**Mail to dorms takes detour**

By Megan Shearn

A new mailing system has been put into effect this quarter for packages larger than a shoebox. Students living in the dorms who receive large packages must pick them up at the mail center rather than at the front desk.

"In the last 10 months we've seen a large increase in number of packages received at the front desk," said Carol Schaffer, assistant director of residential life. "We want to be able to provide security with the packages."

Schaffer said on-line commerce has been a cause of the increased volume of packages.

Before this quarter, packages were accepted at a dorm's front desk. Now, packages that are larger than the standard shoebox must be picked up at the mail center.

The students receive a postcard notifying them a package is waiting for pick-up. "An employee usually stays till 5 p.m. for the students," said Dori Manno, a mail clerk at the mail center. "But we don't hold a package longer than 10 days because we don't have the room."

A student does receive second and third notices, as well as a phone call, Manno said. But the students aren't aware of the longer hours. The postcard says a student can pick up the packages between noon and 3 p.m., said Chris Grame, a computer science junior.

To Grame, this is a pitfall to the new system. Having been a resident advisor (RA) last year, he sees the process as a help to the RA this year in going through the mail.

"There is so much mail you have to sort through. It has to speed up the process," Grame said.

Grame said that a lot of times there is so much mail, including large packages, that students can't get their mail on time.

"One day we had a surfboard, bicycle and a computer delivered. There was no room at the desk," Grame said.

Joel Chapin, a third-year architecture student and an RA in Yosemite Hall, has seen some slams and mines in the new mailing process.

"There seems to be more room at the front desk," Chapin said. "It's really helping us with organization, and especially the administrative part."

Chapin said he's heard a lot of students complaining they have to walk to the mail center.

"It's a minor hassle to go down there," he said. "The students complain a lot because they have to walk there."

Chapin said that 40 percent of the time, the assault is committed by an acquaintance, so women may not realize or accept that they were victimized.

"They have the gut feeling that something was wrong," he said. "Because they didn't think it's a rape, they don't think to report it or get a SART exam (Sexual Assault Recovery Team) in order to collect the victims consumed drugs or alcohol when date-rape drugs, such as Rohypnol or GHB, are used."

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effects are similar to excessive drinking of alcohol. Most of these drugs are
colorless and odorless and take less than 24 hours to leave the system, which makes drug-related assaults hard to prove as well.

There are many social myths that influence how people react to or acknowledge a sexual assault. "Many will say, 'well she asked for it' or 'what was she doing walking alone at night?,'" said SARF advocate Russ Shah.

One myth widely held by people is that by wearing attractive clothes or being flirty, a woman is consenting to sex even if she shows unwillingness during the act.

"I think sometimes because of the way women and men are brought up, we think that if you take a woman out to dinner then you deserve something," said Adam Chambers, SARF's associate educated. Statistics show that 85 percent of men accused of sexual assault did not consider it a rape.

Chambers said that most men would never see themselves as perpetrators, and the social belief that most rapes involve a total stranger, further establishes that trend of thought.

"We grow up watching and hearing about stories of children taken from the streets by strangers, or about the Kobe's case, while most women are raped by someone they know," he said. "So men think, it's them (stranger) not us."

A study presented by Robin Warnham, a journalist specializing in social issues, said that only a small percentage of all males are capable of sexually assaulting someone. In the study, about 3,000 college men were asked questions about their sexual behavior, giving descriptions of specific acts but never using the words rape. As an example, they were asked: "Have you ever engaged in sexual intercourse with a woman when she didn't want to by threatening or using some degree of physical force?" The results said that about 8 percent of the men surveyed had raped or attempted to rape a woman. Seventy-five percent said they had never forced any unwanted sexual act.

According to statistics provided by SARF, the number of men that may have attempted rape is closer to 10 to 15 percent.

These statistics also said that 67 percent of rapes are repeat offenders, and the average rapist is 23, white and married or has a girlfriend.

"I don't think that's their initial intention," Kelley said. "I don't think they were born and raised to rape women. There is a lot of things that occur and happen that lead to the assault. I think they surprised themselves when it happens." Kelley said, however, that there are some men who really intended to go out and hurt women.

"Shah said that in most cases sexual desire is not the driving force. "It's about anger, power and overcoming someone," she said. "It's about overpowering somebody else.""

