Quick meals cheap

Zach Lanz

Students with erratic schedules and long days of class can find themselves stuck on campus with a tight wallet and a growling stomach. In this economy, campus food seems to be getting more and more expensive for students who don't have a meal plan or extra dollars. However, there are some meal deals to be found if you look in the right places.

THE BREAKFAST WRAP

If you wake up late for that 8 a.m. class and have no time to eat breakfast, Tacos To-Go between Dexter Lawn and the Kennedy Library has a breakfast wrap for $3.79 that is served until 10 a.m.

THE TACOS

Even at under four dollars, the breakfast wrap is more expensive than most of the items on the regular menu. During the day, Tacos To-Go offers street tacos for $1.29, as well as bean and cheese burritos or a bean and rice bowl for 99 cents each.

On the other side of campus there are plenty of snacks that can hold over an empty stomach for a two-hour class and the ride home.

THE CHICKEN

Tapango's in The Avenue offers a chicken burrito for $1.99, and it's a filling meal. At the Chick-Fil-A stand, one can either get crouton fries for $1.49 or eight pieces of chicken for $2.99.

THE VEGETABLE WRAP

The Green Street at The Avenue has a vegetable wrap for $1.99. "(They offer) a lot of variety, a lot of choices," said one student.

Cal Poly alumnus comes back to earth

Cal Poly alumnus Greg Chamitoff, recently returned from a stay on the International Space station, spoke on campus about his experience Friday. The 1984 Cal Poly graduate served a six month tour on the station with two Russian cosmonauts, conducting experiments to study the effects of long term space travel on the human body.

Caution advised as Calif. fire evacuations lifted

Amy Taxin

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Thanks to a dramatic change in the weather, residents have begun returning home to areas that had been threatened by a devastating wildfire — but they're been told to remain alert in case conditions worsen again.

The blaze that charred an area of more than 13 square miles was 40 percent contained late Saturday after a blanket of cool, moist air flowed in from the Pacific Ocean, keeping a dry wind from the interior from stoking the flames again.

Fire officials said the blaze destroyed 31 homes and two detached garages, and damaged 47 other homes; saving an earlier estimate that 80 buildings were destroyed was incorrect.

Cheers erupted at an evacuation center when Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown announced Saturday that mandatory evacuation orders for most areas were being downgraded to evacuation warnings, meaning residents could return but would have to remain alert.

"It's easy on a day like today to look around and go "Wow, you know, we've got this thing beat,"" Joe Waterman, the overall fire commander from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said Saturday evening. "We don't have this thing beat yet."

Water-dropping helicopters continued to shuttle between reservoirs and hot spots but flames were not apparent and the huge plumes of smoke that loomed over the city for days had vanished. The blaze isn't expected to be fully contained until Wednesday.

Among the first to return were Jonathan Kenny 44, and his wife, Susan Kim, 42, who found their home gutted and cars were burned-out wrecks.

More than 30,000 people had been under mandatory evacuation orders since the fire erupted Tuesday.

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Catholic political divide over Obama at Notre Dame

Beth Foulby

NEW YORK (AP) — A campaign by outraged Roman Catholics to keep President Barack Obama from delivering the commencement address at Notre Dame shows that the gulf between the church and backers of abortion rights remains deep.

Yet the effort to get the school to rescind its invitation to Obama also highlights a political disconnect between the conservative Catholic hierarchy and millions of U.S. Catholic voters.

Since the White House announced in March that Obama had accepted Notre Dame's invitation to speak May 17, more than 350,000 people have signed an online petition demanding that the university take back the offer. The Cardinal Newman Society, an advocacy group for Catholic colleges that circulated the petition, said the invitation violated 2004 bishops' mandate that stated: "The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor or those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles."

One Catholic leader, Archbishop Raymond Burke, accused Obama of pushing an anti-life, anti-family agenda. Burke, the first American to lead the Vatican's supreme court, said Friday it was "a scandal" that Notre Dame had invited Obama to speak.

Catholic activists and bishops have been outspoken in their criticism of Obama. By comparison, they had only occasional disagreements with President George W. Bush, primarily over the U.S. invasion of Iraq, which the Vatican condemned but many conservative Catholics supported.

