Man dies on Bishop’s Peak

By Christina von Stein
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

You’ve probably caught a glimpse of them tearing up the street, rattling down hills and attracting curious stares. The new scooters have arrived in San Luis Obispo. This new form of transportation has been unprecedented.

The trend, tagged “scootermania,” exploded in crowded metropolitan areas where alternative transit is perceived as more practical than driving. Scooter enthusiasts join the legions of bicyclists, skateboarders and inline skaters to lessen environmental vehicles’ causes of transportation.

Plus, they’re fun.

Ask people why they scout, and they will tell you they do so primarily for the sheer joy of it. Bonnie Hayes, a city and regional planning freshman, bought a scooter a couple of months ago. Hayes viewed a television feature on the widespread use of scooters in downtown Manhattan and searched for them on the Internet.

“I kind of hopped on the bandwagon real quick,” Hayes said. She visited the www.scooter.com site, which specializes in selling the Razor model, one of the more popular brands of scooters. “I went online, ordered it on Monday, and had it on Wednesday,” she said.

Hayes originally bought her scooter with the idea of commuting to school, but quickly changed her mind when she experienced the hills and uneven terrain around Cal Poly.

She plans to buy a bicycle for commuting longer distances, but will keep her scooter for cruising around town.

“It’s not fun to have to go other places, but it probably won’t use it for school like I thought I was,” Hayes said.

“I would definitely recommend them, because they’re a whole bunch of fun!” she said.

Despite the enthusiasm of retailers such as Toro’s Toys, Cal Poly is giving scooters the same consideration as skateboards, which are outlawed. University Police Officer Jeff Joynt reiterated Cal Poly’s alternative transportation policy: “There is no skateboarding or rollerblading on campus, and scooting falls under that category,” Joynt said. He noted that he has seen a few on campus, but that “police officers have been directed to issue citations.”

Scootering tickets are $25 initially. Violators are forwarded to Judicial Affairs. Since January 2000, officers have issued approximately 50 tickets to skateboarders. Joynt appreciated that scooters are run and functional, and mentioned see SCOOTERS, page 2

Scootermania invades town, campus

By Jennifer Hansen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Emotions were high as Cal Poly student Josh Souza emerged from the “Big Brother” house to greet his family, friends and fans Friday night.

Souza, a 23-year-old civil engineering senior, came in second place to win $100,000 for his three-month stay in front of cameras and microphones that watched and recorded every move.

The grand prize of $50,000 went to Eddie McGee, a University of Texas student from Long Island, N.Y. McGee and Souza were two of the three houseguests to escape banishment. The third prize of $50,000 went to contestant Curtis Kim, a lawyer from New York.

“Big Brother” is a reality-based show that puts 13 strangers in cramped living quarters on a CBS Studio City Lot. The houseguests were forced to nominate each other for banishment. Fans of the show then called a 1-900 hotline to choose who they wanted to see leave the house.

The final episode of CBS’s “Big Brother” brought together the seven banished houseguests as well as fans and family to welcome the final three contestants back into the real world.

“I didn’t think he’d get past ninth (round of nominations),” Pechtel said. “Ultimately he is a really good guy, and that’s what came see JOSH, page 2

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that his daughters, aged 13 and 15, want one.

"They just love to have one," he said. "They feel like they're the envy of the block." To meet the demand, Storefront, a downtown area shop that sells scooters, says it has seen a 30 percent increase in sales over the holidays.

A localarethas sold scooters to customers ranging from age five to 65 years old.

Several stores, including those that sell Formula One and Formula Two, are also seeing a surge in scooter sales. One local retailer, who requested anonymity, said it has sold over 500 scooters in the past month.

One of the main reasons for the increase in sales is the cost. Scooters are less expensive than other forms of transportation, making them an attractive option for many people.

The popularity of scooters is also due to the convenience they offer. They are easy to store and transport, and they require less maintenance than cars or motorcycles.

Despite the increase in sales, there are some concerns about the safety of scooters. The Austin City Council has recently passed a new ordinance that requires scooters to be registered with the city. This is a step in the right direction, but more needs to be done to ensure the safety of scooter riders.

