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"I don't know exactly how the term was coined, but it's a fun way to think about the campus culture," said Marshall, who is the sender of the bike month email.

"I hope people use it to think about how they can contribute to a positive campus culture."
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Textsfromlastnight.com and the "TWI: Texting While Intoxicated" application have company. A new website called Slopnessmonster.com has hit the internet, featuring pictures of students in various drunken states.

The creator Patrick (who did not want to disclose his last name) from Austin, Texas said the term "slopness monster" refers to when alcohol in excess meets droopy.

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Heading to the BIG DANCE

Cal Poly will not have one representative in this year's NCAA Championships, but two. Both the Cal Poly women's and men's tennis teams received at-large bids to the 2011 NCAA National Championships Tuesday afternoon. The men's team will take on Washington (17-8) in the first round, while the women will take on Oklahoma (18-6).

"It is a great day for Cal Poly tennis," men's head coach Justin McGrath said in a release. "To have both the men's and women's programs make the championship is phenomenal."

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We don’t believe in ‘ignorance is bliss.’ We want to test how healthy you are on the inside.

— Ann McDermott
FLASH program director

There is a saying about what’s on the inside is a lot more important than what’s on the outside. It can be difficult for some to keep a perfect figure when surrounded by fattening foods, but have no fear: FLASH is here to help.

FLASH is a health-study program created to promote health awareness. Currently, FLASH is working on the Freshmen Heart Health Study, which screens newly admitted freshmen in fall quarter and tests their cholesterol and glucose. During spring quarter, the students get retested and the two results are compared.

“We don’t believe in ‘ignorance is bliss,”’ McDermott said. “We want to test how healthy you are on the inside.”

Tests include the measurement of weight, height, waist, blood pressure and body fat percentage. The equipment used includes standardized measurements, including a stadiometer (a portable height measurement), a digital scale, a gallip belt measure for waist and wrist, an automatic blood pressure cuff and a Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis unit that has electricity passing through the body to calculate body fat percentage.

Assistant leader and kinesiology senior Robert Buitrago said all these determinants expose the students to their exact health ranking and where they generally stand.

“It gives students a chance to see their health status and a chance for us to see if we are healthy coming into college and not going in the wrong direction,” Buitrago said.

But people in the program worry about some of the information collected concerning students’ health habits.

“Only 6 percent out of 911 students have five or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day (and) less than 50 percent had normal blood pressure,” McDermott said. “And blood pressure is the silent killer.”

Therefore, when it comes to your body, we want to continue that tradition at Cal Poly.

— Robert Buitrago
Assistant FLASH leader
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but after a night of drinking, we got back to my friend's place and one of our other friends, who was pretty fat at the time, came out in skinny jeans and no shirt and did the most ridiculous, atrocious dance," he said. "That is the definition of a slop monste right there."

Patrick said this happened in 2008, but he did not think of coming up with a website until April 2010. "In April, I started a Tumblr page, and by October, I thought to put up a full-blown site," he said. "It looked terrible at first but it is slowly making progress."

Students at Cal Poly seem to have mixed feelings about the website. Haley Armstrong, a nutrition freshman, said she views the website as pointless. "I mean, I could see myself checking out the website with my friends and stuff, but I don't really know how I feel about it," Armstrong said. "I think it's just dumb."

Patrick, however, said there was an overwhelming, positive response seen by people sending in pictures from Cal Poly as well as the addition of a "SLOpornemonster" fan page on Facebook. However, one student said the website paints a negative image of Cal Poly students.

Teal Moore, an agriculture science junior, said the website makes drinking look positive.

Moore said with everyone in San Luis Obispo being able to access the website, the older community members might use this website as proof that more ordinances are necessary to keep partying under control.

"It makes people seem irresponsible and (getting drunk) look more positive than it actually is to be that wasted," Moore said.

However, Patrick said the point of the website is not to give off a negative message but to be more like a medical relief.

