Street preachers ignite debate

Dustin Stone

An impromptu debate broke out in the University Union Wednesday when two street preachers carrying signs and shouting controversial religious slogans returned to campus for the second time this week.

Frank Zaccaro, one of the preachers, clad in a light grey T-shirt with the slogan "Trust Jesus" emblazoned on the front and bluejeans, said he and friend Jeremiah Baldwin travel the country in a shared attempt to spread the word of God.

"We confront people and different, bad religious ideas," he said. "I want to preach the whole nature of God and present the gospel of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ in hopes that people will trust in Him." The crowd of approximately 200 gathered around Zaccaro and seemed to have a different opinion about his message that God hates the sinner as much as He hates the sin.

One onlooker, Scott McCready, a recent graduate of the art and design department currently working on campus, felt he'd had enough of Zaccaro's "message of hate" and decided to do something about it.

Utilizing a piece of poster board and some red-hearted markers, McCready made a sign of his own with the word "douchebag" and an arrow pointing toward Zaccaro. The back of the sign read, "God hates fundamentalists."

He mirrored the preacher's every step, holding his sign in the air for about 20 minutes before his arms tired.

"I've been here for a couple of years now and I've seen this every year," McCready said. "I've listened to the arguments and he just doesn't care."

Cal Poly: Goodbye Oracle, Hello Zimbra

Ryan Chartrand

As Cal Poly's five-year contract with Oracle comes to an end in September, students can expect a new campus e-mail client before the end of 2008.

Cal Poly Information Technology Services announced Tuesday that the new system, based on the Zimbra Collaboration Suite, will be reliable, includes collaboration tools, reduces costs and provide more storage.

The current e-mail system, part of the Oracle Collaboration Suite, has received a great deal of criticism in the past few years for being slow, inundated with spam and prone to being unavailable at any moment.

Ultimately, it has caused approximately two-thirds of the student population to forward their Cal Poly e-mail account to offsite locations, such as Gmail or Yahoo! Mail, said Linda Sandy, information services infrastructure director at ITS.

To reduce the headaches and frustrations that Oracle caused many students, ITS started to look for a new collaboration suite two years ago.

"One of the primary considerations has been to improve the reliability of the system and reduce the complexity for us to manage it," said Vice Provost/Infrastructure director at ITS, Tim Kearns.

Kearns added that Zimbra will make it easier for ITS to fix and maintain the e-mail system.

Although Oracle became more reliable in 2007, students and faculty still wanted more, namely more functionality and collaboration tools.

By implementing Zimbra at Cal Poly, ITS hopes to provide just that: the ability to share information, such as calendars, address books, documents and various other content among both students and faculty.

"One of the key things is that it's something that everyone would be able to use the system, including those with disabilities who may not be able to see the screen. Zimbra, he said, does just that.

Zimbra is also compatible with Apple Mail and Microsoft Outlook for faculty and students who want to share contacts, calendars and e-mail through their preferred clients.

Poly professor tries politics

Angela Watkins

English professor Adam Hill has spent nearly a year campaigning for the third district seat on the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors.

"I went from being concerned to me being interested in helping anyone running against him," Hill said. "And no one told me 'hey I want to run against this guy.'"

The switch from grading students' awkwardly written sex scenes to navigating the choppy waters of county politics has been a fairly natural one for the professor. Hill received his bachelor's degree in government at University of Maryland, where he enjoyed the political atmosphere of nearby Washington, D.C.

Yet it has been Hill's involvement in community service during his 13-year residency that really inspired him to take his political curiosity to the next level. "I think this (campaign) is a natural extension of some of the public service I've been doing in the community," Hill said.

Hill is the former president of the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County and is also a member of Central Coast Ag Network, League of Women Voters, Union of Concerned Scientists, National Education Association.
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preaches hate. I’m tired of coming to a public institution and being accosted by religious fanatics.

“I did the sign because if you actually get into a verbal argument with him he just spooks louder once you, moves on to someone else or busts out his Bible and waves time finding an obscure verse that is irrelevant to the conversation. (The sign is) a quick eye reference that lets you know not to trust what this guy is saying.”

As McCreary followed Zaccaro, other members of the crowd took turns standing up and sharing their opinions about the preachers, their controversial methods and Christian- ity in general.

Kyle Herring, a business freshman who defines himself as Christian, said that while he didn’t agree with Zaccaro or Baldwin, he could understand what they were trying to achieve.

“(Zaccaro is) a trust-in-Jesus type guy,” Herring said. “He’s trying to say ‘Trust in Jesus and no one else. God is angry with all sinners... homosexuals, premarital sex, non-believing Jews...’

“I don’t agree with the way he’s preaching right now. He’s judging people and God says it’s not our place to do that.”

Herring said he felt Zaccaro’s preaching style was pushing people away from God more than bringing them to him.