Prevention and survival of sexual assaults

"What we tell women is that you need to be responsible for yourself and you need to be aware of your surroundings," Kelley said. Her advice for women who want to go to a party is to make sure they go in groups or with a friend.

"When it comes to drinking, don't put your drink down and make sure you have control over that drink at all times," she said.

Both the Women's Center and SARF offer educational programs for men and women to raise awareness about sexual assaults and rape.

"It's all about communication," Chambers said. "It's about making sure the other person is comfortable with the situation and understanding what the legal terms describe as rape."

To report a sexual assault or rape, callers are connected to the SARP's crisis and support line directly through Cal Poly's hotline, or 911. "The calls are confidential, and we will tell women all the options they have," Shah said. "They can choose whether they want to report it to the police or just want help dealing with it."

SARP also provides accompaniment by a trained counselor to SARF exams and to law enforcement agencies, therapy, and prevention education programs.

SARP can be contacted directly at 345-HOW. The Women's Center is located on the second floor of the University Union, and its office can be reached at 756-2000.
More students opt against grad school

By Ken Meyer
CONRAD DAILY SUN

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. — As more Americans opt to go directly into business rather than graduate school, fearing they will miss out on the current economic boom, international students are increasingly seeking graduate degrees in the United States.

This is not a new trend, according to Hilary Ford, assistant dean of the graduate school, the Johnson Graduate School of Management and director of graduate admissions. She confirmed, however, that the state of the economy is the primary factor in determining the rates of American versus international applicants to graduate programs.

"When the economy is very good, many Americans are not considering any further education after their bachelor's degree. The majority go directly into the work force, but when you have a poor economy, there are fewer openings and many feel if they had more qualifications they could find better jobs," Ford said.

While this is predictable as having a cyclic economy, she stressed that since the current economic boom, "it seems the best students who might have pursued graduate school are labeling going straight into the work force." As a result, top international students find a plethora of opportunities to fill American programs that they view as academically superior, Ford said.

According to data from the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO), the numbers of international graduate students at Cornell have increased steadily from 1,727 in 1990 to 1,884 in 1993, then decreased to 1,707 in 1997. But last year, international graduate students numbers rebounded and peaked at 1,934.

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College Board sells e-mail addresses

By Jessica Grose
BROWN DAILY HERALD

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The College Board is at it again.

Discovering yet another avenue to profit from test taking and the college application process, the College Board has started to sell student e-mail addresses to colleges and universities for the purpose of soliciting possible applicants.

According to Brad Quin, executive director of admissions at the Reston, Va., office of the College Board, selling e-mail addresses is just the beginning of the use of e-mail by college admission offices.

"Right now we have the e-mail addresses of about 680,000 students, about 33 to 35 percent of the 2 million students who register overall," Quin said.

At this point, 1,500 colleges have purchased these addresses, which students provided when they registered electronically for the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT).

This new development in the sale of e-mail addresses is the enterprise of a 27-year-old program known as the Student Search Service.

In previous years, colleges would place orders for the mailing addresses of students whose test scores and reported information were compatible with their respective institutions.

Now these colleges are requesting e-mail addresses as well.

Quin said the College Board charges universities 24 cents per name for these qualified lists, putting a $163,200 price tag on all 680,000 e-mail addresses.

Quin said the College Board is quite careful in protecting the integrity of its programs.
Abortion is a selfish act of ‘convenience’

A bortion has never been a topic that I am fond of discussing due to its somewhat endless top through controversy. It receives so much attention, but that attention seems so valueless since no change in law has resulted in the last 30 years. The fact remains that no matter how many pro-life demonstrations arise, how many staunch Republicans hold political office, or how many anti-abortion pro-life groups get shot, abortion is still legal in this country and is not showing any signs of being banned.

I don't want to contradict myself, but I really want to put my two cents in, especially with the recent FDA approval of the French abortion drug RU-486.

Honestly with all things considered, where do we get the right to determine when and where life is appropriate to bring forth? Where do we get this power and authority? I can't find anything in reason to can justify the abominations of disregarding the sanctity of life.

Michael Deem

As Americans, we place such an incredible emphasis on our own personal rights and liberties. Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness have taken on personal identity and become standards in our society. However, the irony is that the one thing that has a right or liberty to us was our conception and birth. So we may ask, “Who has the authority to determine my bring forth?”

