California State University approves tuition increase

Board of Trustees approves a 15 percent tuition increase; 5 percent increase begins next quarter

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The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees Committee on Finance approved a two-step tuition increase Wednesday, Nov. 3, including a 5 percent increase effective Jan. 1 and an additional 10 percent tuition increase starting Fall 2011.

The tuition increase is necessary to provide quality service to current and additional students, which equal 30,000, admitted to the CSU system for winter and spring terms, said Erik Fallis, the media relations specialist for the CSU Chancellor’s Office.

“We’re going to be adding students,” Fallis said. “We know we need to provide adequate classes and services for them as well as our existing students. That is why we believe the tuition increase is necessary to provide adequate classes and services for new and existing students.”

The governor’s initial budget proposal in January assumed a 10 percent fee increase to provide the CSU system with a certain level of revenue to allow it to continue to grow. The governor proposed 10 percent and the legislation approved 5 percent.

However, the 5 percent state funding was not present when the budget was fully adopted and signed in October. This left the CSU system $64 million short of the budget plan for 2010-11.

“According to Fallis, the CSU system is at the same level of state financial support it was five years ago even though today the CSU system has approximately 25,000 more students.”

“We took a $625 million hit,” Fallis said. “We were restored $260 million, which we’re glad to have, but it’s not a full restoration.”

The second phase of the tuition increase would render approximately $121.5 million to continue to provide for the enrollment increase, Fallis said.

“We’re relying on one-time federal stimulus money — about $106 million — to provide adequate classes to our new and existing students,” Fallis said. “That money goes away at the end of this year, and we don’t know if the state will be able to replace it.

If we do not receive the amount of funding we are requesting from the legislature, that means we need to find a more stable source of funding and unfortunately that means student fees.”

According to Fallis, the CSU has two primary sources of funding — state support lends about two-thirds of overall financial support and student fees cover the remaining third.

The Board of Trustees adopted a budget request of the state which asks the governor and the legislature to “buy out” the fee increase.

“We are hopeful the state will prioritize the money to buy out the tuition increase,” Fallis said. “If they do so, the CSU will rescind the fee increase and students will not be required to pay it.”

Due to financial aid, half of all undergraduate students in the CSU system will not pay the raised tuition fees. Generally, if an undergraduate dependent student and their family makes $70,000 or less, the financial aid award would be equal to or greater than the tuition level.

Even if the income is more than that, a student still can qualify for some financial aid.

“For the Cal Grant it’s equivalent to whatever the tuition level is, so if tuition goes up, the grant goes up,” Fallis said. “One of the most important things for students to do once they apply to the university is to fill out the FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) because a lot of students who think they don’t qualify for aid may qualify.”

Therefore, the tuition increase will directly impact students that do not receive financial aid.

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Head of Access and Interlibrary Services

Student Trustee Nicole Anderson voted against the tuition increase and was the only committee member to do so. Since starting school in 2007 and now with the 5 percent and the 10 percent increase, her fees have increased over 70 percent. She said the tuition hike impacts middle class students.

“While we still remain an extremely affordable education system, especially nation-wide, I feel if we continue at this rate it’s not going to be obtainable for a lot of students,” Anderson said. “It’s the students that see Tuition, page 2
The Student Quality Advisory Committee (SQAC) held its first meeting of the year to discuss any concerns within the student population on Nov. 9 at the Sandwich Factory.

SQAC is an open forum aimed at sharing campus concerns the most beneficial. Maddy French said this committee is important to students, "Basically, we're here to help students on-campus, find out what's happening on-campus and address questions students may have."

The club strives for student quality, how life is viewed on and off-campus and what things can be done to assist in any way possible. Dean of Student Affairs Jean DeCosta finds student involvement to be crucial to improve Cal Poly. "My interest is hearing from students regarding concerns, issues, problems, even things that go well," DeCosta said at the meeting. "This is an opportunity for us to get to know (students) and to decide whether there are areas of concern."

Vice President for Student Affairs Cornel Morton said rep. see Committee, page 3.

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"In previous years it was very frustrating, at least for me as a student advocate, to see my fees going up just to maintain the status quo," Anderson said. "No one wants to see tuition go up but at least if it's going up we're getting more for our money."