“It’s not my place to judge them though,” he added.

This sentiment was actually echoed by Zaccaro himself when a member of the crowd asked how many people he had seen saved through his methods.

“Honestly? Probably none,” he answered. “I don’t see a whole lot of people get saved.”

Once the “douchebag” sign was removed and the crowd started to dissipate, Baldwin, who had retraced to the shade outside of Chumash Auditorium for a break, remarked with a cup of coffee for Zaccaro, calling him a “lowlife” and accusing him, half-jokingly, of taking “pretty easy on these kids.”

Baldwin, who has been preaching in the street for 44 years and claims to be a former arm-wrestling world champion under the name Jeremiah Christian, responded where Zaccaro left off, telling the crowd the phrase “God is love” is only found once in the Bible, while verses claiming that “God is a consuming fire” and “God is angry with the wicked every day” are much more prevalent.

“God hates,” he said. “Christianity has gotten soft. The God we preach now is almost like a woman God. A soft God.”

When a voice from the crowd asked “Aren’t women made in God’s image?” Baldwin responded by saying God made man in his image and created woman from man to serve as a “helpmate” and together the two “create something perfect.”

The overall response to this statement was less than positive, but it seemed the majority of the remaining audience had tired of arguing.

English junior Jason Lindo summed up the sentiment saying, “People aren’t interested in what he’s saying anymore, but just in how he’s saying it.”

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IT’s learned about Zimbra by looking at what other universities were using. They also considered both Google and Microsoft’s e-mail and calendar services offered to students.

They discovered that Zimbra is a more cost-efficient option than Oracle, as well. Kearns noted, however, that cost was not the primary reason to make the switch but rather a benefit. He also said it’s hard to compute the actual cost difference as different hardware configurations will essentially become a factor in addition to the Zimbra software.

“We expect to achieve some savings, but it’s hard to give a good estimate,” Kearns said.

Zimbra is also compatible with several mobile devices that have HTML- and Java-enabled browsers, such as a BlackBerry or a device with Windows Mobile.

Students who don’t prefer the new system will still have the option of forwarding their Cal Poly e-mail to offline clients, such as Gmail.

Zimbra is used by more than 300 schools across the country, including Stanford University, Texas A&M, Georgia Tech and others.

“One thing we are doing is working with other universities who have migrated to Zimbra to find out what problems they have had so we can avoid running into the same issues,” Kearns said.

Implementing Zimbra at Eastern Illinois University saved the school more than $700,000.

According to the Eastern Illinois University campus newspaper, the school’s ITS department had problems when first setting up the system. Students and faculty later complained about the system being too slow, forcing the school to offer a version with less features to maximize speed.

IT’s plans to release Zimbra in its initial phase within 2008 of its features and 250 megabytes of storage for e-mail, calendar and documents, Sandy said. IT’s will then monitor how rapidly that space is used and expand from there.

Eastern Illinois University students can also keep their campus e-mail accounts during their entire lives with the Zimbra system. Cal Poly is not considering that option at this time, but Sandy did note that ITS is working with religious organizations to see if this is a service that should be provided.

The Zimbra Collaboration Suite’s source code is available to everyone under the Yahoo! Public License, allowing IT’s to integrate open standards easier into their environment.

“Also, a lot of universities have chosen Zimbra, so there’s going to be a community of users,” Kearns said. “The other benefits are the terms of support and capabilities that the system will have.”

IT’s will try to have all Cal Poly students migrated to the Zimbra Collaboration Suite by fall 2008. Because faculty and staff will not transfer to Zimbra until after fall, IT’s may renegotiate with Oracle to extend the contract, officials said.

As five years of trials and tribulations with Oracle come to an end, Sandy and Kearns discussed what went wrong and what went right.

“Oracle’s application did not evolve as quickly as the newer (collaboration suites) that were coming out,” Sandy said. “So basically, five years ago you had not as many collaboration suites out there as there are now... and in that timeframe you have all taken advantage of newer technology that helps them get their products out faster.”

Kearns added that Oracle was still a good choice but that it had all of the features they wanted at the time.

“What we didn’t anticipate were the reliability problems in the system,” Sandy said. “It was so difficult it was going to be far too much to manage.”

“Since then the technology has improved tremendously and there’s been a lot of changes. I think Oracle being one, that we think are a much better match for Cal Poly’s needs.”

Last week, the administration signed a contract with Zimbra for only two years in order to avoid falling into the same trapped situation they had with Oracle.

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vision, The Tree Guild and several other groups.

If elected, Hill said he hopes to support students through programs, while encouraging development in already designated urban areas to avoid sprawl.

While Hill concedes there has been significant growth in the community during Lenthall’s term, he calls it “growth without any vision” which has caused problems, especially in relation to water sources.