"I don't post any pictures of people getting taken off in ambulances ... those pictures are not funny," Patrick said. "I just think it will make people think twice about getting too drunk."

In addition, the website is seeing improvements with its growing popularity. Early in April, the website underwent changes as a new Web designer took over.

"We have made some changes to the site, but there is still a lot more to come," Patrick said. "I am also starting to brainstorm other interactive features to add to the site ... maybe try to evolve it from just a picture blog to an entertainment brand. (An iPhone app) will hopefully incorporate a lot of interactive features I'm brainstorming, on top of being able to upload content from your phone." Patrick said one of his main goals for the site is to continue to have the picture aspect, but allow people to upload original content when going to events and concerts.

"It's really hard to tell where the site will go because you can get as creative as you want with a site," Patrick said. "The users ultimately determine what they like and don't like, so I'll just keep trying new things."

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that?" McDermott said. "It's a false sense used all the time."

Tests like the Freshman Heart Health Study are important for abolishing these beliefs and showing the actual outcome of students living in a college environment. There are three points why these physical assessments are important: for the individual, the university and the medical field, McDermott said. By concentrating on these three points, people can learn and realize what the problem is.

"If people don't know what's getting them in trouble, they don't know how to change," McDermott said. To improve healthy lifestyle tendencies, FLASH project manager Jane Hurley said being active is important to stay fit and healthy.

"It's not just about being cardiovascular active, like going for walks and jogs," Hurley said. "That's important too, but there is a lot of research emerging that it's as important — or even more — to make sure you have strength training."

Hurley said she is surprised by the increasing number of obesity when it is well-known that exercise is the main component to living a healthy life.

"It's astonishing the number of people who are overweight despite over 20 years of people being aware that exercise is beneficial," Hurley said. "The obesity rate is still increasing. Being active is the biggest way to avoid that and eat a healthy diet. It's always both together, and I think that's what people lose sight of."

To avoid losing prospect of living healthier, those involved with FLASH look forward to more participants understanding their bodies.

"We want to continue to do this every year and get more people involved," Buitrago said. "We're the nation's largest health study, and we want to continue that tradition at Cal Poly."
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"We would love to see more involvement on the Cal Poly campus," she said.

Another event is the New Belgium Brewing-sponsored Bike Fest, featuring music and activities at the Branch Street Deli in Arroyo Grande on May 7.

New Belgium Brewing — makers of Fat Tire beer — donated a cruiser bike to be raffled off at Bike Fest. A road bike purchased by Rideshare will also be given away at the Bike Month Blowout.

Tickets for the raffle can be obtained at other Bike Month events and at Bike Fest by parking at the bike valet.

Bike Month events not featured in previous years will include Buy By Bike Day on May 21, during which approximately 20 local businesses give 15 percent discounts to customers with helmets, and a Tweed Ride May 15, which calls for participants to wear turn-of-the-century attire.

Construction management senior Scott Allen said San Luis Obispo is a good place to commute by bike because of its reasonable size.

"It's a small enough town where you can bike from one end to the other," Allen said. "It's not a grueling ride just to go to the store or go to campus. You can ride pretty much anywhere."
Lawmakers call federal aid package for Pakistan into question

Bin Laden was hiding in a compound (above) in Abbottabad, Pakistan when he was killed in a raid May 1. Now U.S. officials are proposing to re-evaluate the federal aid package that is given to the country.

David Lightman
William Douglas

Congress is seriously weighing the amount of its aid package to Pakistan as lawmakers Tuesday demanded to know more about what Islamabad officials knew about Osama bin Laden's secret compound.

There was widespread bipartisan agreement that aid to Pakistan, which last fiscal year included $2.2 billion in military assistance, should be "re-evaluated," as Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., put it.

"It needs to be looked into," added House Minority Whip Ste­ny Hoyer, D-Md.

They and others stopped short of calling for an aid cutoff, which appeared unlikely. As Graham said, "It is better to engage with imperfect people.