President of CSSA Chris Chavez said he was also disappointed with the raised tuition. "The capital by asking legislature to look at a way besides just increasing tuition. He, along with fellow members of CSSA, wrote to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees to publicly state their opposition. "We (the CSSA) know the CSU was in a tough position" Chavez said. "We're happy to hear they are going to commit this money to course stability and student services, but in the end the unfortunate thing is this fee increase pulls away from the master plan of higher education in California."

Chavez said he plans to continue with his message, pointing out to legislature how much the increased tuition impacts students. He also wants to work with the CSU system to find alternatives to fee increases, he said. "We're moving backward not forward," Chavez said. "We're seeing students paying more for the cost of education, which is completely contrary to the promise that Californians were made when this master plan was drawn up. I do think we need to start thinking critically here and look for any way possible that will help out our students."

Cal Poly students and staff have mixed views toward the increased tuition. Philosophy senior Robert Cameron said he does not approve of the raised fees. "Woopidy-do, now I get to pick up more hours of work," Cameron said. "It's coming out of my pocket to pay for students that have been
Entrepreneurial week aims for inspiration

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Entrepreneurs around the world will unite in the U.S. this week for the annual Cal Poly Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) on Oct. 15-21. Throughout the week, groups from 100 different countries have organized events, games and competitions to spread awareness about entrepreneurship.

As stated on the website for the event, the idea is to bring young people of the world to utilize innovation and creativity as a way to generate new ideas.

Anne Gilberg, the National Director for GEW/USA since 2009, said in an email the GEW is truly a grass-roots movement.

"It is implemented in each country by a host organization that recruits partners. These activities can be anything the partner organization thinks their audience would be most interested in and/or finds the most productive," Gilberg said.

Countries such as Malaysia and Turkey launched GEW early with networking meetings in addition to a "Breakfast Penn Conference," said the website.

However, in the U.S. the activities begin Oct. 15 and run until Nov. 21. The University of California, Berkeley and other universities are teaming up with Intel to find the technologies and inventors that can have the greatest impact.

Nearly 30 teams will come to Berkeley to compete for up to $45,000 in prize money, as stated on the campus website. Those looking for GEW activities at Cal Poly will have the opportunity to experience Roadtrip Nation on Dexter Lawn on Nov. 17.

Roadtrip Nation is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating educational resources via video interviews said Austin Cordon, the vice president of programs for Cal Poly Entrepreneurs and business administration senior.

In 2001, four students had recently graduated from college and decided to buy an old RV to travel the country interviewing people they looked up to. The students blossomed into a bigger project when the group realized the value of what they were doing, and decided to share the information they received with other people who may find it inspiring.

From 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, students will be able to walk inside the Roadtrip Nation van to learn more about how to follow their dreams and more about their goals.

"They are teaching us that by following our heart and doing what we love to do, we live a more fulfilling life and are able to give back to the world in a genuine way," Cordon said.

The president of the Cal Poly Entrepreneurs and business administration junior Max Mero said from what he knew about the organization, this event should be positive for the students at Cal Poly.

"We are going to use this as a focal point for the activities that we do in the future ... we will continue to challenge kids to think outside the box," Mero said.

"The Cal Poly Entrepreneurs are in their second year of operation. The club is centered on the idea of launching new businesses and developing the necessary skills to create a successful business, Cordon said.

"I grew up seeing my dad in a nine-to-five job is to encourage people to do that just aren't what I wanted," Mero said. "I'm not saying you have to go out and start your own business, but you can use entrepreneurial skills to make your job better."

Dr. Jonathan York, co-founder of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Cal Poly said GEW is a great way to not only focus on general entrepreneurship, but to also highlight the Cal Poly Entrepreneurs.

"Entrepreneurship is more important than ever with all of the economic and financial problems that people and businesses are having," York said.

By creating an entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country and throughout the world we can create more jobs and ensure that a recession does not happen again, Gilberg said.

York also said this week will help bring recognition to entrepreneurship, and said we have to recognize the importance of entrepreneurship all the time.

After GEW is over, York said she hopes people, especially Cal Poly students, take an interest in entrepreneurship and participate in future events the Cal Poly Entrepreneurs host.