In conclusion, the increase in scooter sales is likely to continue, as more people are realizing the benefits of this convenient and affordable form of transportation.
LOS ANGELES (AP) — In one of the most popular TV series ever, "Cheers" was the neighborhood bar where everybody knew your name. And audiences knew the characters by name, says George Wendt and John Ratzenberger, who portrayed Norm the accountant and Kinsella doesn't want the Supreme Court to decide the TV series ever, "Cheers" was the neighborhood bar where everybody knew your name. And audiences knew the characters by name, says Dale Kinsella, the lawyer representing the character, with the idea, changing the character names to Rob and Mustang Daily is looking for columnists! HEALTH...TECHNOLOGY...ENVIRONMENT...ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING ELSE for Opinion and Feature sections. For information, contact Adam Jarman, editor in chief, at 756-1796. Mustang Daily is looking for columnists! HEALTH...TECHNOLOGY...ENVIRONMENT...ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING ELSE for Opinion and Feature sections. For information, contact Adam Jarman, editor in chief, at 756-1796.
Concidences shouldn't be that surprising

While at the Counting Crows/Live concert in Irvine this weekend, I had an unusual experience.

It had nothing to do with the hands or the music or the concert itself. It had to do with where I was sitting, or, more specifically, who was sitting near me.

As my friends and I waited for the lights to dim and the artists to take the stage, the stranger sitting behind me started talking to me. "Do you go to Cal Poly?" he asked.

Apparently, he noticed my backward baseball cap emblazoned with our school's logo. It turns out he lives in Atascadero, and is very familiar with Cal Poly.

This is not the weird part.

While we chatted at the coincidence of two sets of people driving from the Central Coast to Irvine to sit right next to each other at a concert, the couple next to the people behind me suddenly leaned over and started talking to me too.

This couple, relatively new to the Central Coast recognized me after having seen me at church last week.

So now, the four people directly behind our group are talking to me, chatting about Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and the surrounding area and waiting for the show to start. This is not an isolated concert case, either.

My friend Whitney went to a concert last weekend in San Francisco. While there, she ran into several ex-San Luis Obispo residents by chance. She said she learned some of the people she ran into in San Francisco, which, although not in a different state, is not exactly our neighboring city either.

These were unusual experiences, but they are not unique to SLO residents or new to me, for that matter. I once ran into the same girl from my elementary school three separate times on a trip to Canada. I met a woman from Santa Barbara who knew the only two people I knew in Orange County. My parents often see people they know in random places as airports in Houston, and we're Sacramento natives.

When it comes down to odds and averages, small coincidences like this shouldn't surprise anyone. When you think of all the people you know, and all the people you know through them, the number total up fast. Add to that the sheer number of people who simply have something in common with you, like going to the same school, living in the same city or attending the same concert.

What should be surprising is that coincidences like this don't happen more often. You shouldn't be able to go anywhere without running into someone you can identify with, whether you have a mutual friend, teacher or ex-classmate.

In fact, we all probably run into people like this all the time, but it's impractical (and amusing) to start calculating acquaintances whenever someone suspects a connection.

We've all experienced that social unpleasantry, and most of us are guilty of it too.

"You went to Sacramento High School! Do you know Jason? Or Rachel?"

So, next time you have a chance encounter with someone in a random place, don't get all excited. Just remember the law of averages and try to collect some juicy gossip. You may need it to pass on during your next random meeting.

Ryan Miller is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily opinion editor.
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Politicists dodge real issues in recent TV ads

The presidential elections are coming up. I know it. You know it. The entire world probably knows it. Yet, do you hear any heated debates in the town's coffee shops? Does any one mention exactly why?

As Bush spokesman, Ari Fleischer, said to The Houston Chronicle: "Our strategy is to outline the framework of the campaign," meaning that they are meant to get beyond the images and provoking statements instead of discussing anything in detail.

In Bush commercial, he speaks directly to the voters saying: "It's not popular to say, "Our children can't wait... Social Security needs improving," or "We have a budget with a surplus and deficits of values," but the right things are the right say. And the right way to make America better for everyone is to be bold and decisive. To unite instead of divide. Now is the time to do hard things."

"I'm sure viewers were enlightened by that ad. Now all know how he plans to make this a better country, Right?"

"A Gore is not off the hook either. In response to Bush's ad, the Gore campaign put out a quick, neaty check saying: "All of three George W. Bush policies and leadership, but Bush has failed voters on both." OK, now I really feel cheered up. But even when issues are brought up, the 30 seconds seem to only offer temporary solutions using the infamous budget surplus."

In Los Angeles, Bush appears, saying the country is going through a "school recession." His solution is to use surplus dollars to give schools who improve their standing, a bonus. Bush's plan is to motivate schools to do better. This way, the schools that have wealth wealthy families willing to donate money into new programs will be able to "better their standing" and qualify for an extra bonus. Those schools in poorer neighborhoods that have no possibility of improving (unless the teachers decide to work extra time for free) won't qualify.

