win, but we definitely didn’t expect it,” Wong said. “From here, we have multiple options to expand what we have already done.”

Second place in the contest went to Jeffrey Brown, a business administration senior, and Zach Negrey, a computer science junior, with their “SLO Bus Tracker” application.

“It is an app to track buses in (San Luis Obispo) as well as to provide scheduling,” Negrey said. The two said they came up with the idea on a whim as they were standing in line to pitch ideas to Janzen.

“We just started talking about it, and I don’t really know exactly how we came up with it,” Brown said.

The map application shows live traffic data that is also available on the SLO Transit website. The application also provides the bus schedule with a unique feature; it allows the user to switch routes.

### SLO walking, running from domestic violence

**Amber Kiwan**

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A five kilometer walk/run was held on Saturday to raise money to help fight issues of intimate partner violence on campus and in the San Luis Obispo community.

All proceeds from the “Walk Away From Intimate Partner Violence” event, hosted by Cal Poly’s Latina-interest sorority Sigma Omega Nu, went to the Women’s Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County. According to the Women’s Shelter website, intimate partner violence, also known as domestic violence, is defined as a “pattern of coercive behavior used by adults or adolescents to control their partners involving physical assault or the threat of it.”

This coercive behavior can come in the form of physical, emotional, mental, economic or verbal abuse.

The Women’s Shelter Programs offer legal assistance, counseling, case management, emergency shelter and housing assistance for victims of intimate partner violence.

Women’s Shelter employee Erin White said the shelter, which served 620 individuals last year, has an ever-increasing need for fundraising in order to meet the needs of the community.

“We rely heavily on the community to help us fund the programs that we offer,” White said. “There’s a lot of up and down with state budgets and things that we have relied on (for funding) in the past.”

But White said raising awareness, another goal of the 5K race, is just as important as the monetary assistance.

“Getting people involved in that age level in the college community is a really important step for us,” White said. “I think the more people learn about these things, the more they are aware.”

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### Baseball wins series in extra innings

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**Baseball wins series in extra innings**

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Baseball series of extra innings.

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able to spot it later in life."
To reach more college-aged in-
dividuals, the Women's Shelter Pro-
gram is often present at events and
collaborates with Cal Poly's Gender
Equity Center, which houses pro-
grams such as Sexual Assault-Free
Environment Resource (SAFER).
According to Gender Equity Cen-
ter coordinator Christina Kaviani, in-
timate partner violence is common to
any university.
"I don't think we have more of a
problem than other campuses," Kavi-
iani said. "But it happens commonly
and people don't really acknowledge
it as what it is."
To prevent this, the Gender Eq-
uity Center works within the cam-
pus community to inform students
of what a healthy relationship re-
ally is.
"When you aim (the information)
toward relationships, people want to
bear about it," Kaviani said. "It's nec-
essary for a young person to know the
signs, how to talk to (a victim) and
how to help them.
"Kaviani said the Gender Equity
Center also recognizes the Women's
Shelter Program's need for fundrais-
ing.
Its annual "Vagina Monologues"
held on campus is a fundraising even-
that has raised money for the Wom-
en's Shelter for the past seven years.
Sigma Omega Nu's newer "Walk
Away from Intimate Partner Vio-
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registration, raffles and donations.
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race to help their cause.
"The sorority expressed a lot of
interest, and they were great volun-
teers last year," Kent said. "And now
that I've graduated, they took over.
It definitely looks like they have it
under control."
"The sorority plans to continue
the tradition of the "Walk Away
from Intimate Partner Violence"
race, hopefully raising more money
and awareness each year.
"We work with them because we
can see the results and see the
difference we are making," event co-
ordinator and Sigma Omega Nu
member Stephanie Reveles said. "It's
a very personal experience."
Reveles said the previous or-
ganizations they worked with limited
the sorority's involvement to rais-
ing money and then simply send-
ing a check.
"The opportunities for more in-
volveinent that the Women's Shelter
Program offered gave Sigma Omega
Nu members a deeper connection to
the cause," Reveles said.
Specifically, events like food
donation drives, where they can
physically see the amount of food
they are collecting and donat-
ing, and yard work at transitional
homes for violence victims gave
the Sigma Omega Nu women
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First place finisher Gonzalo Hernandez said he just recently started running in preparation for the "Walk Away" race.
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With 150 downloads to date, the
duo is planning to polish up the
application and re-release it
with new features.
"We are thinking of adding more
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Jannen said the contest is an ex-
cellent opportunity for students to
practice writing applications and
get experience.
"What I love is that students have
to write something that the world
will see," Jannen said. "Rarely do stu-
dents build something that will live
on after the course."
Jannen said Cal Poly students can
expect Android, as well as iOS, ap-
plication contests in the future.
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—Stephanie Reveles
Walk/Run event coordinator
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Labor Department declares U.S. unemployment lowest in two years