Hill said he is concerned that Lenthall tries to give a partisan spin to a non-partisan race by inviting conservative warmongerer David Horowitz to the county to support Lenthall candidacy.

“I don’t know what David Horowitz has to say about local district issues,” Hill said. “Many of these issues don’t have to deal with democracy or republicans, it’s about what’s good for community.”

The environment is also very important issue for Hill, he said. “For years he’s had an ‘ideologue’ and that addressing emissions in absolutely critical for local government because it was mandated by the state.”

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State

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums is being awarded a prestigious South African government honor for leading the struggle in Congress for the economic sanctions that ended South African apartheid.

In a ceremony Tuesday in Pretoria, Dellums will receive the bronze, the nation's highest civilian decoration. The honor is given by the Grand Companions of O.R. Tambo. It is named for Oliver Reginald Tambo, the one-time law partner of Nelson Mandela and president of the African National Congress from 1967 to 1978 who orchestrated international economic campaigns to bring down apartheid. He died in 1993.

The award is conferred on non-South African "for friendship shown to South Africa," according to a government Web site. There are three classes of the award, known in shorthand as gold, silver and bronze. Dellums is receiving silver.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A temporary restraining order against Britney Spears' friend Sam Lutfi was granted Thursday by a judge in Los Angeles, the first time law partner of Nelson Mandela has been ordered to stay away from Spears in a California court. The restraining order against Lutfi was not present for the hearing at which an attorney for Spears' father gave Superior Court Judge Ava K. Robb (document with Lutfi's signature).

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SACRAMENTO (AP) - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Wednesday's U.S. Supreme Court decision to allow lethal injections for death row inmates affirms California's capital punishment procedure and would allow executions to resume.

They have been on hold for two years because of legal challenges in federal and state court.

"I will continue to defend the death penalty and the will of the people, and I am confident that California's lethal injection protocol will be upheld," the governor said in a statement.

FRESNO (AP) - A police officer shot and killed a high school student Wednesday after the teenager attacked the officer with a baseball bat on a street corner.

The head with the bat, according to Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer. The officer fell down, grabbed a gun from his ankle holster and fired, Dyer said.

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National

WASHINGTON (AP) - Pope Benedict XVI told America's Roman Catholic leaders Wednesday evening that the clergy sex abuse scandal has sometimes been "very badly handled" by the church.

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The club behind the Open House weekend

Britney Clyde
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

When you think of Cal Poly's 15th annual Open House weekend, what probably comes to mind includes contests for best tri-tip sandwich, a variety of clubs showing their pride and a parade with elaborate floats. But not much thought is probably given to the group of 18 committee members who dedicate nearly an entire year to plan the weekend to entertain the nearly 40,000 people who come to Cal Poly over the weekend.

Rachel Budge, a journalism senior and Open House public relations director, said planning began a week after last year's Open House ended.

"It's literally a full year of planning that we put in," she said. "There are thousands of hours that the entire committee works to put on the weekend."

The committee members are up at 5 every morning of Open House weekend and work until midnight. "We get no breaks and are here all day, every day," she said.

The committee consists of five subcommittees: transportation and safety, public relations, clubs, campus and community, and events and entertainment. To be committee members these students must first go through a "huge application and interview process for each position," Budge said. There are also two co-chairs and an adviser for the organization.

"We try to pick the theme that's geared toward students. This year it is 'Destination Cal Poly,' so it's kind of like a road trip," Budge said. "From the theme stems everything, all of our publications, our promotion items and how we entice the students to come out."

Some new and interesting aspects to Open House include promotional items that are 100 percent recyclable and the entire event is certified as a zero waste weekend.

Each day, starting Thursday night at Farmers' Market, there will be fun activities for everyone to participate in. At the market there will be a booth that's informational and gives the whole San Luis Obispo community a preview of the club activities that will be taking place on Saturday. Friday is jam-packed with student and parent speakers, a welcoming introduction from President Warren Baker, a resource fair to alert potential students of resources geared toward their health and safety, and an invite to the University Union at night with live bands, bowling and free pizza.

"This gives the conditionally admitted students a chance to mingle and socialize, and to get a taste of campus life," Budge said. "The Poly Royal parade starts at 9 a.m. Saturday with floats made by all types of organizations and clubs. The San Luis Obispo moly will also be in the parade."

"There are different awards that are given out for the parade like best use of theme, best overall and most spirited," Budge said.

Not only is there a huge showcase of more than 200 clubs and organizations on campus on Saturday, but there is also a main stage which has different performances going on all day long. The video and tractor pull, music concert, and Pilipino Culture Night are also sights to see. Hawley, Budge and Sullivan all promise that attendees will not be disappointed.

"I'm looking forward to all the events since this is my last Open House before I graduate."