For the religious, it is a higher being or power for the non-religious, it is Mother Nature. Putting two and two together, we see that no one has the right to interfere with life. If I can't decide whether or not I exist, how can I, in good conscience, decide whether someone else exists? I can't.

Then why do we allow abortion? I always hear the same reasons, “A woman should have a choice in matters involving her body.” That's fine, but a fetus is its own living body equipped with all the DNA and potential to become a living breathing human being. Thus, it is not a matter involving just a woman's body.

“What if the woman was raped and doesn't want the child?” Only 1 percent of reported abortions are rape cases. I can sympathize with the pain a woman goes through after rape. However, the child is still a child. If the child will bring her misery and trauma, then she can put it up for adoption. She needs to carry on with her life.

I can only see abortion as a selfish act by those involved. Perhaps the child is not a convenience in the woman's and/or man's life. Instead of living up to and taking responsibility for their actions in creating the pregnancy (excluding rape cases, of course) like some enjoy in proclaiming in support of the death penalty, they can just murder the baby and move on with their lives. There's convenience. I take the liberty of being selfish here. I would choose these humans being extinguished. Could this be the next great holocaust?

Michael Deem is a philosophy junior.

Razor Scooters are childish toys

You know the Trix commercial where the rabbit is always trying to get the cereal from the kids? Every time he tries, the kids catch him and say, “Silly rabbit, Trix are for kids.”

Substitute college students for rabbit, and Razor Scooters for Trix. “Silly college students; Razor Scooters are for kids.”

I hope I wasn’t the only one who thought it was strange to come back from summer break only to see grown adults riding around on these little pieces of plastic. I saw the scooters at home over summer break but always with kids on them doing tricks in front of their friends. I thought it was pretty cool, remembering my childhood days when I would beg my mom and dad to spend some outrageous sum of money on the latest fad so I could show off up and down the block.

Coming back to school, however, I realized that people my age were riding these silly things. To my amazement, I hear you can buy them anywhere from Brokestone to 7-11. So, what is it about these Razor Scooters that is so popular?

Quite frankly, I don’t know. To me, they look something like I might ride once or twice and then throw in my closest to collect dust.

Then again, I'm the guy who didn't even know what a pug was, or what Pokemon was until they were heading out of style. I asked a guy in one of my classes why he rides a scooter around campus. He said that he had several bikes stolen from him, so he bought the Razor Scooter because it's fun, and he can keep it with himself at all times.

This seemed like a pretty good reason. After all, it does have an over the shoulder carrying strap for easy transport to class. But then I asked him how much it cost. He looked down and grumbled, “About $100.” I don't know about you, but I can't afford to spend $100 on a scooter made of aluminum and plastic. I'm a college student who has to pay rent, bills and buy groceries. Somehow, $100 for a scooter that will probably go out of style by Christmas doesn't seem all that practical.

While some people may argue that you can get them for as cheap as $20, you're probably not getting the real thing. The official Razor Scooter Web site (heck, they even have a “Web site!”) says that if you spent under $50 bucks on your scooter, you got ripped off by a cheap imitation. The site then goes on to list some of the distinguishing features that a real Razor Scooter has (none of which I thought were noticeable).

Despite my sarcasm, I don't hate Razor Scooters or the people who ride them. I just think the scooter belong in a 10-year-old's room and not on a college campus.

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Mike Gilmore is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
Congress steps over boundaries

Editor,

I find the fact that Congress is blackmailing the states into making certain decisions extremely disturbing. In Wednesday's Mustang Daily, there was an article ("Congress cracks down on drunken drivers," Oct. 4). While I agree with tougher restrictions in the area of drunk driving, I feel Congress' means of cracking down. The article explains that Congress is requiring the states to lower the blood alcohol content (BAC) to a universal 0.08 by taking away funds from the states if they don't comply. Determination of the legal BAC is undoubtedly a state's right. Congress has given this power in the Constitution of the United States. At the time the Constitution was formed, there was a fear of the central government being given too much power. The balance of power between the states and the federal government was an extremely controversial topic, especially after the failure of the Articles of Confederation. As a result, Congress was very careful to put limits on the power to be wielded by the federal government. Congress is now blatantly stepping over those limits and taking matters that were once states' rights into its own hands. Congress has used the emotional power behind the drunk driving to justify blackmailing the states into lowering the BAC in threatening to remove funding if the states do not comply. All of the support for this new requirement deals with emotionalized charges and statistics. Stories of lost loved ones and family tragedies support this bill. Even though these stories carry a heavy weight and should not be ignored, they are being used in the wrong place. Congress does not and should not have the right to use this emotion to enact this restriction. The stories and statistics should be used in their rightful place, in front of the states' congresses.