"We have a whole year's worth of plans," York said.

By doing so, the Cal Poly Entrepreneurs can spread the word about entrepreneurship, he said.

"A lot of people think that it is about starting your own business but it's actually an attitude to take control of your own future," York said.

Many people believe entrepreneurs are only business administration majors, but the main idea of the Cal Poly Entrepreneurs is to encourage people from multiple disciplines to join the organization, Cordon said.

"I learned how wrong that assumption is because any person with the idea, motivation and skill set can become an entrepreneur," Gilberg said.

Tuition

planned incorrectly for. They get one-time stimulus money, so they welcome aboard a whole bunch of new students who are obviously going to be here for more than a year.

Head of Access and Interdisciplinary Services Judy Drake has worked at the Robert E. Kennedy Library for 35 years and graduated from Cal Poly in 1972. She said she was disappointed with the tuition increase.

"I'm sad they continue to have to do this," Drake said. "To me education should be a right not a privilege. It's too bad that politics have to play such a big part in education."

Despite beliefs, the members of the Board of Trustees understand students' concerns, Fallis said.

"Raising tuition is not something the CSU system does lightly but when it becomes a question of whether or not we provide quality access or not, we need to make sure we have the classes, advising and services to really make it a worthwhile educational experience," Fallis said.

Committee

representation aids the development in making the university exceptional for students.

"The more opportunity we have in the administration to learn about what students are interested in and what students consider important, the better," Morton said. "That's why we have college councils: ASI, SQAC (and) Poly Ambassador. If SQAC persists, it will persist because students want it to persist. We want to make this work."

In regards to its members, SQAC participation is selective. The club is based on either initiation or nomination.

"In terms of its structure, SQAC is probably not going to grow to be a 50-member group, it's not that kind of group," Morton said. "It's going to be less than a dozen students (but) that's because we're saying, 'Don't come, we don't want you.' I think the characteristics of an informal advisory group of this kind is probably going to be more effective if we can focus on particular issues that perhaps a representative body of students bring forward. That doesn't have to number in the dozens."

Being student-directed, led and focused, participants of the committee voiced several topics of concern at the meeting. Topics discussed included class registration, potential cheating, the availability and ability to enroll into classes and the overall necessity of general education (GE) classes. GE classes received mixed reviews. Students said GE courses can be a good source for students to expand outside of their major, but the student lack of interest for the courses affects the students.

Social sciences senior Michelle Fox said this is a typical trend with students.

"(GE classes) force teachers to deal with GE kids (who) aren't interested in going further into the class," Fox said. "Kids who are interested in going further are not benefiting from it at all."

Some students, however, are forced to take classes because of unit requirement or for electives. This means students may be less interested in the subjects.

"People should get into classes that they are interested in," Fox said. (For example), if I have to take a D3 and I know that I want to take this class but I don't get into it, I have to settle for something else. I'm not going to be as excited (for it compared to) that one class I could have had."

Business administration senior Robin Garcia also said it has to do with the student's attitude.

"It think it depends on your approach as a student as well," Garcia said. "With maturity comes more respect for teachers. You may realize that it's all connected, even though it's not drawn out for you."

Regardless, no matter what issues or problems students may deal with, members are glad there is a committee where they are comfortable enough to voice their opinions.

"I think (the SQNC) is great," Garcia said. "I'm glad I could give back as a fourth year. Our voice is actually being heard; large-scale surveys are not the same," Garcia said.

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On Friday, the top two House Democrats told him he would be free within 15 to 30 days. The report is the first sign of a possible new release date for the 13, after an unofficial deadline of Sunday passed without word from the Republican government of the Catholic Church, which has been announcing the releases.

Alejandrina García, the wife of Dinorado González, said he told her that a senior State Security official in his home province of Mhasas visited him in prison Tuesday and told him he would be freed in 15 days to one month. There was no immediate word on whether the other 12 dissidents also have been approached by officials with word on possible release dates.

WASHINGTON D.C. (MCT) — President Barack Obama and Democratic leaders may actually have found something to agree on: Eliminating congressional "earmarks" from the federal budget.