Lawmakers were almost uniformly upset, skeptical — and puzzled — over what Pakistan officials knew about bin Laden's compound, which was only about 35 miles from Islamabad at the crow flies, and about a 75-mile drive. Built in 2005, the outsize fortress-like structure sat less than a mile from Pakistan's top military school in a neighborhood populated with retired army officers.

If Pakistani officials knew bin Laden was there, they never told their U.S. allies, and if they didn't know, that raises questions about their competence.

Despite such doubts, some lawmakers defended Pakistan.

"The fact is that even while all of this has been going on, they've allowed us to pursue our drone program," said Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman John Kerry, D-Mass., referring to the use of CIA drone aircraft to fire missiles at suspected terrorists in Pakistan, which is considered highly controversial.

"We've taken out 16 al-Qaida leaders because of that. The fact that we were able to keep this place under observation for two years or more happened with their cooperation. The ability to track the couriers happened with their cooperation," Kerry said.

Still, lawmakers want answers. That process will begin in ear­nest Wednesday, when the Senate Intelligence and Armed Services committees question CIA Direc­tor Leon Panetta and other top of­ficials familiar with Sunday's mis­sion that resulted in the death of bin Laden.

Among the questions Graham wants to ask Panetta is "Do you believe killing bin Laden is an ex­cuse to withdraw from Afghani­stan faster? Should we ever our ties with Pakistan because of, ob­viously, some double dealing?"

But they know they have to proceed carefully.

"I think we have to know whether they knew," said Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., refer­ring to Pakistani officials. "If they didn't know, why didn't they know?

"Was this just benign indifference, or indifference with a motive?"

"Pakistan, you can't trust 'em and you can't abandon 'em. That's just where we're at in Pakistan," Graham said. "It's not in our na­tional security interests to let this one event destroy this difficult partnership but a partnership nonetheless. Pakistan is a state hanging by a thread, and I don't want to cut the last thread."

The White House voiced similar views. Press secretary Jay Carney said the U.S.-Pakistan relationship was "complicated but important" and that "we look forward to co­operating into the future." He said the U.S. did need to find out more about the support network that al­lowed bin Laden to hide there, but cautioned that "you have to be care­ful about tarring everyone either in the country or the government."

Asked about Graham's com­ments, Carney said he didn't think it was a matter of trust, but more a matter of shared interests.

Still, pressure is growing in Congress to send a message of an­ger to Pakistan.

Curtailing aid might be one of the easiest ways to do that; law­makers could shave just enough to send a message while not damag­ing the relationship.

And they could argue that at a time when they're desperately seeking ways to cut the federal budget, aid packages should be re­evaluated anyway.

"We're re-evaluating every part of the budget," said Senate Repub­lican Conference Chairman Lamar Alexander of Tennessee. "That's al­ways a healthy thing to do."
There have been 15 unassisted triple plays in major league baseball history, but civil engineering junior PJ Simas said he tries to turn one every day — though what he does is a bit different.

The student, father and rapper will perform at the University Union (UU) Plaza on Thursday after releasing his sophomore album, "Triple Play," for free last week.

Most 21-year-old college students who have a voicemail message on their iPhone from Atlantic Records and have opened a concert for the likes of Mac Miller think music is the biggest thing in their life, but not Simas. He said he is not even sure music will be his eventual career of choice.

"For the time being, Simas will bring his act to the UU stage, which fellow collaborator and University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) junior, Jordan Corey said is one-of-a-kind in today's industry."

"PJ is different," Corey said. "When I hear PJ, I'm not thinking this is a pretty decent white rapper. I'm thinking this is a great rapper. I think he could (get big), but I see totally where he's coming from (in leaning toward engineering)."

Simas shies away from the modern pop and rap influences that rate the lives of self-addicted stars. Instead he tells a story in each song, such as the downward spiral of someone close ("Drugs") or the anatomy of a disintegrating relationship ("Diagnosis of a Beautiful Mind").