Open House weekend is April 18 to 20. For more information about the event, call 756-7576.
Congo crash victim: ‘There is no reason we should be alive’

Elizabeth A. Kennedy

A hand reached out from beneath the smoldering, crushed car. Marybeth Mosier grabbed it and pulled, but she couldn’t help the burning man trapped inside the wrecked vehicle.

Mosier crawled from the smoke-filled aircraft with her husband and 3-year-old son, reaching safety through a hole other passengers had managed to squeeze through. Her 14-year-old daughter escaped by wriggling through another crack in the fuselage.

Most of the 79 passengers survived Tuesday when the DC-9 jet careened off the runway into a crowded market. But 40 people were killed and more than 110 were injured.

“She was burning, and I tried to pull him up,” Mosier told The Associated Press at a hospital in Goma, recounting how she saw the man in flames struggling to escape as black smoke billowed through the cabin and screaming passengers rushed for any exit.

“There were so many people pushing,” the 51-year-old native of Dodge Center, Minn., said Wednesday. “I thought this man was so badly burned and I couldn’t block the way, so I just shoved over the tops of the seats,” she said.

It is unclear if the man Mosier tried to help died.

The tales of death — and seemingly miraculous survivals — underscore the dangers of air travel in Congo, which has had more fatal plane crashes than any other African nation since 1945, according to the Aviation Safety Network. The desperately poor country is also struggling to emerge from a 1998-2002 civil war.

The DC-9 crashed after failing to lift off in the center of town, running through an airport fence and into rows of wooden houses and cement shops selling sugar, maize, flour and fuel. Many homes and shops were packed with people taking shelter from an earlier downpour.

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International Briefs

BAGHDAD (AP) — Associated Press photographer Bilal Hussein was reunited with family and colleagues Wednesday, ending more than two years he was held captive after Iraqi judges dropped all legal proceedings against him.

Terrorist relatives rushed to embrace Hussein, who had been given just a few hours’ notice of his release. He thanked his co-workers and supporters around the world who had worked on his behalf.

“If a man spent two years in prison even though I was innocent, I thank everybody,” said Hussein, 36, looking healthy and dressed in a brown traditional Iraqi robe.

Gaza crash victim: ‘There is no reason we should be alive’

Marybeth Mosier with her 14-year-old daughter April holds her three-year-old adopted son Andrew whose leg was broken during the plane crash.

It was unclear what caused the crash, but passengers and officials said the plane had been delayed briefly by rain, then apparently blew a tire and went out of control. Several witnesses said there was an explosion after the crash.

Both of the plane’s black boxes have been recovered and technicians were working to decode the information, the regional governor said.

The wreckage was still smoking Wednesday as U.N. peacekeepers, aid workers and civilians went over the debris. Women’s sandals, bolts of purple and yellow cloth and other remnants of life were scattered among the aircraft’s twisted remains.

Regional Gov. Julián Muyshondt said 40 people died and more than 110 were injured.

An airborne official said most of the 79 passengers on the plane survived. Transport Minister Charles Miranda Numba said two of the dead were passengers and the rest of the victims had been on the ground.

Numba said the death toll could rise. “We have to take into account the fact that there are bodies still trapped under the rubble,” he said.


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Record shop revelry
Local stores celebrate music in style

Shannon Boren

It’s 2008 and music is available in all sorts of shapes and forms, from MP3s to compact discs, and most nostalgically, vinyl. This Saturday, record stores across the nation will observe the first annual National Record Store Day to celebrate the culture and unique place the record store holds in their communities.

“We’re spreading awareness about independent record stores, not just record stores,” said Ryan East, an employee of Boo Boo Records. “We feel that these stores are kind of taking over, and we want to spread the word about local, independent music.”

As part of the celebration, Boo Boo Records will have live bands and local musicians perform every hour on the hour beginning at 11 a.m. Featured acts, which were designed to appeal to a variety of musical tastes, will include Inga Swearingen, Guy Biddle, Sparrow’s Gate and the Hot and Cool Orchestra.

Customers who make a purchase will be entered into a raffle to win prizes such as tickets to see Duran Duran, free attendance to the Avalon Beach Redux Festival, or a portable turntable.

According to Boo Boo Records Manager Mike White, the day is meant for everyone to acknowledge local record stores, especially as digital music becomes more prominent and major companies are conquering small businesses.

“I just think people sometimes take it for granted,” White said. “Two hundred record stores went out of business last year, and this is just a reminder to keep supporting your local community.”

East, who will be performing with his band Fighting Champ as part of the festivities, feels smaller record stores have something special to offer customers and should be recognized for the unique selections they offer.

“You can come in and hear about music that you really can’t go into Best Buy and hear about,” he said. “We have new independent artists from around the country that they don’t even carry.”

Cheap Thrills, another record shop located downtown, will also be celebrating the day with deals and special savings on LPs and other merchandise, according to store manager Anthony Roseloi.