They represent less than 1 percent of federal spending, but they have come to symbolize Washington's wasteful ways.

When huge spending bills are working their way through Congress, legislators often tack on provisions that come with "earmarks" measures that come with special favors. The money could be better spent elsewhere, they say.

Make sure the public knows what is being legislated, he explains, will be the way to keep bad republican ideas in check.

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — A woman accused of slashing actor Leonardo DiCaprio's face with a glass during a 2005 party in the Hollywood Hills has been charged by the San Francisco district attorney's office on Friday.

Carlos-Valentino, a security guard and the father of eight, was distraught over financial pressures.

The announcement followed huge democratic losses in the midterm election, which left a small but increasing number of moderate democrats suggesting she retire from party leadership.

The party ran millions of dollars worth of ads attacking democratic policies she helped engineer and linking several democrats to her platform, many of whom went down in defeat.

Eshoo says part of the reason Pelosi should remain at the helm is to ensure her democratic accomplishments stand.

"One of the professed purposes of Republicans is to repeal health care, to repeal Wall Street reforms, to repeal gains that have been made and that were very important," she said.

Eshoo was a close ally, as was Farr, on Pelosi's hallmark issues, including tough regulations on health insurance companies, rein in the financial industry and launching billions of dollars in stimulus funds to kick-start the economy.

As minority leader, Pelosi would no longer set the agenda for the House, which will rest with the new republican speaker.

Instead, she would serve as the voice of her party's interests, meaning often working in a defensive posture.

The minority leader is chosen in a closed-door party vote, scheduled for Wednesday.

Eshoo and other Pelosi allies expect her to be reinstated with ample support. No competition has publicly emerged.

Still, some democrats are showing resistance. Reps. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio, and Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., have penned a letter to their colleagues asking the decision on the minority leader be postponed until the party has had time to analyze the election and understand its "historic losses."

 Pelosi, in an op-ed piece published in USA Today this past week, wrote that the election was not a referendum on her leadership but on the economy.

Farr called Pelosi the "smartest, most hard-working person" in Congress whose will is needed to keep the democratic agenda from slipping.

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In his Saturday radio address, Obama said that curtailing or eliminating "earmarks" would be a first step toward restoring fiscal responsibility.

On Friday, the top two House Republicans said they planned to hold a vote in the Republican conference to call for "an immediate ban on earmarks" in the new Congress.

But it is not clear how many Republicans on Capitol Hill will agree on eliminating earmarks in the end.

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G-20 summit resolves little for U.S. economy

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The Group of 20 summit ended Friday with a declaration of broad principles but no commitment to immediate action, signaling that the United States will have to go it alone in dealing with its fragile economy and near-double digit unemployment.

In their final declaration, leaders of the world’s most powerful economies pledged to work together and to refrain from protectionist devaluation of currencies. They also agreed to take steps to promote growth in low-income countries. But when it came to specifics, a U.S. proposal to set numerical limits on trade surpluses and deficits was rejected.

Leaders of the world’s 20 biggest economies pledged only to develop “indicative guidelines” to assess imbalances in the first half of next year. They also refused to endorse a U.S. effort to force China to raise the value of its currency.

“Any sense of global solidarity looks to have been yesterday’s story,” said Tim Condon, chief economist at ING Financial Markets in Singapore.

Essentially, that left the administration — along with American workers, families and businesses — to shoulder the challenge and the likely pain of trying to solve the nation’s economic problems on its own.

“Obama is now in a position where he must be prepared to act unilaterally to reduce the trade deficit and to shore up U.S. industrial and technological competitiveness or risk losing not only the presidency in two years, but also the American dream,” said Clyde Prestowitz, a former Reagan administration trade negotiator and now president of the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington.

There are several possible scenarios going forward.

One is that the exporting giants, including China, Germany, South Korea and Japan, will change their positions. If the U.S. economic growth remains low, unemployment high and incomes stagnant, consumers could cut back on their purchases of imported goods — a development that could hurt the exporting nations hard because there is no alternative market right now to absorb their output.

If demand for their products drops, the leaders who humbled Obama in Seoul might decide it was in their interest to do more to bolster the U.S. economy.