Many people probably feel that Congress has the right to use these restrictions because it is for a good cause. I agree that the cause is good, but I fear what may happen. If Congress is continually allowed to step across its boundaries, it is doing this with bill. This country is a federal nation. Many people have given up on trusting the government. Most of all, this letter is for Charlie. I was walking home alone from the gym to Mustang Village a week and a half ago, when I heard the sound of screaming bicycle tires behind me. For some reason, I didn't get scared or anxious at the possibility that someone was going to hurt me. I turned around to see a younger-looking man. He asked me where I was going. To the chagrin of some of my friends, I told him. He said, "Alright, I'll walk you home." Thinking nothing of it, I said OK. Out of curiosity, I asked him why he wanted to walk a total stranger home. He clarified that he was not a madman and that he would feel bad if he saw me walking by myself and heard the next day that something happened to me. (No, it wasn't a stringing pick-up line.)

He also told me that after attending various programs during Week of Welcome about rape, he said that he felt that he should help out. (So keep up those performances, because they do accomplish something and spread awareness.)

In the few minutes that we spent walking off-campus, down California Street, around Football Boulevard and into Mustang Village, I learned all about Charlie. I learned where he was from, what his major was and where he lives. I discovered that Charlie came to Cal Poly, choosing our school over UC Berkeley, not even knowing about our College of Engineering's reputation. We debated over who came from the smaller town (he won), and we talked about the good ol' days in high school, where everybody knew our names. As we approached my clump of buildings, Charlie suddenly jumped on his bike and told me that he'd see me later, or not. After walking a few more feet, I turned around, but he was gone. I had forgotten to thank this stranger who had graciously walked me home. I don't know exactly why I forgot, but I think I have a clue. Because of the nice conversation that we had, I thought of our walk as one between friends. When do any of us ever thank our friends for talking to us while we walk down a street? It is my way of thanking my forever friend.

Thank you, Charlie.

Michelle Hatfield is a journalism junior, works for Mustang Daily and still walks home alone, hoping to see Charlie again.

Eminem lyrics: free expression or hate speech?

Presidential candidate Al Gore has made a campaign promise to begin regulating the entertainment industry if it doesn't stop marketing explicit material to children. While this may seem attractive to politicians seeking an easy issue to play on, the average voter may not think twice about the consequences of censorship. But if the government intervened, what would happen to hip hop? The problem is that, while many of the lyrics may appear harmless, they may be sending the wrong message to children.

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pecially in the areas of rape and sexual assault, a national campus safety organization has requested an investigation of the university's crime reporting procedures, officials said Wednesday.

Security On Campus, Inc. sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Education's San Francisco office Monday after reading reports by the Sacramento Bee that the universities were not complying with the Clery Act, a federal campus crime reporting law. Howard Clay, Ill., the security organization's treasurer, was the oldest brother of the woman for whom the law is named.

In a series of articles last week, the newspaper charged that several campuses, particularly UC Davis, omitted sexual assaults reported to university officials rather than police and crimes that occurred at off-campus sites such as fraternity or sorority houses. In other cases, crimes were misclassified, the article said.

Some students Wednesday said there is confusion concerning university policy for crime reports and that an investigation would be a good step toward clarity on the issue.

"Eln happy to see that there is going to be an investigation," said Nancy Reiko Kato, a senior ethnic studies major and president of Campus Radical Women. "If (crime statistics) are being withheld for whatever reason, then women are going to have a false sense of security. I think there are very dangerous ramifications.

While the Department of Education has yet to decide if it will proceed with an investigation, UC Davis has publicly welcomed such action and UC officials are assembling their own long-term investigative task force, said Chuck McFadden, a UC spokesperson.

Any discrepancies between university procedures and the Clery Act are a result of varying interpretations, McFadden said. He added that claims of attempts to disguise or modify crime statistics directly contradict the widespread presence of sexual assault awareness campaigns and publicity on UC campuses.