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The nation's job-creation engine revved up last month and pushed the unemployment rate to its lowest level in two years, spreading optimism the economic recovery is firmly in place and giving President Barack Obama a political boost.

The economy lurched back unemploy­ed Americans who had given up hope of getting another paycheck as increases across nearly all sectors led to 216,000 additional jobs, the Labor De­partment said. The unemployment rate ticked down to 8.8 percent — a full percentage point lower than November and the sharpest four-month drop in 28 years.

Obama, trying to fend off a Repub­lican push for deep budget cuts that ad­ministration officials warn could derail the recovery, said Friday the economy was showing "signs of real strength." But he cautioned that millions of Americans still are out of work and "we have to keep the momentum going."

The improvement bettered econo­mists' predictions of about 200,000 new jobs and led forecasters to say that strong job growth appeared to have taken hold.

Chris Rupkey, chief financial econ­omist for the Bank of Tokyo-Misubi­shi in New York, said there was "pow­er for the Bank of Tokyo-Misubi­shi" in New York, said there was "pow­er­ful forward momentum" in the jobs

unemployment rate fell from 10.4 per­cent to 7.2 percent. The recent drop in the un­employment rate from 9.8 per­cent in November is the best since then.

House Majority Leader Eric Can­to, R-Va., downplayed the job growth, describing it as an "upick." While acknowledging it was good news, he said the still-high unemployment rate showed that Republicans need to continue our efforts in Washington to foster pro-growth policies that will help businesses small and large to innovate and expand.

White House officials were delight­ed by the new unemployment num­bers, which they said surpassed their own internal projections.

"Obviously, things can go wrong, but this continues to be a very solid trend that we've seen over the last year," said Austan Goolsbee, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors. "Yes, it's a deep hole, but we're growing our way out of that hole."

Optimism also has spread to unem­ployed workers, such as 37-year-old Air Force veteran Matthew Mabry of Ba­kersfield. On Thursday, he signed up for job-search help from Jewish Vo­ca­tional Services.

But after landing a seasonal posi­tion at a Target warehouse during the holidays, Mabry said he's ready to start seriously looking for a full-time job.

The improvement in the job mar­ket was led by growth in business and professional services, with 78,000 new jobs. Health care, manufactur­ing, min­ing, and the leisure and hospitality in­dustry also saw significant growth.

Overall, the private sector added 230,000 jobs. But local governments continued to struggle, shedding 14,000 jobs in March. That still was a major improvement over the 46,000 govern­ment jobs lost in February.

Friday's unemployment report comes on the heels of recent good economic news. But several potential trouble spots remain, including rising energy prices caused by unrest in the Middle East and North Africa.

Prices increased in February for the third straight month, with energy costs the main driver. Overall, consumer prices increased 2.1 percent in the 12 months that ended in February, the most recent data available.

Economists noted that while the jobs drought is over, there's a long way to go to make up for the approximately 8.7 million jobs lost in 2008 and 2009. More than 13.5 million Americans re­mained out of work in March.

"It is sort of the tale of two cities," said Christine Owens, executive direc­tor of the National Employment Law Project. "Finally, job growth seems to have set in. Employers are adding jobs. Some people are coming back into the labor market ... but for the long-term un­employed population, it continues to be very difficult."

The long-term unemployed, de­fined as people out of work for at least 27 weeks, increased in March to 43.5 percent of the jobless from 43.9 per­cent in February, the Labor De­partment said. That's near the historic high of 45.6 percent last May, and nearly double the rate of previous recessions, Owens said.