“We’ve gotta keep vinyl alive,” Roseloi said. “There are definitely a lot of people out there who feel it’s the best way to listen to music and that’s why we’re here. With so much other media out there it seems like there’s a dying breed of people listening to vinyl and soon it will be CDs as well.”

The bottom line, according to White, is to remind the public that smaller stores value and appreciate their support, and plan on sticking around for a long time.

“There’s an underlying importance of supporting your local businesses,” White said. “If you don’t, they might very well go away and you’ll be stuck buying your music at Best Buy forever.”

Frozen foreigners? Cotta love ‘em!

I’m pretty picky about who I think is allowed to make fun of America. John Stewart: fine. Journalists: not cool. An American making fun of American stereotypes is funny (Dave Chappelle, for example), but anyone not lovingly satirizing the grand ol’ U.S. of A. is kind of offensive.

Unless, of course, it’s actually funny.

If Tracey Ullman wasn’t so dead-on with her impersonations of celebrities, politicians and regular American folk, the British expatriate (now an official U.S. citizen) might have gotten some criticism from yours truly. However, her new show, “Tracey Ullman’s State of the Union,” on Showtime, is about as accurate as it is hilarious. She is, indeed, making fun of America, but using the same ingredients as our favorite American comics (recipe: 3 parts love, 2 parts brutal honesty, 1 part excellent David Beckham impersonation). Watching a Brit making fun of Nancy Pelosi and outrageous celebrity behavior may feel unpatriotic, at first, but come on in, the satire’s fine!

Our extravagant lifestyles, obvious adherence to basic human rights and not-so-clever Head of State make us a punch line hard to pass up, even by those on our own soil. Ironically, humorists seem to find us funnier than we often imagine.

Ultimately, Ullman seeks to create portraits of American life that are authentic (not always flattering) but all in good fun. The show is funny not just because Americans are ridiculous (although some are), but because humans are, in general, ridiculous creatures. “State of the Union” isn’t just about mocking the powerful and powerless citizens of the U.S. It’s about the human experience, which happens to be funnier than we often imagine.

Allison Baker is an English senior, Daily columnist.

Long tongue

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If Tracey Ullman wasn’t so dead-on with her impersonations of celebrities, politicians and regular American folk, the British expatriate (now an official U.S. citizen) might have gotten some criticism from yours truly. However, her new show, “Tracey Ullman’s State of the Union,” on Showtime, is about as accurate as it is hilarious. She is, indeed, making fun of America, but using the same ingredients as our favorite American comics (recipe: 3 parts love, 2 parts brutal honesty, 1 part excellent David Beckham impersonation). Watching a Brit making fun of Nancy Pelosi and outrageous celebrity behavior may feel unpatriotic, at first, but come on in, the satire’s fine!

Our extravagant lifestyles, obvious adherence to basic human rights and not-so-clever Head of State make us a punch line hard to pass up, even by those on our own soil. Ironically, humorists seem to find us funnier than we often imagine.

Ultimately, Ullman seeks to create portraits of American life that are authentic (not always flattering) but all in good fun. The show is funny not just because Americans are ridiculous (although some are), but because humans are, in general, ridiculous creatures. “State of the Union” isn’t just about mocking the powerful and powerless citizens of the U.S. It’s about the human experience, which happens to be funnier than we often imagine.

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His music is musty with a hint of back wood twang, but Jon Bartel's smokey lyrics create a foot-tapping melody. Once he starts singing, listeners are transported to an older time. He will be opening for songwriter David Olney Friday at the San Luis Obispo City/County Library. 

Bartel is a local guy who was raised in Atascadero, lived in Santa Barbara and now resides in San Luis Obispo with his wife, Faige. His wife also sings back up vocals on his EP: "Bones & Blood." 

Bartel has colorful tattoos on his arms — one of Christ's hand holding a nautical star and another of his family's brand (his grandparents were once cattle ranchers and both he and his wife bear the symbol). On his inner wrist is inked "10/155" for the date he married Faige.

"I had it tattooed on me because I am a carpenter by trade, and I can't wear my wedding ring when I work for fear of it getting caught in a machine," Bartel, 27, said.

By night, Bartel is an English graduate student working to complete his master's degree, along with his wife, who is completing her master's in education. Bartel also gets up in front of strangers and pours his soul out in his music.

"My lyrics are about figuring out how to live when you feel dead in a place of consumerism and not engendering life. Some songs are about love and other's not at all," he said.

His influences include Willie Nelson, Hank Williams, Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash. He loves the ballads of old-time America style music, and Bartel feels like these music styles are being lost.

"I feel like it's my responsibility to keep these songs alive, and I often get together with friends and we have jam sessions in that genre," Bartel said. "My favorite songs are those that come out of a personal connection but not in a sappy way."

Bartel has been playing the piano since he was seven and picked up a guitar at 12. He also enjoys playing the harmonica and mandolin, and he is learning how to play the banjo.