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"I've seen a lot of articles in the newspapers stating that officials don't understand (the law) or thought they were doing what they were supposed to," Clery said. "I would say that University of California system is probably not doing it on purpose there are probably some mistakes now."

Passed in 1990, the Clery Act stems from a 1986 incident in which Lehigh University student Jennie Clery was raped and strangled in her dormitory room by a fellow student. Congress officially named the law after Clery in 1998 and modified it to increase the areas included in university crime reports and provide more specific guidelines to defining and reporting crimes.

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"In general, the reports we do read tend to be lower than what is out," she said.

Details on the statistics and other university security policies can be found at www.calpolice.edu/police.
Sports

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Football

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With sophomore receiver Ryan McCarty hailing in two second quarter touchdown grabs, Cal Poly went up 21-13 at the half and never looked back.

"We thought that if we just came out and played catch, that we could get after them," offensive coordinator Don Bailey said. "They played real well tonight. The receivers played well tonight.

Cal Poly's defense, while allowing 529 total yards of offense to the Gaels, was able to keep St. Mary's from scoring more than 20 points. In contrast, the Mustangs had only 412 yards of total offense in scoring in 41 points.

The defense forced five fumbles, four of which they recovered, and had one interception.

Sophomore defensive back Vaughan Jarrett was named LAA defensive player of the week for his play, which included seven tackles and one interception, as well as a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Special teams were stellar for the Mustangs, as kicker Seth Lewis added two fourth quarter field goals to end the scoring for Cal Poly.

Cal Poly came into Saturday's game with an 8-1 record against St. Mary's overall.

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Burford leads Mustangs to win

By Mike Gilmore
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Gaels needed a gale force wind to stop Cal Poly's passing attack Saturday night.

Led by the arm of junior quarterback Seth Burford, Cal Poly improved its record to 2-3, defeating St. Mary's 41-20 in front of 5,150 spectators at Mustang Stadium.

Burford, a transfer from Idaho State, passed for 306 yards and three touchdowns.

"We all felt like we had something to prove here," said Burford, who was named 1-AA offensive player of the week for his game performance. "Coming back here we just wanted to prove to the crowd that we could play."

Burford and the Mustangs definitely proved that they could play, and play well by racking up 412 yards of total offense.

"Seth had an outstanding performance," head coach Larry Welsh said. "Everybody in the stadium knows that young man can throw the ball."

In his first game ever at Mustang Stadium, Burford also added a rushing touchdown, running it in from 21 yards out in the third quarter. "I warmed up tonight and I was like 'Dang, I finally get to play in this stadium," Burford said. "I feel real at home."

In a game that was full of great offense, Cal Poly jumped on the board first with a seven yard touchdown pass from Burford to sophomore wide receiver Kassim Osgood.

The score was made possible by a roughing the kicker penalty against St. Mary's on a field goal attempt by Cal Poly.

The penalty gave the Mustangs another opportunity at a touchdown, which they capitalized on several plays later. St. Mary's tied the game early in the third quarter with an interception of a Cal Poly pass.

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The Mustangs next travel to UC Irvine on Oct. 14. Both games are trying to make a repeat trip to the NCAA Tournament.

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Volleyball tops Idaho in three games

In a match littered with unforced errors by both teams, Cal Poly volleyball defeated Idaho in three games Saturday night in Mott Gym.

"I thought both teams made a lot of unforced errors," head coach Steve Schlick said. "I don't think Idaho played their best game, and I don't think we played our best either."

The game was played in front of 366 fans in Mott Gym. Schlick said that the team really feels off the crowd. "The crowd does make a big impact," he said. "We just like playing at home."

With the win, the Mustangs improved their Big West record to 3-2.

Cal Poly's next four matches are on the road.

Sophomore setter Carly O'Halloran had 57 assists in leading the Mustangs to victory. She finished off the Vandals in the third and final game with an ace. Senior outside hitter Melanie Hathaway added three aces, as the team finished with 10.

Junior middle hitter Katie Bailey had 10 blocks and four kills.

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Hathaway had a team-high 12 digs and sophomore outside hitter Kristen O'Halloran had 10. As a team, Cal Poly had 39 digs and hit .202.