Another possibility is that American consumers will return to their free-spending ways — as a recent surge in imports suggests they might. That will mean more credit card and other debt, as well as a potential for another financial crisis, unless consumers’ spending power also accelerates.

With unemployment seemingly stuck near 10 percent and businesses guarding their profit margins, a hefty round of salary increases looks like a long shot.

A third possible scenario, and perhaps the most likely, is that the U.S. economy will continue to struggle, growing slowly in an atmosphere of high joblessness and belt-tightening for government and ordinary Americans alike.

Certainly there are things Obama and the federal government could do to brighten future prospects.

Many economies believe the United States could bolster its competitive- ness in the global economy by investing more in research and education. But the benefits would be relatively long term and would take new federal spending. Given the prospect for partisan gridlock between the White House and embattled congressional Republicans, such spending seems unlikely. Even without congressional approval, there are other tools Obama could use.

He could cite China as a currency manipulator, if Beijing doesn’t move more quickly in adjusting its undervalued yuan, setting in motion a process that could lead to sanctions.

His administration could apply tariffs unilaterally on certain imports, or undertake a Buy American program, as Ottawa has essentially done for government business.

But such actions are fraught with political as well as economic risks. As British Prime Minister David Cameron warned Thursday, they could lead to a dangerous return to what happened in the 1930s when trade barriers, currency wars and other selfish actions by countries prolonged the global depression.

Although nations now have the tools to reduce the intensity of the standoff, the possibility of a currency war “absolutely” remains, said Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega upon the conclusion of the two-day summit.

Canada’s Prime Minister Stephen Harper expressed similar concern, saying, “G-20 credibility does depend on showing results — we cannot get out of this with beggar-thy-neighbor policies.”

Obama sought to put an optimis- tic face on prospects for the future.

“Sometimes I think naturally there’s an instinct to focus on the dis- agreements,” the president said, when in fact “in each of these successive summits we’ve actually made prog- ress.”

He said there was not a lot of dis- cussion about the Federal Reserve’s recent plan to pump $600 billion into the U.S. financial system — effective- ly printing billions of dollars to spur U.S. growth.

The move has been widely criti- cized by other countries as a tactic to suppress the value of the dollar to help American exporters compete, though currency and other policies in the leading exporting nations are also de- signed to help their own economies.

America’s large public debts and fiscal deficits also drew fire, especially with fiscally conservative nations such as Germany, which resisted U.S. pressure for high-saving nations to step up their consumption. Even stubborn American allies United Kingdom and Canada were reluctant to support stronger U.S. language in the declara- tion on rebal- ancing, given their own domestic com- mitments to fiscal restraint despite re- sistance from their peers.

“I think it was always clear that the G-20 would not achieve a little concrete on the imbalances, and it has indeed kicked the problem down the road,” said Raghuram Rajan, a University of Chicago finance profes- sor and former chief economist at the International Monetary Fund, which this week has warned that another financial crisis is possible.

“If the G-20 would fail to put a little more credit on the imbalances, and it has indeed kicked the problem down the road,” said Raghuram Rajan, a University of Chicago finance profes- sor and former chief economist at the International Monetary Fund, which this week has warned that another financial crisis is possible.

“The reality is that every large currency will do what it thinks will work for its own agenda, and any help they offer one another will be indirect,” Rajan said.

“In the medium term, these aven- dus could converge, but the medium term is too long for political com- fort.”

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New coffee shop Kreuzberg, Ca brings a little Berlin to town

Kreuzberg, Ca, a new coffee shop and used bookstore located on Monterey Street opened two weeks ago. Since then, it has generated a buzz for implementing a "pay what you feel" structure to Kreuzberg’s customers — which continued through the week of Nov. 1.

James Whitaker created the space which replicates his two year experience in Berlin, Germany, after partnering with his old roommate, Chris Tarcon, and three months of planning. He said it is a portal to the history of Kreuzberg, however, didn’t always include hip indie coffee shops, Whitaker said.

"It was right next to the (Berlin) wall so one never wanted to live there," Whitaker said. "But when the wall came down, all those people moved there — young people, talented people, writers, fashion designers, musicians from all over Europe like Amsterdam, Paris, London, and it became this creative hub. When I came back to San Luis Obispo, I wanted to bring a little bit of Kreuzberg with me."