While he has never been on tour, he has played at several venues on the Central Coast and wants to continue bringing his music to people. "Enjoy interacting with the audiences, and the stage is a place where I can voice my opinions and say what I want to say, (since) I am normally shy with expressing myself," Bartel said. "Playing shows isn't about the money, but I would like to travel."

Steve Keys, who runs the booking for the Clubhouse, approached Bartel about opening Friday for songwriter David Olney. Bartel is excited to be a part of the show and said his music fits with Olney's.

The two will play at 8 p.m. Friday at the San Luis Obispo City/County Library. A $15 donation is requested.
You’ve gotta hand it to a guy who’s willing to bare it all (um—quite literally) on the big screen as, like, the first five minutes of a movie. This movie can, after all, either make or break a film (is America really ready for full-frontal male nudity?). However, if the all-out laughter of the packed college-aged audience enjoying last week’s Associated Students Inc.-sponsored sneak peak of “Forgetting Sarah Marshall” is any indication, it definitely worked. Big time.

Bravo to you, Jason Segel, Bravo to you.

And the film itself is just as good as the film’s brilliant marketing scheme (love those hate-filled billboards!).

As the film begins, we’re introduced to Peter Bretter (Segel), the loveable semi-loser of this “ultimate romantic disaster movie,” living the bachelor lifestyle while waiting for his TV-star girlfriend to return from an out-of-towners show. Their apartment is littered with mementos of their five-and-a-half year relationship: coffee mugs, scheme (lose those hate-filled billboards!), the girl.

Along the way, there are plenty of awkward situations (mostly dealing with sex), one-liners (mostly dealing with sex) and cleverly juxtaposed scenes (only some dealing with sex). Keep a look out for my personal favorite scene(s): the genesis of “A Taste of Love,” a song which, according to the screen of his music room/office, Yeah, not the easiest way to get those clever one-liners.

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This would be great, except in a sick, all-right kind of way. Sarah and her new boyfriend (Milo, a British, poly-christian rock star played by Russell Brand) also happens to be staying at the same hotel as Peter. (Though to be fair, Peter chose Hawaii as his vacation destination because Sarah always talked about it, so it’s there in a deeper sense. And then again, that’s what slapstick comedy is all about, right?)

As expected, the rest of the film follows Peter as he tries to get over Sarah.

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Faster service = good times at Garden Grille

There have been a wealth of things to smile about at Garden Grille lately.

Not only have lots of physical changes taken place in the eatery since Fall quarter, but there have been in speed with which grill and pasta items are made and served. Customers are happy with the time it took between ordering and receiving food were addressed, resulting in more satisfactory waiting times.

In addition, several menu items have been added to the various food sections. Daily combo specials are now available at the grill. There’s a greater variety of items offered on a rotating menu at the Chef’s Table.

There are also daily baked pasta features as well as a weekly salad feature. Finally, customers can now enjoy smaller portions of salad or pasta at a smaller price.

Garden Grille is open for lunch 11:00 a.m. to 4:59 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 2:30 p.m., and dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day. It is located downstairs from the U.U. plaza, next to the Campus Dining customer service office in Building 19. Be sure to stop by and experience the changes!
How should you get to school this Friday?

As you know, this Friday is the first day of Cal Poly's Open House. The parking lots will be packed, so how are Lee and Sean getting to school tomorrow? (Also, Sean is in Las Vegas this week, so both Lee's and Sean's parts this week will be written by Lee Barats.)

Lee Barats: Ride a horse

Now a lot of you may plan on riding a bike or carpooling, but don't. These ideas are played out. People are going to ride their bikes or carpool. You don't want to be like everyone else, do you? Hell nah. You gotta start your own style. Ride a horse.

We Americans have strayed too far away from our roots. Before Americans exploited virtually every possible race to do their dirty work, Americans exploited horses. Show everyone how old-school and more money.

What will the prospective freshmen think when they see everyone at Cal Poly riding horses around campus? The answer is, "I should not go to this school." Less students at Cal Poly means a better college experience for all of us. No offense current freshmen, but if there are less people in this town, the lines will be shorter, the parking will be easier, and rent will be way cheaper. The bottom line is this: if you ride horses to school this Friday, you'll have more time and more money.

Painfella, I don't want to sound shallow, but the ladies love horses. The only thing they love more than a horse is a horse with a dude on it. For some reason, even the ugliest guys can pull chicks if they can tame a stallion. Nobody knows the reason for this, but I have a theory. If you put even the ugliest human face near a horse's, the human will look like Brad Pitt by comparison. All you have to do is ride a horse tomorrow. Lee Barats and Sean Michetti are Mustang Daily humor columnists and can be contacted at TickTock@mustangdaily.net.

For twenty kids

The truth is that going to class is for losers.