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"Especially, things can go wrong if we don't continue to have a strong job growth trend," he said.

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Arizona (MCT) — Southwest Airlines Co. said Saturday it has grounded 79 of its Boeing 737 aircraft for safety checks and canceled 300 flights in the wake of an emergency landing by another 737-300 on Friday.

A three-foot hole tore in the fuselage of Flight 812 after it had taken off from Phoenix with 118 passengers on route to Sacramento, Calif., according to reports. The pilot was able to land the plane safely at the Yuma, Ariz., airport, but serves as a joint-use facility for the U.S. Marines and civilian aviation.

At least one passenger and a flight attendant suffered minor injuries after the cabin rapidly lost pressure and oxygen masks were deployed, the company said. Southwest said it will begin an "aggressive inspection" in cooperation with Boeing Co. engineers. It said it was working with the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration to determine why the plane lost pressure.

Pakistan (MCT) — Two suicide bombers killed at least 42 people at a shrine in central Pakistan on Friday in the latest of a series of attacks against government facilities that were not covered by water and allowed to reach full criticality, in which the nu­clear fuel in the core reacts with the hydrogen and the oxygen necessary to produce heat and radiation. An explosion at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant would take a while, but he pledged to do "whatever it takes to win the battle" there and brushed off talk that Tokyo Electric Power Co., which runs the facility, would be nationalized. Tepco, he said, must do what it can to clean up radioactive leaks at the plant and compensate those affected by the accident.

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Health care for California employees switched by employers to reduce costs

Duke Helfand
Los Angeles Times

Thousands of employers in California and across the country are slashing expensive doctors and hospitals from their insurance rosters in a move to hold down rising health care costs—a trend that is gaining favor with corporate bosses, if not the rank-and-file.

The story begins with insurance premiums—namely, 25 percent in some cases—are gained when companies switch their health plans to "narrow network" HMOs that offer fewer choices of medical providers. California, with nearly 21 million people in HMOs, drives the rapid expansion of these networks. More than 10,000 California employers and public agencies have increased in premiums, mostly since the recession struck in 2008.

While many workers welcome the change, HMOs, the savings come at the price of fewer health care choices.

Beverly Prange chose a slimmed-down network in January after her employer, the San Diego County Office of Education.

The change cut her insurance premiums.
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Sitting on the first floor of the University Union (UU) in a red T-shirt and bucket hat, business administration sophomore Brett Edwards looks like the standard Cal Poly student. But on a YouTube.com search for “Mr. Eco,” viewers soon learn that Edwards isn’t the average student — he’s a superhero.

Edwards’ alter ego, Mr. Eco, is a rapping, cape-wearing superhero dedicated to spreading the word about Cal Poly’s Green Campus Program. The masked man’s mission is to get students thinking about living sustainably.

“The Green Campus Program focuses on getting students to reduce water and energy usage,” Edwards said. “And Mr. Eco is designed to make it catchy.”

That idea of Mr. Eco was first brought to the table last spring, when Edwards and the rest of the Green Campus Program were trying to come up with ideas for a video to inform incoming freshmen about the program. Edwards had always enjoyed rapping with his friends and decided to expand his musical career.

“I decided we should have a superhero that could be the face of the program,” he said. “We’re trying to get students to think about living sustainably by giving it a new perspective.”

And that perspective is a musical one. Mr. Eco will soon release a six song EP entitled “Brita Up in the Air.”

“I’m really excited about this EP thing,” he said. “I feel like once I have a larger body of work, I’ll be able to get the name out there more and gain a fan base.”

Acquiring that fan base was a major concern for mechanical engineering junior Ravi Sahai, who has worked on the Green Campus campaign for three years. He said when Edwards first presented the idea of Mr. Eco to him, he was hesitant because he knew that starting a grassroots movement wasn’t going to be easy.

“At first I was worried that (Edwards) wouldn’t be in it for the long haul,” Sahai said. “But obviously he was.”

That was last spring, and since then Edwards has spearheaded the residence hall energy competitions with his “lights out” dance, designed to serve as a constant reminder to turn off the lights when leaving a room.