Whitaker said the two months he spent in Berlin this past summer made him fall in love with it all over again and he decided to translate his love for Berlin into a real space.

"It’s always been a dream to own a bookstore/coffee shop, but the Berlin influence made it kind of the way it is now — sort of a non-traditional quirky cool coffee shop," Whitaker said. Falling into a category of its own, Kreuzberg, Ca is now — sort of a non-traditional coffee shop in San Luis Obispo, such as the coffee shop in San Luis Obispo, such as the coffee shop in San Luis Obispo anymore — you’re in Kreuzberg, California," Whitaker said. "You’re in a different place, a different sort of vibe, a different energy."

The interior is complete with hardwood floors, couches, chairs, dining room tables and walls covered in bookshelves and contemporary art, which is based on Whitaker’s idea of the atmosphere in Berlin coffee shops.

"When you walk in these doors, I want you to feel like you’re not in San Luis Obispo anymore — you’re in Kreuzberg, California," Whitaker said. "You’re in a different place, a different sort of vibe, a different energy."

Students enjoy the new elements too. Liberal studies junior Sadie Jones said she noticed the difference in ambiance from any typical coffee shop in San Luis Obispo, such as the giant menu projected on a wall. "What caught my eye was that there was a typewriter with index cards and you can post what you type on a wall," Jones said. "And there's the same thing at the (other) coffee shops.”

However, the late closing is tentative and depends on whether customers utilize the coffee shop during the early hours.

"We’ll be open until two as long as people are here," Whitaker said. "If there’s no one here at 12:30 a.m., then we’re going home, but if there are people here studying and hanging out, then we’re open until two."

Whitaker’s strategy is working so far. Liberal arts and engineering studies senior Pat Robertson, who bartends down the street from Kreuzberg, Ca, said he feels comfortable knowing there’s a spot to relax after he gets off.

"It’s so necessary — so needed to have a coffee shop open that late,” Robertson said. "As far as bartending, it’s super reassuring to know right down the street after work I can go and actually hang out and have a cup of tea."

The owner’s experience in Berlin inspired the interior of Kreuzberg, Ca, which is based on Whitaker’s idea of the atmosphere in Berlin coffee shops.

"When I was at Cal Poly, I used to have to go to Denny’s to study because every coffee shop was closed; it was me and all the depressing waitresses at four in the morning trying to study," Whitaker said. "So I wanted to make a place where you could come and stay late."
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Mon Night Football

$5 Dollar Oyster

$5 Pints, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Fries, Nachos

$5 1/2lb Grad Burger with 2 sides

Chili Burger $6.00

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When I came to college, I knew the day when I would have my first direct encounter with the police was just around the corner — and I was right.

It all started last weekend. I decided I wanted to go out and party, but unfortunately my friends were already at an off campus apartment. They told me they couldn’t pick me up, so I chose to make the journey across campus and into town alone.

As if this situation wasn’t dangerous enough, I was dressed in a costume for a themed party — but I was determined to make it to my friend’s door where a bouncer greeted us. A friend and I strategically distracted the bouncer while our male friend snuck in through the gate.

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Adding to my embarrassment, two boys in a sedan even felt the need to ask if I wanted a ride. I could not decide if the offer was more creepy or thoughtful, so I declined, remembering what my mother had always said about strangers in my car.

It turned out the eventful walk was only the beginning of an even more eventful evening. After getting lost and finding my way again, I eventually arrived safely at the apartment complex where my friends were waiting.

I was relieved to finally be in their company and still in one piece. We gathered our things and began walking to the costume party. Along the way, we all came to realize we were in somewhat of a pickle — it was specified that the party was only for girls. Our days had been as I walked the streets of San Luis Obispo, updating my friend on my whereabouts regularly.

As the night progressed, we eventually arrived safely at the apartment complex where my friends were waiting.

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The Man teaches freshman lesson

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funny little quotes and little idioms.

Jones said she has an affinity for hardwood floors and likes the whole look of the inside and the comfortable furniture.

“It was kind of like a giant living room, where people serve you coffee.”