A lazy waste of space, I find any excuse I can to skip class. For example, I didn't go to my Easyworthlesscrap 101 class last week because I almost choked on a grape the night before. Just kidding. I don't eat fruit. On the contrary, my poor diet is probably what causes my excruciatingly severe B.O. But like I was saying, another time I watched "Citizen Kane" and was so enthralled, I skipped class for a week searching for a sequel. It turns out the sequel doesn't exist, but it doesn't matter because I've passed all my classes somehow. Probably because I paid people to take all my tests. I have no integrity and a lack of general intelligence. I also can't structure arguments very well.

One socially acceptable reason for me not going to class on Friday is because I don't have class on Fridays this quarter. Now that I think of it, I haven't had class on Friday as long as Lee's known me. Meanwhile, Lee's always had Friday classes. He busts his ass all week, and for what? Half the glory? I should really do something nice for him or at least thank him for dragging my dead weight all year. He totally knows where I sleep and if I don't do anything nice soon, he may just snap. And by snap, I mean wake me up with a shovel to the face.

Oh well, I guess I'd better enjoy the rest of my week in Vegas, spending all my money on liquor and gambling and God knows what else. Dear lord, I hate you Sean.

For twenty kids

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Several Cal Poly engineering faculty members have pro­posed that the Saudi Arabian university, Juhay Abdulaziz Kho­wari College (JUC), design an engineering program. Since this initiative is of interest to a number of students, I’m pleased to share a brief summary of the proposal, which was selected from among five na­tionally ranked U.S. engineering colleges through a highly competitive process. Under this proposed partnership, our faculty will collaborate with JUC to develop engineering curricula, as well as to design laboratories and classrooms for a new educational complex to open in 2011. Our facul­ty, committed to student outreach and diversity, will help recruit faculty from around the world, and help develop­ment industry partnerships and advisory boards. Our faculty will not teach, nor will Cal Poly award degrees or establish a branch campus.

The Cal Poly Corporation will administer the project in full compliance with all federal and state laws, including non-discrimination policies. JUC will pay all project costs so that no state funds are used. Project faculty and staff will be Cal Poly employees selected by Cal Poly. Further, we have made clear to JUC leadership that we reserve the right to withdraw from the collaboration if any employee is re­jected for reasons other than normal performance criteria. The final program will meet all criteria of U.S. accrediting agen­cies. Other JUC programs offer instruction to women as well and the JUC provost has assured us that the new program will be gender-blind and that men and women as student and industry demand emerges.

Under the principles of academic freedom, faculty mem­bers have the right to pursue their scholarship even when that scholarship is controversial. Cal Poly faculty members who developed this proposal did so of their own initiative and prerogative. Faculty members are encouraged to pursue scholarship, including scholarly work in engineering edu­cation.

In conclusion, permit me to share a passage from an e­mail I received recently. The author is Charles Hill, a highly regarded career minister of the U.S. Foreign Service, former deputy assistant secretary for the Middle East, executive aide to U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz, and currently a diplomat in residence at Yale:

"What Cal Poly is doing is extremely important. It is a true test for the extremists, who reject the idea of even allowing non-Muslims into the region as a whole, to have an American university present in Saudi Arabia and serving the needs of its young people. Overall, we are making some real — if still modest and painful — progress in shifting atti­tudes and actions in Saudi and elsewhere in the Arab world."

Please accept my admiration and best wishes for the work Cal Poly is doing in the region."

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Baseball

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the whole lineup had trouble with his curve and slider. "He went deep into the game," Mustangs head coach Larry Lee said. "He allowed us to not have to dip into the well too many times, which will help us this weekend." Lee also noted the jobs done by Kevin Castner and Buster Mueller out of the bullpen as they came in and shut the door on any hopes of a late-inning comeback.

The outcome was never in doubt as Cal Poly (15-18, 3-6 Big West Conference) erupted for nine runs in the first two innings.

Leftfielder Luke Yoder led things off with a single and a stolen base, and came around to score on a sac fly by third baseman Brent Morel. The Mustangs would bring up 11 batters in the first, chase LMU starter Greg Meyers (1-3) and score four more runs.

In the second, outfielder Adam Melker drove in two with a triple into the right-field corner, and was later driven in by Yoder. Wilkins plugged the Lions arms early. After two frames the Mustangs had seven hits against six walks.

It was the third-straight game Cal Poly reached double-digit hits — finishing with 12 — and its third in four to reach double-digit runs.

"We swung pretty well," Yoder said. "Guys are getting more at-bats and seeing the ball a lot better."

Morel finished 1 for 3 with a run and an RBI to extend his hitting streak to 10 games. First baseman Wes Dorrell hit his seventh home run and wound up with five strikeouts. When Yoder flied out in the fourth, it ended a streak of eight consecutive plate appearances upon which he'd reached base.