“It’s not funny, sometimes people come up to me and they’ll do the dance,” Edwards said. “I guess it’s catching on.”

That being said, Edwards feels nothing like YouTube sensations Rebecca Black or Antoine Dodson — his modesty is part of his charm.

From under his bucket hat, Edwards laughed at the idea of becoming a rapping, cape-wearing superhero.

“If that would be so cool,” Edwards said. “But I’m definitely not there yet.”

“Edwards’ responsibilities as Mr. Eco include making presentations to residence halls and classrooms on campus, writing songs and making music videos. The music videos, he said, are a tiring process, and one he hopes to master with more experience.

“The first video must have taken me a month,” he said. “Getting all of the pieces of the puzzle together was so hard.”

But on top of becoming a rap sensation, Edwards also serves as the treasurer for the Green Campus Program. His mission right now is to work with Week of Welcome to incorporate Mr. Eco into spring training.

Green Campus is also working on granting workplace certifications to faculty and staff who are going above and beyond to go green. Sahai said his skepticism was quickly silenced once he saw the effects of Mr. Eco.

“I know that a lot of people have him in the back of their minds,” he said. “I think he really has made a difference.”

Edwards hopes he has. Nothing makes his day more, Edwards said, than when people walk up to him on campus and ask if he is Mr. Eco.

“It’s a pretty funny feeling,” he said. “But I guess people are starting to know who I am.”

Some freshmen students even wrote him a song in response to his music videos. Graphic communication freshman Josey Levy and art and design freshman Lydia Baik posted a video on his Facebook wall, and Edwards said he had never been more excited.

“The fact that they got so inspired is amazing,” he said. “That’s the kind of influence I hope I can have everywhere.”

The song was written during the red brick energy competition, when Baik and Levy were sitting in their residence hall with the lights out.

“We wanted to write a song for Mr. Eco,” Levy said. “It just sounded like fun.”

Mr. Eco has six music videos on his YouTube channel. His EP will be released today and can be found at his website.

Business administration sophomore Brett Edwards visits the residence halls in costume as Mr. Eco to promote Cal Poly’s Green Campus Program. While Mr. Eco is new to campus, Edwards has high hopes for the superhero.

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The B Foundation return to Central Coast to headline show at SLO Brew

Surf/rock/reggae band The B Foundation will perform at SLO Brewing Co. this Thursday. "San Luis Obispo is really unique," bassist Jason Moorehead said. "There's a good music scene, and the kids are really into music."

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The B Foundation returns to the Central Coast armed with a new lineup and a fresh supporting act to headline a show at SLO Brewing Co. April 7.

The surf/rock/reggae band last performed in San Luis Obispo in February, and has since added a new guitarist to the band, but the passion that has driven the musicians since their formation in 2001 is unchanged.

The B Foundation bassist Jason Moorehead said since the band's very first show, he believed the band members grew as musicians since their formation in 2001.

"The B Foundation return to the Central Coast to headline show at SLO Brewing Co. April 7.)

Drummer Ian McGrath said The B Foundation's Southern California influence in our music," McGrath said. "Our music is pretty much a lifestyle."

"But music as a lifestyle is not something McGrath always planned on."

"I've always wanted to play music," McGrath said. "But as far as being a profession, when I joined the band that wasn't the intent for me."

McGrath said as the band's popularity grew and the shows got bigger, they had serious discussions.

"The band we were touring with left their trailer unlocked, so we took everything out of their trailer and put it on ours," Moorehead said. "They were basically crying. Then we opened up our trailer and kind of liked, 'Get your shit out of here.'"

McGrath said of the habit the band has maintained to keep things moving "There's definitely a Southern influence in our music," McGrath said. "But as far as making it a profession, when I point in my life than playing music and traveling the world.""
Congress created California drought

It's good to recognize that a culture of incentives is dangerous. Too often, as in our own culture, people mistake the primary purpose of incentives as to provide rewards for actions, thereby encouraging actions. That's great as a secondary benefit, but the primary benefit of rewards is to give more resources to those people who have already proved themselves hard-working and competent.

It's good to see recognition of the individual as the primary player in society. So often people try to manipulate, employ, or impose the general populace. We should be focusing on individuals, because we can still be sure about each other, even if we can't about culture.