Perhaps the most striking part of the shop is the replica of a piece done by a well-known street artist, Blu, in Berlin. Whitaker said it’s reflective of the East and West tension in Germany before the Berlin wall came down.

“It was a literal iron curtain in a city looking over the fence at each other,” Whitaker said. “So if you look at these guys, one of them is making an ‘E’ with his hands, the other guy is making a ‘W’ so they’re kind of pulling their masks off each other and exposing that they’re really the same underneath.”

Not only are students immersed in the atmosphere the coffee shop brings to San Luis Obispo, but they’re also interested in the most collegiate element of all — the books.

Economics junior Ari Kofman is going to check out the shop to see what books he can find and potentially exchange, he said: “I heard that you can bring in a book and take another one,” Kofman said. “I thought that was a cool concept.”

The abundance of books adds an intellectual gravitas that you wouldn’t get without them, Whitaker said. “I think books, especially used books, have a creative ambiance when they fill up a space,” Whitaker said. “A hot drink and a book are meant for each other.”

Although Whitaker is only sleeping three hours a night, he said it’s the sacrifice he makes for opening a business, at least for now.

“You give birth to no thing, then you have to nourish it, and then eventually it grows up and it takes care of you,” Whitaker said.

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What it means to be a Conservative

In a political landscape of scandals and corruption instead of just throwing out surly voters are favoring a more moderate party. Much of this is due to a common problem in the Republican and Democratic parties. People typically apply the term “liberal” to the Democratic Party and “conservative” to the Republican Party. However, calling the Republican Party as “conservative” and as a consequence, it is not as accurate as it is used to be. This separation is most likely due to the Republican Party’s inability to be consistent in their beliefs and policies, which has many elephant supporters wondering where to place their trust and, more importantly, their votes.

Author Derek Haynes is a self-proclaimed student of politics and conservatism who, like me, believes most of us in the U.S. are feeling “disenfranchised from politics,” and Republic isn’t just that you’re not detached from conservatism. In his online column “The Conservative Thinker,” he narrows conservative viewpoints down to a bullet point. I will go through each bullet and describe each of his factors.

First on Haynes’ list is limited government. This describes a shift of power from the federal government to state and local governments. To me, the importance of this is to bring politics closer to home. Liberals feel a strong central government equals stability, but in reality it makes it harder to hear the people’s needs. It is not uncommon to find an American who feels the government is distant and needs are not being met since most political happenings are in Washington, D.C.

Economically, Conservatives support low taxes and free markets. The belief in free markets is a major difference between Conservatives and Republicans who still support the dreaded “big business.”

Liberals tend to be in favor of a progressive tax which takes higher taxes for everyone and takes an even higher percentage from the upper class. Conservatives favor a flat tax which takes the same amount across all social classes. Obama’s view of taxation allows the government to control where money is being allocated, but Conservatives’ flat tax allows the people to decide their own tax rates.

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Great article, I can relate firsthand. I am currently dealing with a similar situation at my old school, and it was gut-wrenching for a certain university and they took my scholarship away because they figured I dropped out after a year and spent their time at Cuesta trying to get back into Poly. It’s really unfair and unethical how they sometimes treat us student athletes. We get injured playing for their program yet they turn their backs on us when we are injured. There needs to be an act passed that could protect us athletes.

I think that to truly have either of these principles as realities in society, we need BOTH liberty and liberty. I think a lot of the arguments I see on the news and I hear in conversations miss that.

Aaron, I think that one’s value judgments regarding how we create equality depends upon one’s own perception – and I think proposing a view that creating equality in society is akin to taking away our liberty requires a person to pick and choose what they define as equalizing programs. If you think that creating equality is a burden on the wealthy, then I’d say you’re going to have the view you described above: that the government forcing the wealthy to do something in which they see no value. Therefore, one might argue, liberty is lost.

However, if we talk about programs like financial aid, the CSU, the public school system, the public medical system... these are all paid for by the government and thus by the tax dollars of the American people (mostly middle class Americans and not wealthy, I might add). Are we going to say that those equalizing forces in America are bad and don’t do anything to serve the public interest? I doubt many (except the far right reactionaries) would make that argument about public education or the CSU. So I think we need to have a conversation about what programs we want to label as “bad” when we talk about equalizing programs as being representative of the government taking away the liberty that we hold dear.