"Life is dark baby, but you always bring that shine." - Beat to My Heart

For now, the road to turning the father/student/musician "Triple Play" runs first through Simas' son Paxton who, by no coincidence, turned two on April 29, the day he released the album.

"(Paxton) is obviously a huge source of inspiration," Simas said. "'Triple Play' has two songs that are directly about him."

One of those songs, "Far From Home," turns Simas to the mouthpiece for his son who watches him return to his hometown of Sacramento, Calif., only to leave again for college.

"I really like writing the serious deep songs that people can connect with, and that's what music is for me; it's like such a release," he said. "Everyone has so much going on in their life, and everybody has a story to tell. Music is a way for me to tell it. Music is a way for me to tell it."

"When I hear PJ, I'm not thinking this is a pretty decent white rapper; I'm thinking this is a great rapper," said Simas' fellow collaborator Jordan Corey.
really helps me express the emotions that I feel."

Paxton is one of the main reasons Simas is unsure if his future should be in the music industry or engineering, which he considers a safer bet.

"I don’t think that I am good enough to be the best rapper; you know like people that say, ‘Damn, make millions type of guy,’" Simas said. "Civil engineering is definitely the secure route. I’ll always do music, but civil engineering is the direction I’m going."

Simas’ music speaks about providing Paxton with the best life he can. The rough and tumble life of a touring artist might not be the path Simas is willing to take, though he said it would be hard to deny if he has a smash hit.

"Have you been on stages, up in front of crowds that yell your name and the same words from your lyric pages?" – Livin It Up

One of the most surreal experiences for Simas thus far in his career, which kicked off last summer with the release of "The SLO Life," has been going to venues to see people he does not know sing along with him, an experience he looks to witness again in the UU this week.

"It’s super weird, I freak out pretty much," he said. "Everything happens so fast, just the fact that people listen to my music and actu-
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ally like it surprises me.” Simas’ first album did so well that within two weeks of releasing it on the Internet, just on his site alone, it was downloaded 10,000 times.

Longtime friend and manager Mitch Peterson, a UCSB junior, sat next to Simas when he first realized how many people loved his music too.

“It was crazy,” Peterson said. “We were at the mall eating some Steak Escape, and I get an email saying, basically, our website crashed from so many downloads. It was unreal, we never even anticipated it. Yeah, it’s so much different than giving a speech in class,” he said. “It’s a different element and just being behind a guitar or a microphone, I just love it.”

“I'm about to kill the future and throw my past away.” - No More You

Fans will still hear from Simas even though he released an all-original album and has finals creeping up. “After this, I’m doing an End of School: Remixed.” he said. “That’s the plan to keep the hype up. I’m just going to bring his music to the UU Plaza on Thursday.”

In the end, Simas is just a college student, still figuring out his future.
Humanity entitled to life, liberty, happiness

Jeremy Cutcher is a political science senior and Mustang Daily liberal columnist.

Two weeks ago I wrote about the national debt and the two steps necessary to appropriately address the problem, namely tax reform and entitlement reform. I offered a couple of ideas about how to proceed on tax reform, so now I will discuss the two big entitlement programs — Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid. The admirable attributes of these programs are how they address periods in our lives we all will experience (such as aging, retiring and the need for additional medical care as we age) and spread the burden of these vulnerable times throughout society.

Contrary to common wisdom, Social Security is still solvent and functioning properly. This does not mean, however, that these programs do not exist within the program.

Currently, Social Security can pay through 2042 according to the CBO. However, 2010 was the first year that benefits paid out exceeded tax receipts taken in, largely due to the extent of the recession. This terrible thought because Social Security has a trust fund of $2.4 trillion in which the excess funds over the years have been placed.

The trust fund, however, is full of IOUs because the excess tax receipts each year get put into the Treasury’s general fund so finance other government expenditures. The Social Security Administration’s website makes this sound great because the tax receipts over and above benefits paid out get invested in government bonds with government guarantees on the principal and interest. What the SSA seems to forget, however, is that when the federal government pays interest, the tax payers are the ones financing the bills.