They cite his support for abortion rights and embryonic stem cell research, and his repeal of a policy that denied federal dollars to international relief organizations that provide abortions or abortion-related information. They remain angry with Obama's support for legislation that would prohibit state and local governments from interfering with a woman's right to obtain an abortion.

Obama also has been criticized by Catholics and other opponents of legal abortion for telling Pastor Rick Warren at a campaign forum last summer that the question of when life begins was "above my pay grade."

Yet polling and other evidence shows that Catholic voters have a largely positive view of the president, right down to his critical support for the health care law. Obama's standing is more evidence that U.S. Catholics don't always follow the Church hierarchy, whether on issues such as abortion and contraception or political preferences. Also, the president's community service background and his opposition to the Iraq war appeal to some Catholics.

As a candidate, Obama worked hard to woo Catholic voters. He chose an observant Catholic, Joe Biden, as his running mate, and Biden campaigned hard for the ticket in states like Pennsylvania and Ohio, which have large Catholic communities.

But Biden also supports abortion rights, putting him at odds with the bishops and many conservative Catholics.

Obama is also widely popular among Hispanics, a fast-growing growing Catholic population in the U.S.

Patrick Whelan, a physician at Harvard Medical School and president of Catholic Democrats, said that by taking such a hard line against Obama, bishops and other conservative leaders risked driving Catholics away from the church rather than cool their support for the president.

"There are unintended consequences to this kind of angry, vengeful language about their opponents," Whelan said. "By making themselves pawns of the conservative base, bishops are playing a cycle of decline for our church."

Notre Dame students are generally enthusiastic about Obama, ignoring visit to their northern Indiana campus. He won about 57 percent of the vote when Obama campaigned there in October, compared with 41 percent for Republican John McCain, an abortion rights opponent.

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selection," said English sophomore Mackenzie Cualey of The Avenue.

THE CHILI-CHEESE FRIES

If it's early in the morning you can get two eggs cooked any way you like for $1.75 at Shlinder's. The best-kept secret on the Shlider's menu are the chili-cheese fries. For $3.25 you get a meal that will keep you more than satisfied until the next mealtime.

THE ICE CREAM

For students who have long breaks but can't go home on those hot days, the soft serve ice cream from The Avenue is a cool down. Add any of the array of toppings on a decent serving size of ice cream that costs about $3.

THE HAPPY HOUR

The best deal on campus in terms of a full meal occurs during the 3-5 p.m. Happy Hour at Backstage Pizza. This means that two slices of pizza and a drink only cost $5.

One item on the Backstage menu that is relatively unknown yet delicious is the chili-cheese fries. For $3.25 you get a meal that will keep you more than satisfied until the next mealtime.

Just above Santa Barbara on the face of the steep Santa Ynez Mountains. An additional 22,000 had been an evacuation standby.

By Saturday evening, well over half of the homes here opened their doors to help neighbors take in the chill. The local community center said 500 people had been housed Wednesday by the notorious local wind known as the "sundowner," which spews from inland and down the face of the mountains late in the day. The wind returned and famed the flames again late Thursday and into early Friday.

After that gusty onslaught, the fire was active along a five-mile-long front Friday just above Santa Barbara, west toward neighboring Goleta and east toward the community of Montecito.

However, the howler didn't materialize Friday night, and instead the normal flow of air from the Pacific Ocean delivered a dense, moist marine layer that didn't let the fire gain a foothold.

On Saturday, the National Weather Service dropped fire weather warnings and predicted that over night clouds and fog would continue through Monday morning, before a return of a west-to-modem downslope winds in the Santa Ynez range Monday night and into midweek.
Chemo patients forced to travel or pay more for care

Black colleges will fight cut to federal program

Justin Pope

Leaders of historically black col­
leges say they’ll fight a reduction in a federal program they call a crucial lifeline at a time of economic distress for the schools and their students.

President Barack Obama’s edu­cation budget, unveiled Thursday, included a major spending increase in many areas — but didn’t include an extra $85 million that black in­stitutions have received annually for the past two years thanks to a 2007 change to the student loan laws.

That two-year-old program pro­vided direct funds to federally recog­nized HBCUs — historically black colleges and universities.