I argue that some things are necessary in order to keep the opportunity for equality available for all Americans. And to answer your question, about whether we’re okay with “forced,” I don’t think we have to do much more than we’re doing right now – except to make the tax system more just. I think the middle class and upper middle class shoulder a lot more burden of tax per dollar of income than the “rich.” And I don’t think that’s really fair. As Jeremy noted above, Warren Buffett pays a smaller share of taxes than his secretary and chauffeur.

This is just one more piece of a larger conversation. Take it for what you will.
It took six games for the Cal Poly men's basketball team to earn its first win last season. This year, it only took one. The Mustangs defeated Seattle University 76-60 Sunday night in their season opener.

Forward David Hanson led the Mustangs with 22 points on the night. Center Will Donahue boasted a double-double, scoring 16 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

The Mustangs return to action in their home opener Thursday night against Cal State Monterey Bay.

The sloppy play continued to a lesser extent on both sides for the rest of the match, resulting in an overall hitting percentage of .194 for the Mustangs and .186 for the Tigers.

On Saturday against UC Davis, the home crowd bid farewell to two Mustangs, Olowolafe and Alison Mort for Senior night.

Stevenson had mixed emotions about their send off.

"I didn't want to say goodbye because we believe we have a lot more season to go," he said. "But it was important for them to say goodbye to the home fans."

The two seniors went on to lead the Mustangs to their final home victory. Olowolafe recorded the most Mustang digs.

Overall, the Mustangs improved from Friday night as the Mustangs hit .292, and Olowolafe and Holly Franks hit above .420, while holding UC Davis to .189.

Stevenson said he was especially impressed with the Mustangs' third game. After dropping the previous game 25-23, Cal Poly held the Aggies to only 12 points.

The team faces UC Riverside in Cal Poly's final regular season match on Friday. The Highlanders have not won a game in conference this season.

"We will all be together that Sunday to find out who we play," Stevenson said.
Cal Poly falls in final minute to rival UC Davis

Brian De Los Santos

Play after play, drive after drive, Cal Poly’s game against UC Davis Saturday night began to look more and more like last year’s contest.

At the end of the game, it was close to a picture-perfect replica.

With 35 seconds left on the clock, Aggies’ quarterback Randy Wright connected with Sean Creadick on a five-yard touchdown strike, fueling the Aggies (5-5, 3-1 Great West) 22-21 win and marking UC Davis’ second-straight come from behind win against the Mustangs (7-4, 2-2) in as many years.

“I can’t put it into words right now,” quarterback Tony Smith said. “It’s just a real tough pill to swallow.”

As the story went in last year’s Battle for the Golden Horseshoe, if the game ended at halftime, the Mustangs would have won.

The Mustangs came out of the gates firing on all cylinders, Saturday night. On their first possession of the game, they boasted a 15-play, 82-yard drive, capped with a Jake Romanelli one-yard touchdown run.

On their second possession, they pieced together an eight-play, 66-yard drive, capped with another Romanelli touchdown run. And after fullback Jordan Yocum punched in a five-yard touchdown run, the Mustangs found themselves up 21-0.

Their success even extended further than the scoreboard.

The Mustangs outgained the Aggies 268-97 in total offense during the first half. They held more passing yards and turnover than the scoreboard.

Despite the showing in the second half, there were a couple highlights for Cal Poly on the stat sheet. Running back Mark Rodgers finished the game with a team-high 108 yards off 17 carries. Yocum was the next closest Mustang behind him, finishing with 65 yards.

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For whatever reasons, (we) made some mistakes that were critical mistakes at critical times,” Walsh said. “You can’t do that when a team is playing with the amount of pride that I thought (UC Davis) played with.”

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With guys like Romanelli, Rodgers and quarterback Andre Broadous coming back, Cal Poly could be poised to do big things in 2011.

Romanelli certainly thinks so.

“This isn’t the end of the Mustangs,” Romanelli said. “I’ll tell you that.”

Offensive lineman Will Mitchell was one of 18 seniors who played their final regular season game Saturday night.