So I’m not sure how good of a deal this is. In effect, the excess funds in Social Security have allowed government to grow more without paying the requisite bills, and one way or another, this will fall on our generation to figure out.

Another problem is that Social Security is funded through a highly regressive payroll tax of 12.4 percent of one’s earnings and a millionaire may not pay his/her earnings toward Social Security. The employer also pays 6.2 percent on earnings up to $106,800. This means that those who earn under $106,800 pay the full 12.4 percent of their earnings and a millionaire will only pay 3.1 percent of their earnings and a millionaire would only contribute .66 percent of his/her earnings toward Social Security.

Another common misconception is that we pay into an account in our name which we deduct from when we retire. The reality, however, is that the current generation of workers pay the benefits of retired workers. The problem with this is that the tax rates that we pay to fund the current level of benefits may not be the tax rates and level of benefits that will sustain us when we retire. But rather than reduce the level of benefits, raise the earnings cap to $270,000. This will not adversely affect those who have limited funds and will not greatly affect those making over $106,800.

Medicare (health coverage for the elderly) and Medicaid (health coverage for the poor) are actually the two programs that are really driving the national debt.

The proportion of total transfer payments that went to Medicare and Medicaid has increased from 23.4 percent in 1980 to 46.1 percent in 2006, largely driven by skyrocketing medical costs. In fact, in 2006, the U.S. spent 5.4 percent of GDP on Medicare and Medicaid (with total health care spend­ ing — public and private — at 16.5 percent of GDP), while the same year Germany paid 6 percent of its GDP to fund universal healthcare for nearly all (92 percent) of its citizens.

In addition, U.S. businesses are less competitive internationally because many employers provide employer-sponsored health insurance. This results in higher input costs since most advanced countries provide government subsidized healthcare and, in effect, take that cost off businesses’ balance sheets. Furthermore, the surplus supply of labor for low wage jobs means those jobs do not offer benefits like healthcare to attract more skilled individuals.

Without employer-sponsored insurance, many low income individuals forgo health insurance because of the high cost of premiums. The high number of uninsured individuals in the U.S. (more than 50 million in 2010) contributes to the rising costs because these individuals do not seek medical attention until it is absolutely imperative, in which case it is often much more difficult (and expensive) to treat. Instead of preventive care, these individuals go to the emergency room when their conditions worsen. The uninsured are disproportionate from the lower income brackets, so the hospital must cover their cost of care when they cannot. This results into higher medical costs for all and premiums for the insured which in turn causes more businesses to cut back on their health coverage — continuing the cycle of rising costs.

This is the vicious cycle of private health care in the U.S. Some of these people end up on Medicare or Medicaid in order to keep costs down, which makes them less palatable politically. Many economists like to discuss in theory how to control medi­ cal costs, but the empirical evidence I see is to move toward a universal healthcare system (Medicare for all) because those countries that have such a health care system tend to spend less overall on medical care (like Germany). This leaves more income for other consumption goods and increasing standards of living.

People often talk of rationing in a universal health care system but the simple fact is that rationing occurs in all markets — it just depends how you want to ration health care by need or by wealth?

To recognize that these programs need to be reformed is not the same thing as saying they are defunct or fundamentally unsustainable. Instead, it is a recognition that they are social programs and thus must adapt to changing social circumstances, changing demographics. Contrary to the House Republicans’ proposal to turn Medicare into a voucher program and let market forces take over, I do not think either programs should be privati­ zed because personal security cannot be commoditized (hence why police, fire, air and military are provided by the government). Private markets work through supply and demand with the profit motive serving as the engine, and I’m not convinced this mechanism is the best for such vulnerable times in our lives.

Perhaps it is time to broaden our conception of personal security to in­ clude things such as well-being and health, since without these private property protection, so why is it so easy to advocate for the nationalization of health care?