Other direct federal support to the schools would increase from $238 million to $250 million, but with the expiration of the HBCU fund the schools effectively would see a $73 million cut.

A program supporting Native American tribal colleges would also see decreased funding, while one for institutions serving large numbers of Hispanic students would see an in­crease from $93 million to $98 mil­lion.

Education Department officials emphasized that all such institu­tions stand to gain from other parts of the budget, notably the proposed increase in the maximum Pell Grant for low-income students by $200 to $250.

Still, the more could suggest that even as the administration pushes big education spending increases focused on low-income and minority stu­dents, direct support for institutions isn’t the favored method. The

HBCU program is unusual: most federal help for higher education goes to students, and thus only indi­rectly to schools.

“The administration is definitely committed to strengthening HBCUs and other colleges and universities that serve minority populations,” said Carmell Martin, assistant secretary of education, on a press conference call Thursday. “And one of the best ways we can do that is by supporting our students.”

The historically black colleges and universities have been hit par­ticularly hard by the recession, and HBCU leaders said this is no time to cut back on programs offering direct support to institutions that play an outsized role educating the neediest students.

The 105 federally recognized HBCUs make up just 3 percent of U.S. colleges but account for nearly 20 percent of undergraduate de­grees awarded to blacks, according to UNCF, the United Negro College Fund. However, some have struggled with low graduation rates. An AP analysis earlier this year found that, overall, black students at four-year HBCUs have lower graduation rates than black students at other schools.

HBCUs have about 132,000 stu­dents receiving Pell grants, according to an Associated Press analysis of finan­cial figures collected by the nonprofit institution The Education Trust. Even if all got the maximum $2,000 Pell Grant increase, that would provide HBCUs new revenue totaling only about one-third of the one-time funding cut outlined in the budget.

“We believe it is in the best in­terest of our country to ensure that (HBCUs) are strong,” said John Donahue, UNCF’s executive vice president for development.

Donahue said the federal program was responsive for important college readiness efforts at Dillard University in New Orleans, where he previously worked.

Sen. Richard Burr, a Republican from North Carolina — home to 11 HBCUs — questioned the adminis­tration’s priorities, considering its de­cision to spend $9 million in funding for whaling history museums.

Education Department officials said the additional $85 million the HBCU program enjoyed the last two years was temporary and that HBCUs shouldn’t have counted on it continuing.

Leah Barkerville, president and CEO of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Edu­cation, a group representing predomin­antly Black colleges, said giving money directly to the colleges is jus­tified considering “the nation’s sorry history of support for HBCUs.” She noted government provided more support favoring other kinds of institu­tions like research universities.

Ultimately, higher education of­ficials believe Congress won’t let the spending decline. Terry Hartle, se­nior vice president of the American Council on Education, said HBCUs would do “everything in their power” to keep both parts and both houses of Congress.

“To see the federal support de­cline significantly would have a real, substantial impact on the institutions right away,” Hartle said. “A lot of the current funding support is not available as it was two years ago. They can’t raise tuition.”

Even the administration sounded like it expected Congress to step in.
Sri Lanka artillery barrage kills at least 378, doctor says

Biden to grads: You have chance to shape history

Sri Lankan ethnic Tamil victims of a shelling attack outside a makeshift hospital in Tiger controlled No Fire Zone in Mullivaaykaal, Sri Lanka, Sunday.

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Biden to grads: You have chance to shape history

William Kate

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden told more than 3,000 college graduates that they are at a watershed moment with a chance to shape history that few generations ever encounter.

He urged them through a commencement address Sunday to imagine a better world, and then get involved and help make improvements.

"There is a much greater risk in accepting a situation we know we cannot sustain than in challenging it and forcing the change that is absolutely needed," he said.

The government had recently sent medical supplies, but a shortage of physicians, nurses and aides made treatment difficult. Shanigaratnam said.

"We are doing the first aid and some surgeries as quickly as we can. We are doing what is possible. The situation is overwhelming; nothing is within our control," he said. Most of the injured, mostly civilians, were brought to the hospital, he said. As of Sunday afternoon, the bodies of 378 civilians had been brought in and were being buried by volunteers, but the death toll was likely to rise as much as 150 more civilians were buried.

