



Join the Cal Poly College Republicans for Freedom Week

November 7 - 10

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Mason Weaver Returns to Cal Poly

San Luis Obispo, CA—Social critic **Mason Weaver** will be **returning to Cal Poly** this **Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 PM** to stir up the campus once again.

His speech entitled “**Your Freedoms on Campus**” will take place at Cal Poly in the Business Silo (Bldg. 3-213). He will mainly be addressing the provocative issue of free speech on campus.

Mason is a conservative African American, and former Black Panther who is known to give vibrant presentations on topics ranging from racism to self-motivation.

Mason’s 2002 visit to Cal Poly galvanized a free speech case against student Steve Hinkle who simply posted a flyer announcing the speech, which was entitled “It’s Okay to Leave the Plantation.” The Cal Poly administration charged Hinkle of disruption. The case was settled in Hinkle’s favor with the intervention of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), and Cal Poly had to pay \$40,000 in legal fees to Hinkle.

Although several of Cal Poly’s free speech codes have been changed, the campus’ policies remain ambiguous in specific areas even today.

This event is part of **Freedom Week**, sponsored by the **College Republicans**, which will take place **Monday-Thursday (Nov.7-10)**.

Activities include:

Monday (7:30 PM): Viewing of the short documentary “**Still Point in a Turning World**” about Ronald Reagan, featuring **guest speaker** (and **co-writer**) **Dan Fleurette**. Free refreshments. **(Bldg 53-215)**

Tuesday (7 PM): Mason Weaver Speech (Business Silo)

Wednesday (All Day): In celebration of **World Freedom Day**, we will showcase a **faux Berlin Wall** on Dexter Lawn that will symbolically be torn down at the end of the day

Thursday (3PM till dark): Support the Troops BBQ fundraiser on **Mott Lawn**, with proceeds going to **Operation Gratitude**, an organization that sends supplies to our deployed soldiers.

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