The reality, however, is that the current generation of workers pays the benefits of retired workers.

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When Jos Arbuckle Drinks Too Much
NFIL draft upsets eligible underclassmen

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NEW YORK — John Clay was the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year in 2009 when he led the conference in rushing with 1,517 yards. In 2010 he helped power his Wisconsin Badgers to the Rose Bowl with 1,012 yards.

Clay skipped his senior season to enter his name in the 2011 NFL draft. But he won’t be turning pro any time soon.

Of the 57 underclassmen who filed for early admission to the 2011 draft, 14 were not selected. Also unclaimed were Darvin Adams, the leading receiver on Virginia Tech’s ACC championship team, and Tom Keiser, a top pass rusher on Stanford’s Orange Bowl champions.

Because of the lockout, NFL teams cannot sign college players after the draft as free agents. So Clay and those 13 other underclassmen remain unattached. They can’t go back to school for their senior seasons, and no NFL teams want them, at least not for now.

Clay’s Wisconsin coach, Bret Bielema, Auburn coach Gene Chizik, Burch Davis of North Carolina and Brian Kelly of Notre Dame all made appearances at the draft, as did Nick Saban of Alabama and Les Miles of LSU.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell spoke with all six.

“I ask them what their No. 1 issue is, and they say the agents, so a tee,” Goodell said. “They can’t control them, which scares the heck out of them.”

The college coaches think the NFL could be on the verge of addressing that problem with a rookie salary cap, which is one of the key elements in negotiations between the owners and players for a new collective bargaining agreement.

In theory, if the NFL limits the money teams can spend on unproven rookies, they’ll have more money to spend on proven veterans.

Last season, even though he had yet to play an NFL down, the St. Louis Rams gave quarterback Sam Bradford, the first overall pick of the 2010 draft, a $78 million contract with $50 million of it guaranteed.

Fewer millions earmarked for rookies could slow down the parade of underclassmen into the NFL. Less money means less incentive to jump. That translates into less control of the players by agents.

Most of the underclassmen who declare expect to be high draft picks. But only 15 of the 57 who declared in 2011 became first-rounders, and only 12 more became seconds.

That means about 30 players probably would have been better off returning to college in 2011, finishing out their eligibility and working to improve their draft stock for 2012.

Since the NFL opened its doors to underclassmen in 1990, there have been 932 players who have applied for early admission to a draft. Only 241 became first-round draft picks. That’s less than 26 percent of them.

In hindsight, plenty of players would have — or should have — elected to return to college rather than become a fourth- or fifth-round draft pick, or even go undrafted like Clay.

Mack Brown of Texas was the first college coach to attend the draft in 2010 and even announced the selection of his quarterback, Colt McCoy, by the Cleveland Browns in the third round.

Such an appearance at the draft became a recruiting tool. So six more coaches showed up in New York in 2011, and the NFL will continue to invite more college coaches from around the country to future drafts.

It’s a think tank Goodell will continue to tap.

“I firmly believe we’re all focused on the best interest of football,” Goodell said. “Everything that affects us affects them, and vice versa. If we do a better job together we can help one another.”
Women's golf shows future potential

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The Cal Poly women's golf team took third place at the Big West Conference Championships April 13 at the Tijeras Creek Golf Club in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. and is now looking forward to the next few years.

"It was a great accomplishment for the girls this year, being a very young team — seven freshmen, two sophomores and one junior," Cartwright said.

The five players who competed finished with a total score of 895 (31 over par) for the Mustangs, falling only to second-place finisher Long Beach State's 21 over par and reigning champion UC Davis' 39 over par. This year marked a new starting lineup and a one-place higher finish from last year's fourth place finish, which was aided by a lineup of seniors. "I think it opened up some doors because there were some opportunities for these players to come in and play right away," Cartwright said. "And having the opportunity to play right away was a big part of getting a fresh team out there.

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