More than half the hospital staff did not turn up for work because their homes were attacked and many of the wounded went untreated for more than 24 hours, said an other health official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. The shelling had subsided early Sunday, but a new artillery barrage began about 6 p.m., the official said.

Suresh Premachandran, an ethnic Tamil lawmaker, said the assault was the deadliest attack on civilians since the 1983 anti-Tamil riots that killed as many as 2,000 people and helped trigger the civil war.

National Guard troops helping flood victims in W. Va.

It was floating down the street like someone was driving it," said her husband, Milton Johnson, who was laid off last week from Massey Energy's superior surface mine.

"I can't save anything at all," Hinkle said. "It breaks your heart, you know! You work for years and in one day, it's gone."

Gilbert Mayor Vivian Livingood estimated 80 percent of the town's businesses were a total loss. But Hatfield said the family had flood insurance, said he's lived in Gilbert his entire life and this is the first time he's been flooded.

No injuries have been reported and several people trapped underground because of high water were able to walk out of the Mountaineer Alma mine near Wharton Friday. The road in front of Gilbert Furniture was stacked high with furniture and couches and refrigerators. Nineteen years ago, the store's former location next door was flooded by Gilbert Creek. The new building was built 3 feet higher. It didn't matter.

The force of the floodwaters "blew the doors of the store open," said Ricky Hatfield, who has worked 30 years at the store his parents own.

The high water mark is 2 feet up the wall and the store's mud-stained contents are a total loss. But Hatfield said the family still had flood insurance and plans to rebuild.

"That's what has been determined for 65 years because business has been good." Over at Tattoo Joe's, owner Joe Hinkle didn't have flood insurance for the business he runs for seven years.

Many more than 15,000 customers in eastern Kentucky had no water because lines were broken or washed away and almost 6,000 had no power.

National Guard troops helping flood victims in W. Va.

Flood-damaged mobile homes lean into Gilbert Creek in Gilbert, W.Va., on Sunday, May 16. weekend flooding destroyed at least 300 buildings, knocked out power and caused mudslides.

JEFF RAY

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Americans lived through two wars and a planet in environmental peril. These are the challenges you face. But these are the moments you can embrace. Throughout the span of history, only a handful of people have ever gotten a chance to actually shape the course of history," Biden said.

The country was conflicted over the Vietnam War, the public's faith in its elected officials was waning, race riots were tearing apart America and two of its most promising leaders — Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy — were assassinated.

"I never doubted for one minute that we could change that history, that we could rewrite the outcome we were caring toward, and we did," he said.

"It's 2009. Now it's your turn. You are graduating into a world of overwhelming anxiety and uncertainty," said Biden, pointing to a model economy, two wars and a planet in environmental peril.

"These are the challenges you face. But these are the moments you can embrace. Throughout the span of history, only a handful of people have ever gotten a chance to actually shape the course of history," Biden said.

Biden noted that change always results from coming together to change the election of the nation's first African-American president. Barack Obama is an example of what can be accomplished, the vice president said.

"He told people that change already has shown its commitment by increasing volunteerism, both civic and civil community groups.

"For those who tell you you are too young, too small, too smart, be smart enough to ignore them. For those who say what we dream can't be done, be brave enough to give it a shot. For those who say now is not the time, say 'if not now, when?' said Biden.
"What are your money saving tricks for buying on-campus food?"

"I don't have any. It's too expensive. I would (but) it's just too high of prices. That's it."

Jesus Diaz
mechanical engineering senior

"Bring part of your meal with you and buy something else to drink or any perishables you need (on-campus)."

"I'm a freshman so I have a meal plan. If I have to go shopping I get snacks that way when I have to get a meal on campus I buy a small meal."

Cristina Campos
environmental management and protection freshman

"I live at home so I save money that way. Usually just buy tea in the box to save money."

Melissa Anderson
general engineering senior

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**SACRAMENTO** (AP) — The last captured member of the Symbionese Liberation Army, the radical 1970s-era group notorious for bank robberies, killings and the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst, was released from a California prison Sunday morning.

James William Kilgore was paroled from High Desert State Prison in northeastern California after serving a six-year sentence for the murder of suburban Sacramento housewife Myrna Opalh during an April 1975 bank robbery. State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation spokesman Oscar Hidalgo said Kilgore was met by his wife after parole agents picked him up at the Susanville prison and processed him there.