Let's not talk about the real issue. Let's not mention that the nation is having a hard time recruiting new teachers since they get paid less than truck drivers."

"So the main way Americans are getting the latest scoop on campaign issues is through the sea of unimportant distracts and irrelevant details as political campaigns ads - 50 percent more than in 1996, and double the amount in 1992."

"Marketing companies are running the show, and they are running it with no regard for the diverse images and rhetorical questions.

Bush and Gore stand on the issues? "Yet, do you hear any heated debates in the town's coffee shops? Does any one mention exactly why?

L.A. bus strike raises questions

Hey, let's all sell our cars and go to work on the buses. Then, if buses drive too slowly, they think, like they did in Los Angeles, hitchhikers would become respected members of society.

An alternative to hitchhiking in case of a bus strike is to walk five miles to school instead of traveling by bus. This would save money for insurance coverage to protect innocent bystanders in a financial battle. This insurance would pay for limousine services to transport people to life-sustaining activities, like getting to work, to the doctor and to the grocery store. Being late to college would not happen."

"But lixik at the numbers. The Diffaro concert attracted an 1,470 people last fall, according to the Campus Activities Board. "Weird Al" drew 1,287, of which 936 were either students, faculty or staff.

In the fall of 1998, The Tragically Hip drew 3,330. It's probably not easy to Kxik a recent concert, especially at tiny St. Bonaventure. But lixik at the numbers."

Remember back in sixth grade when someone would bring in a "Weird Al" Kanye-knick to school? Every kid would come gather in the back of the classroom to catch a first glimpse at his hair cut."

"This is hilarious," one would say. "He says no puns. Nobody makes fun of Michael Jackson."

"It's like I'm listening to another popular song but he's changed the lyrics and made them funny," another would say. Fast forward to today. Someone has taken Al's tape and cut the tapes to "Weird Al" school to some one actually brought him on. On Wednesday "Weird Al" played at the Reilly Center as part of the fall concert. I was one of the few students who greeted the sight of his posters hang around campus with something more than a moan and a shrug."

"Most students probably don't listen to "Weird Al" anymore. In most collections, his tapes sit down at next to Ace of Base and Snow. It's not that he's funny anymore, we just grew out him."

"But "Weird Al" shouldn't have come to play for college students."

Bill Hoppe, St. Bonaventure University via U-Wire.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — At their best, Bob Dole and Al Gore, the two U.S. presidential candidates, could showcase America's mastery of detail and George W. Bush's engaging personal style. At their worst, they could play out more like a battle of sandman vs. preener. The tone of Tuesday's debates — 4½ hours in all beginning Tuesday — will give millions a chance to take their last Bush-Gore trial to state what they think.

There's looking for a person who is not jocular details. He can turn jocular off, dehumanize, is well known for his command of words. Though, when he pushes too hard, don't do him any good.

"It is he seems to have Bullying, his talents don't come into focus: "I don't think they're afraid of anything ... to say what they think."

As an alternative, Nader and Buchanan appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," where they vehemently challenged the commission's decision.

Gore and Bush, meanwhile, continued studying for the debate, with Gore handed down in Sarasota, Fla., where he prepared for his 1996 vice presidential debate, and Bush at his ranch outside Waco, Texas. Buchanan planned campaign Monday in West Virginia before heading to Boston.

Bush, Gore set for Tuesday’s debate

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SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The Sydney Olympics bid farewell to the world Sunday in an Australia-tuned extravaganza of exuberance, sparkling the skies and rocking Olympic Stadium in a closing ceremony bursting with the exhilaration of the land they call Oz.

But before the party, there were a few final stars.

Ceragegne Abena of Ethiopia won the Sydney Olympic's final event — the 26.2-mile marathon — striding into the stadium just a few minutes before it was taken over by the robots on stilts, the Frankenstein kangaroos and the giant shrimp on bicycles that helped Sydney cap its games.

The U.S. “Dream Team” survived another dad dream to capture the gold in an 85-75 victory over Lithuania with just two points.

And what Down Under Olympic closing ceremony could be complete without one last rendition of the cheer now known around the world (though not usually in Marrakesh’s Spanish accents) — “Aussie, Aussie, Aussie” chanted the 80-year-old IOC chief.

“My Ol’ Ol’ Ol’” thundered the crowd.

Closing ceremony caps end of 2000 Sydney Olympics

Sydney 2000

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Summer Olympics Final Medal Count

With 13 minutes left in the second half, Cal Poly sophomore Megan Schlegel just missed a shot by a few feet. Minutes later, Trione missed a shot high.