— Jonathan Lilley
In response to "People can't blame institutions forever"

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TODAY’S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Everyone froze. Usually when Elmer shot Daffy in the face, his beak would just spin around...but not this time.
Women’s tennis wins ninth-straight match

The Cal Poly women’s tennis team just keeps winning. The Mustangs have now won nine straight matches, the latest being a 6-1 win against UC Davis on Saturday. With the exception of UC Davis’ Kelly Chi beating Florence Iannicelli, Cal Poly won every matchup in singles play and then went on to win the doubles point. UC Riverside made it 2-1 in the fifth, but Cal Poly answered with a Chris Hoo RBI double.

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Still, Cal Poly’s nonconference record will continue to be a blip on the stat sheet. But that will mean nothing if Cal Poly can turn this series win into a run in what may be one of the best baseball conferences on the West Coast.

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Cal Poly came from behind using a three-run, seventh inning rally to surge past the Highlanders, who were up two going into the final frame. Down a run with the bases loaded and waiting on a 1-2 pitch, Patton was struck by the ball, forcing home a run to tie the game at four.
Shea Williams, the following batter, walked to force home the decisive run. On the mound, Patton was perfect through 3 1/3 and did not walk a batter. She improved to 2-0 in conference and 4-12 overall.
Cahn was 5 of 7 over the weekend and received four walks. After the weekend series, Cal Poly now boasts a 6-23 record after a tough nonconference schedule.
The Mustangs have now taken the last seven Big West series on the road and have won 17 of their last 20 against the Highlanders.
The team returns home on April 9 for a doubleheader against UC Santa Barbara starting at 4 p.m. at Bob Janssen Field.

Baseball

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ries, and I mean today’s game was what it is like to play in the Big West,” Lee said. “Most games are barnburners and very tightly contested games and not a lot of runs scored.”
The Mustangs and Highlanders exchanged runs in the first inning. After UC Riverside’s Tony Nix rocked a RBI double to dead center, shortstop Mike Miller brought home Crocker on a sacrifice fly.
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THIS WEEK IN CAL POLY ATHLETICS

BASEBALL SERIES

Friday - 6 PM
Saturday - 6 PM
Sunday - 1 PM

CAL POLY BASEBALL v. RIVERSIDE

Baseball vs. UC Riverside

TRACK INVITE

Friday - Hammer Throw...3 PM
Saturday - Field Events...11 AM
Running Events...12 PM

CAL POLY TRACK & FIELD

Cal Poly Invitational*

At the Cal Poly Mustang Track
*Senior Day and Alumni Day
Baseball takes series finale from Riverside in extra innings

Softball wins two against UC Riverside

The Cal Poly softball team kicked off their conference season by taking two of three games from UC Riverside in Southern California over the weekend.

The first game was heavily in favor of the Mustangs. With the help of a couple longballs from seniors Anna Cahn and Stephanie Correia, the 7-1 victory was given to pitcher Rebecca Patton.

Cahn rocked the first Mustang homer in the bottom of the 10th inning, to pinch hit for Matt Russell. UC Riverside had just taken a slim 3-2 lead and the Mustangs were looking for an answer. They got it from Hadlock. With the bases loaded, and one away, he took a fastball to the right center gap to bring in right fielder Mitch Haniger and pinch runner Jono Grayson.

"It was nice to have Hadlock chipping in a no doubt," coach Larry Lee said. "It's what we needed."

It may have been what Hadlock needed as well. Hadlock has had his share of ups and downs in his Cal Poly career. After bursting onto the scene last season with an 11-game hitting streak, it looked like he would sure up the starting job as the team's everyday catcher. But, he started to split time with Elliot Stewart down the stretch, and never grabbed a consistent spot in the lineup.

From there, it was a game of catch up. Stewart came out this year as the Mustangs' opening day catcher, leaving Hadlock to be utilized sparingly in pinch hit situations.

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For the Mustangs, like Hadlock, Sunday in particular was about putting things behind them. Determined to rid themselves of the 8-12 nonconference record they put together to start the season, the Mustangs came out with tons of effort.

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