That allowed the couple to travel directly to their home in Illinois, rather than have Kilgore wait to check in Monday with a parole agent in Sacramento before leaving the state. He now has two weeks to report to Illinois parole officials.

GREENFIELD, Calif. (AP) — A man who police say gave his 14-year-old daughter for marriage in exchange for cash, alcohol and food has been sentenced to a year in jail.

Marcella Martinez had faced multiple charges, including procuring a child for sex, aiding and abetting statutory rape. He sentencing Tuesday followed a plea deal that reduced the charges to just child endangerment. Prosecutors say Martinez asked the 18-year-old to pay to a dove $610 cash, drink, and wear for the wedding part. Martinez denies he ever agreed to the marriage.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Thousands attended a fundraiser expected to raise more than $300,000 for the families of four Oakland police officers slain in the line of duty.

Oakland police Sgt. Donn Amato says the OPD Fallen Heroes fundraiser on Saturday was also recent to lift the department's morale by showing that people have them in their minds and in their hearts. About 3,000 police officers — including some who came from as far away as Baltimore and Philadelphia — ate barbecue and listened to live music, as they honored the fallen officers.

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they have been unable to reach an agreement with any insurance company who is contracted with Sntt Mary's.

"The bottom line is this is a little child with leukemia and there is not a pediatric oncology program in northern Nevada outside what we travel to Reno to provide," Goes said.

"Goes said when she spoke with GEHA officials, the only explanation they would provide was that Rem­ non is not in their network.

"They were very short, very blunt. I get very frustrated with these people," she said.

Turkildsen said his experience has been that Renown will negotiate a temporary contract in good faith and offer a rate equal, or similar, to the rate offered at St. Mary's.

"But this company (GEHA), for whatever reason, doesn't seem to want to open that dialogue," he said.

Van Buthren, communications director for Renown Health, confirmed the situation is unusual.

"Remown routinely cooperates with nonparticipating insurers to provide local health care that benefits both patients and the system," Buthren said.

"Usually when an insurer recognizes a clinical gap in their network, they promptly authorize care at Renown, even if our providers are outside of their network," he said.

Shannon Reynolds, GEHA's network manager, said the pro­ fited provider organization GEHA contracts with in the Reno market — the Universal Health Network — has been unable to come to an agreement with Renown that would bring it into GEHA's network.

"It appears that the hospital isn't quite in the quality quadrant that UHN would like to contract with," Reynolds said Friday. "Not to say Renown is not quality... but we believe there is a very high quality at the hospital in Oakland."

Overton also acknowledged there's been some confusion over the Schnieder's coverage because a customer service representative mistakenly gave one of their doctors the impression there wouldn't be any coverage if they were out of network.

"That was inaccurate. We regret any misunderstanding," she said.

The Schneders have asked for help in letters to Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., and the Nevada Division of Insurance, among others.

Reid spokesman Jon Summers confirmed the Senate majority leader's office is looking into the matter but said he couldn't discuss it further publicly.

Van Mountain, chief insurance examiner for the Nevada Division of Insurance's Life and Health Section, said the state doesn't have any legal jurisdiction over the federal employee program.

But he said in an e-mail to AP that the division has asked GEHA to review its procedures so ERICA can be treated at Renown. He said a rep­ resentative of Ge, Jim Gibson's office has made a similar request.

"The company is in the process of reviewing the situation on a priority basis and will let us know as soon as they make a determination," Moun­ tain said.

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Children's novel comes to life on stage

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What happens when the King Mathematician and King Azat go head-to-head and banish Princess Rhyme and Princess Reason from the Land of Wisdom? A topsy-turvy imaginary world is created full of puns and quirky characters like Whetterman, Dodecahedron and Dodechelles in Cal Poly's theatre and dance department production of "The Phantom Tollbooth."

The musical, opening this week, is brought to the stage as an adaption of Norton Juster's popular children's adventure book "The Phantom Tollbooth."

The story begins with a bored and unmotivated boy named Milo who gets a surprise visit from a magical car and tollbooth that transports him to another world where he must rescue Princess Rhyme and Princess Reason from the Land of Wisdom. Milo is a math lover and the two colleges: Science and Math and Liberal Arts).