Down by nine, LMU (16-18) loaded the bases with no outs in the seventh, thanks to two walks by a depleted Thoplius. The Lions scored on a sac fly, but the threat was extinguished when Lee made the call for Castner, who retired all six batters he faced in two innings of work.

Having won six of seven, the Mustangs' confidence is high before they travel to take on Big West-leading UC Davis (24-11, 5-3) with hopes of ending a back-to-back conference race.

"It's not going to happen overnight," Lee said. "Each weekend we try to get a little closer to being in contention."

Thoplius echoed Lee's sentiments.

"We've just got to keep rolling like we have been," Thoplius said. "Right now we're playing great ball, and we feel like we can fare well against Davis this weekend."

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**SPORTS**

**Webb improves to 40, goes eight innings to beat S.F.**

By Janie McCauley

SAN FRANCISCO — The way he was going and getting quick outs, Brandon Webb thought for sure he would finish the game.

 Webb pitched another gem and, for the first time, has begun a season by winning his first four starts. Barry Zito on the other hand has lost his opening four starts for the first time.

 Webb and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat Zito's San Francisco Giants 4-1 on Wednesday in a matchup featuring a pair of former Cy Young award winners who seem to be headed in different directions.

 "That's a good start," Webb said. "It makes you feel confident."

 Webb hit an early two-run single and made it stand up. The 2006 NL Cy Young winner gave up three hits over eight innings and won his sixth straight outing since last September.

 The sinkerballer struck out the side in the first inning, throwing 10 of his 11 pitches for strikes. He got through both the fifth and sixth innings on only five pitches each time, and wound up with five strikeouts.

 "We did 62 pitches through six innings, I felt I was going to finish this thing, but I kind of got out of sync," Webb said. "When you get a guy really quick, I was able to make pitches when they were swinging early."

 Brandon Lyon finished for his third save in five chances.

 Webb put Arizona ahead with his single in the second. Eric Byrnes had an RBI double in the fifth that extended his hitting streak to 12 games, and Orlando Hudson followed with a run-scoring double single as Arizona improved to 11-4.

 "We're due a little bit of everything. Not to just do it in one fashion makes you feel that on any day you have a chance to win," Diamondbacks manager Bob Melvin said. "It's taken everybody we have offensively to get us to the point we are, including Brandon Webb today."

 Zito, the Giants' $126 million left-hander who went a career-worst 11-13 last year, is still searching for consistency. After Webb's two-out, two-run single, he recorded seven straight outs before a leadoff single by Stephen Drew in the fifth.

 "It's a lot of fun," Zito said. "I feel good about the way I'm throwing and have to stick with that."

 Zito worked around Chris Young's leadoff single in the first, then walked the first three batters of the second to load the bases and draw boos.
Mark Barr hasn't let a little thing like his leg being amputated stop him from doing what he loves to do, and that's swimming. He's overcome cancer and having his leg amputated from the knee down, prevailed with a positive attitude and wants to share his story with others like him.

Born and raised in Davis with his two brothers, Paul, 25, and Todd, 23, who are also Cal Poly alumni, Barr says he's swam as long as he can remember.

"My family is really athletic and loves competition," Barr says. "My mom is a PE teacher and loves competition. She got to know him and see his enthusiasm threw him in the pool.

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"When you reach a certain age, people start to put pressure on you to concentrate on one sport, and when I was 12, I was bored with swimming, so I concentrated on baseball and soccer more," Barr says.

Little did Barr know he would face his most life-changing event when he started to feel muscle tightness and couldn't run as fast when he was 14. He chalked it up as just a minor setback and worked to build up speed, but it got to the point where he had no flexibility in his leg, and that's when concerns set in.

"My dad is a vet, and knows about ailments, so I asked him to look at it, but he couldn't figure it out," Barr says. "We went to our neighbor, who is a physical therapist, and he said to go to the doctor."

It seemed to Barr that almost overnight, he woke up with a huge lump on the inside of his knee. After several visits to the doctor, Barr learned he had osteosarcoma, also known as bone cancer.

All that Barr knew of bone cancer was that his dog had died of it. Doctors had given Barr a 75-percent chance of survival. He also noticed his father drawing away and becoming more silent, and he was afraid he wouldn't live.

"Teenage cancer is not genetic, and no one in my family has had cancer, so I was confused and frustrated," Barr says. "I can remember the look on my dad's face and I knew it wasn't good."

Barr visited an orthopedic surgeon and had his leg amputated from the knee down, prevailed with a positive attitude and wants to share his story with others like him.

Because he was the youngest, Barr had no wait until he was 5 to learn how to swim, but the coach who got to know him and see his enthusiasm threw him in the pool at 4.

"The youngest competition age group is 8-and-under, so I was 5 when I was 12, I was bored with swimming, so I concentrated on baseball and soccer more," Barr says.

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