“We had a lot of good opportunities today,” Trione said. “We just need to work on capitalizing on them a little more.”

St. Mary’s had their chances as well. With just eight minutes left in the game, Garcia let a pass from a teammate slip by her and sail nearly into the net. Fortunately for the Mustangs, the ball rolled just a few feet wide of the goal.

Although the Mustangs weren’t satisfied with the tie, they knew they didn’t play their best.

“I think we could’ve played better today and maybe have come out with a better outcome,” Centore said. “At least we got the tie. It’s not a win and it’s not a loss.”

In Friday night’s game, Cal Poly beat Cal State Bakersfield 10-2.

Sophomore Megan Schlegel scored her fifth goal of the year, while Garcia scored her fourth shutout of the season.

Cal Poly takes their 5-4-1 record into their first Big West Conference game of the season against the University of Pacific next Friday at Mustang Stadium.

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**Sports**

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**Men's soccer beats New Mexico 2-1**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

Cal Poly's men's soccer team scored twice in the first half to beat New Mexico 2-1 in their Mountain Pacific Sports Federation league play on Saturday with a 2-1 win over the University of New Mexico.

Johnny Cummins opened the scoring with a header past New Mexico goalkeeper Chris Morsch to put Cal Poly up 1-0. Evan Clark added to the Mustangs’ lead with a goal at the 65-minute mark.

New Mexico was able to cut Cal Poly's lead in half with a goal by Jeff Whiting at the 72-minute mark in play. Whiting's goal was the only allowed by goalkeeper Brent Madsen.

Cal Poly's next game is against Big West conference opponent Idaho on Saturday in Mott Gym at 7 p.m.

**Volleyball splits road matches**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

Cal Poly split two road matches this weekend against Boise State and Utah State. With the split, the Mustangs' record improved to 4-3.

Cal Poly opened their Big West record with a five-game victory over Boise State. The teams split the first four games before the Mustangs pulled out a 15-7 victory.

Against Utah State, Cal Poly jumped out to win the first two games 15-12 and 15-11. Utah State battled to win the next two games 15-4 and 15-10. In the deciding game, the Mustangs fell to the Aggies 15-9 in front of 534 fans at Utah's Smith Spectrum.

Cal Poly's next game is against Big West conference opponent Idaho on Saturday in Mott Gym at 7 p.m.

**Football defeated in Utah**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

After one quarter at Southern Utah, it appeared that the Mustangs might be able to even their record at 2-2.

The second quarter, however, made it sure that wasn't going to happen. The Thunderbirds scored 21 points in the second quarter en route to a 42-13 win over the Mustangs on Saturday night.

Southern Utah amassed 472 rushing yards against Cal Poly's defense. Quarterback Matt Cannon rushed for 152 yards and two touchdowns and passed for 71 yards and one touchdown. Fullback Rod Madden also picked up 164 yards on 24 carries.

Cal Poly quarterback Seth Burford completed 16 for 35 passes for 219 yards and one touchdown pass to Tim Thurman. Cal Poly missed the extra point, which would have tied the score at 14. Southern Utah went on to tack on another touchdown before halftime making the score 21-13.

The Thunderbirds rolled off 21 straight points in the second half and held Cal Poly scoreless.

**Sports Trivia**

**Yesterday's Answer:**

Dan O'Brien set the decathlon world record after failing to qualify for the event at the 1992 U.S. Olympic Trials.

**Today's Question:**

Who was the first major league to get more than 3,000 hits and 500 home runs?

Please submit sports trivia answer to sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu. Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

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**Briefs**

Giants keep Johnson from 20 wins

PHOENIX (AP) — Trying to win 20 games for the second time in his career, Randy Johnson fell short.

Johnson was knocked out after Calvin Murray's fourth-inning grand slam, and the San Francisco Giants beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 11-4 Sunday in their regular-season finale.

Trying for his first 20-win season since going 20-4 for Seattle in 1989, Johnson (19-7) was pounded for all nine runs — eight earned — and seven hits in 3 1/3 innings.

**Schedule**

**FRIDAY**

- Women's soccer vs. University of Pacific
- at Mustang Stadium
- at 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

- Football vs. St. Mary's
- at Mustang Stadium
- at 6 p.m.

- Women's volleyball vs. Idaho
- at Mott Gym
- at 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

- Women's soccer vs. Long Beach State
- at Mustang Stadium
- at 1 p.m.