Feltch plays a watchdog named Tock who not so coincidentally wears a clock.

The script is sprinkled with many plays on words. "The musical is staged in the three quarter round, and actors must be aware of their entire body's movements," said director and communication studies professor Audrey Felch. "I think of it as it is the battle of the two colleges: Science and Math and Liberal Arts."

"I love that you always see people being presentational in everything they do. You see a conversation, you may see the back of someone and the face of someone and I think that is interesting," said director and communication studies art and theatre and dance lecturer Erma Stauffer.

"One of my thoughts in doing it on stage in the three quarter round is that there wasn't such a strict distinction in actors and audience that the whole area is play space," she said. "I think it makes you feel more involved in it."

The musical is one of the first large productions in years for Cal Poly. Stauffer explained that musicals are rarer because they are more expensive, take more time to rehearse and require collaboration with a music director.

However, Stauffer felt a musical was necessary to give the students experience because for theatre graduates most of the jobs in the real world are in musicals. She also thought it was time for a pick-me-up performance.

"We are in a difficult time in this country and in the world with the economic crisis with sort of some uncertainty," she said. "In some ways this show is a great antidote to not feeling super happy about things because it is really upbeat, it is great fun, simple adventure!"

Performances will be held at 7 p.m. May 14 to 16 and May 20 to 22 in Spanos Theatre. Special matinee performances start at 2 p.m. May 16 to 17 in Spanos Theatre. Because of the stage design there is limited seating. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center box office for $14.

Poly favorite Tyrone Wells comes back to SLO

Emilie Eggel  
MUSTANG DAILY

After building a strong following at Cal Poly through several campus concerts, campus favorite and pop-rock artist Tyrone Wells hopes for his dedicated fans to turn out Monday night when he returns to San Luis Obispo to play tracks off his new album "Re:main."

Wells' first trip to the area was to play a Cal Poly University Union hour concert three years ago. Ever since then, his campus fan base has grown enough to perform at a larger venue.

"I think we were just surprised to see the kind of turn out that we had," Wells said, of his first few shows. "We just decided we definitely have people that know the music so we wanted to come out and play a real show."

Wells, who has appeared on television shows like "One Tree Hill" and "Wildfire" and played for several movie soundtracks, counts college students as one of his most popular demographics as well as one of his favorite groups to play for. The majority of his shows are played at university and college campuses around the country.

"It's one of my favorite gigs to pull up to a new college and play," he said. "I think your college years are where you really start exploring different types of music fall in love. We meet a lot of people that become fans and end up passing our music around and that's good for us."

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"We're excited to play in San Luis Obispo because we know we have fans there but because maybe we'll run into some new people that haven't heard the music, too," Wells said. "Wells was born and raised in Spokane, Wash., before moving to California for college. He says that many of his influences come from church, where he grew up with his father as a preacher. However, he says that lately his influences come from the time or thinking about the time or considering, those things find their way into the songs," he added.

"Wells' broad range of influences shows up in his music, which includes elements of pop, rock, R&B and folk. His fans say that this is what makes him accessible to so many types of fans."

"Wells) has a broad appeal," said music senior and Associated Students Incorporated events student manager Ami Ammar. "He appeals to a large demographic both age and musical influence or taste, interest, that kind of thing too," he said.

Ammar, who has built a friendship with Wells and his band over the course of their performances at Cal Poly, plans to release his album this summer. Wells says he's excited to play in the band, most of whom are students at Cal Poly.

"I hope that we have a good turn out from both the college and community and I'm just excited to share the music with whoever shows up," he said.

The Tyrone Wells and Avanti show is May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Downtown Brew for a special all-ages show are $14 in advance and $15 at the door. They are available at ticketweb.com and Boo Boo Records.

Ashley Ciulla contributed to this report.
Every Monday, cut out this fridge for the weeks happenings
Hurray for Foret

You're probably asking yourself, "How did this guy become a Mustang Daily beer critic?"

It's not because I drink more beer than you. While I have quite a healthy beer belly, I tend not to binge drink because frankly, it's too expensive with the kind of beers I enjoy.

So in fact, if you're reading this and think you know more about beer than me, you probably do.

I'm not a sophisticated drinker, either, at least not in the terms that you might read from old school beer critics. I won't tell you that a beer has a "hazy oakwood texture" to it; because really, what the hell is that?

So the bottom line is, I guess I'm just lucky.

So lucky in fact that last weekend I got my hands on a bottle of Foret saison ale from Brasserie Dupont in Belgium.

Saison also originated in France where they were created as refreshment for farmers working in the warm summer months. Traditionally, a saison, or farmhouse ale, would have very low alcohol percentages. It was the Coca-Cola of the day. People didn't drink a saison ale to get plastered, they drank it to cool down in the heat.

Saison translated from French to English stream 'season'. It was seasonal in the strictest sense because there was no modern refrigeration. It was brewed in the autumn or winter for consumption in the summer. If it wasn't all gone by the end of summer, it was bad. Because of saison's short life span, many farmers were allowed up to five liters a day. Could you imagine drinking five liters of beer a day? Me neither.

Luckily for us, saisons and Foret specifically have a higher concentration of alcohol than they used to. Foret is 7.5 percent, roughly 20 percent increase from most standard beers. There's no need to drink five liters of this delicious brew.

Like many farmhouse ales, it posits a distinct straw color. I heard that saison brewers have a big head for their beers. But trust me, it's not a crispy crisp like I normally see in Belgian beer, but there aren't many saison brews readily available here so I wasn't sure what to expect.

It had a very light and crisp citrus flavor to me. It was very enjoyable on a warm weekend afternoon. My roommate who also had a glass remarked that it went down smooth and didn't have the harsh aftertaste of most beers.

Foret claims to be a wholly organic beer, one of the few in the world to make that claim. And nature is what it reminds me of. It's the kind of beer that should be enjoyed after a long day of arduous work, or after a nice hike. It's the reward for a job well done. With the warm days of summer approaching, Foret is the kind of beer to come home from work and relax to.

Saisons are probably not for everyone. It's music of a refreshing drink than a 'Let's get drunk' kind of drink. It also has more of a citrus than people might expect from a beer. But trust me, it's not Smirnoff Ice. It's beer, with a citrus feel, and it's very good.

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This is the personification of the American Dream that fascinated me even as a young girl, long before I moved to the States with my family at age 11. Ten years later, I’ve still

ones to lose. If you go bankrupt, you’re going to lose your iPod and your mountain bike and your pair of speakers. You’re not going to lose your job and your wife and your house.

I’ve met other people like Brian before, but they’re few and far between. Not very many people have the smarts and the courage it takes to go their own way, to break out of the secu­

rity of a stable career path and to venture into the rocks, winding road of entrepreneur­

ship, where both risks and rewards he waiting around every bend. As Brian joked, “If anybody could be an entrepreneur, who would work for people like me?”

But as I’ve learned from Brian and the rare others like him that I’ve had the opportunity to befriend, there are entrepreneurial characteristics in all of us. The difference is that people like him choose to nurture those traits. He understands, too, that the education he needs for his future, whether he wants to be a Montana business­

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Mustangs rebound to beat Titans

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Cal Poly avoided being swept by Cal State Fullerton with a decisive 7-4 victory Sunday afternoon.

This series was immensely important for both the Mustangs and the Titans, who are battling for the top spot in the Big West Conference as well as post-season berths. As of last Tuesday the teams were tied for second in the Big West Conference with records of 32-12.

The Titans clinched the pivotal series with 8-4 and 7-3 victories over the Mustangs on Friday and Saturday nights. However, the Mustangs were focused and energized on Sunday, playing in front of a crowd of 1,778 at Baggett Stadium.

"It's easy to lose your confidence when you're playing great teams," head coach Larry Lee said. "Fullerton doesn't lose many ballgames during the course of the year. They can easily win 16 straight against anyone in the country. Our guys need to know that and be proud of what they accomplished today." Picking up the win on the mound for Cal Poly was freshman right-hander Mason Radeke. Radeke (5-1) had a long outing, battling through 130 pitches in eight innings. Lee said that it was the longest he had ever kept the freshman in.

The hard-earned innings brought positive results. The Titans scattered nine hits against Radeke on the day, tallying four runs. But they managed to stay within striking distance.