Student ‘Mafia’ alive on campus

Christine Powell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A group of 70 students has decided to turn to a life of “crime,” organizing Mob-type families in what they are calling the “Mafia Game.”

The players are students who can be seen running around campus with fake plastic guns in an effort to “kill” as many players as possible.

The object is to tag opposing teammates on the chest or back with Nerf or rubber band guns. For one to successfully “kill” (/disqualify) another, he must shoot him in the chest or back because these are the areas on the body that cause fatal injury from a real gun shot. Once a player is shot in either area, he is considered “dead” and is disqualified from the game.

“That’s why you might see some people running around with two backpacks on—one on the front and one on the back,” said Whitney Rutledge, aeronautical engineering junior and player in the game.

Each of the 14 Mob families consists of five players and include a “Don,” a “Don’s son” and three shooters, or hit men. In an effort to protect the “Dons,” who are the heads of the families and the most important team members, the three shooters are sent out to hunt for players from other teams. The last family with a “Don” still living wins the game.

The winning family gets about $420, which is the combined fund collected from all the families’ participation fees.

The game started on Monday, and was kicked off with a “get-to-know-you” spaghetti dinner on Sunday night.

“The time, the game is played on a larger scale,” he said, “but what’s cool is that we’re all a large group of friends out there to have a good time.”

Mady is the overseer of the “Mafia Game” operation. He was chosen as the regulator of the game and steps in when there are disputes over whether or not someone was “killed.”

Due to the large amount of players, each of the families was required to create a bio-sheet consisting of pictures of each family member so that players will know which people

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Tricky shots

Scott Lee, an internationally known pocket billiard instructor and trick shot artist, gave a presentation at the games area in the University Union to a crowd of about 40 people Tuesday afternoon.

The Traveling College of Billiard Knowledge Exhibition features trick shots and a free billiard clinic. Lee’s presentations included trick shots, billiard history, pool stories, fancy shots, instruction and challenge matches.

Students travel to Georgia to protest military school

by Adam Jarman
ASSOCIATE EDITOR IN CHIEF

Political science junior Sarah Elliott just may fulfill one of her desires when she goes to Georgia to protest the School of the Americas in November.

I decided that before I left college I wanted to get arrested for protesting,” she said.

The School of the Americas (SOA) in Fort Benning, Ga., was established in 1948 to provide militant training to Latin American soldiers. Initially, the school was in Panama, but in 1984 it was moved to Georgia. Elliott said SOA is funded with approximately $22 million of U.S. tax money a year. In July 1999, the House of Representatives voted to cut funding, but Elliott and others nationwide want it discontinued completely.

“I honestly don’t think we are going to be able to shut it down,” said Elliott, who started the trip to Georgia.

She said her main reason for going is to be able to educate people about SOA.

“They teach Latin American soldiers counter-insurgent techniques, and then those soldiers go on to commit gross human violations against their own people,” she said.

Soldiers learn torture, combat and intelligence skills at SOA and use those skills in their home lands to try to bring about democracy. Elliott said she doesn’t believe those practices support democracy, and that the government now uses the domestic war on drugs as rationale for keeping the SOA in tact.

Sister Mary Pat White of the Newman Catholic Center said the inspiration for going to the protest was a visit by Father Roy Bourgeois last January. Bourgeois, an ordained Catholic priest since 1972, has been working for more than 25 years to educate people in the United States about the infringement of civil rights abroad. He founded the School of the Americas Watch in 1990 to do research on the facility and present the findings to concerned citizens.

“After Father Roy came, I felt that this was something I wanted to get involved with,” Elliott said.

White, who will attend the protest this year, said this same protest last year attracted 6,000 people. 1,200 of whom “crossed the line,” and went beyond the boundary set by authorities.

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Israeli violence hits home

By Bridget Stratton
THE DAILY IOWAN

(WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — After 13 days of violence in Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and the refusal of both Israeli and Palestinian leaders to back down, University of Iowa students and recent graduates are keeping close contact with family in the area.

In an effort to continue peace talks, after speaking with President Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak on Tuesday hacked away from a deadline for the Palestinians to stop violence that continues to rage in Israel and the West Bank and agreed to attend a U.S.-hosted summit if one is called, his spokesman said.

As soon as the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur ended at sunset Monday, the West Bank, which had been relatively calm, flared into violence, with a joint battle erupting in Hebron and Jewish settlers throwing stones at Palestinian homes around Nablus.

In Tel Aviv, hundreds of Jews, some chanting "Death to the Arabs," descended into the streets, smashing car windows, while in other Israeli towns, Jews and Arabs attacked each other in perhaps the worst civil strife in years.

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to target. Every team has a copy.

"No one knows who everybody is," Rashid said. "That's what makes it fun."

In the bio-sheets, the teams included gangster names, created in the fun spirit of the game. Some examples are "Losbongloadios," "The Douchamas," "The Outlaws," "The Hathaway Hooligans" and "The Greutonemis."

Since the start of the game, the participants have seen other groups playing a similar game. This has frustrated members of the "Mafia Game," because the more people that participate, the more difficult it is for players to decipher between who they are supposed to target.

"It just sucks that we're playing at the same time," Maday said.

Overall, the first two days of the game have gone well. Participants have cooperated with the two main rules: One cease fire while the buildings campus and no shooting while players are in the workplace.

"We're just out there to have a good time," Maday said.

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Yoga is a new path to health

By Jordan Roberts

Managing Daily Writer

To deal with the stress of upcoming midterms, some students advocate trying yoga to help keep them calm.

Yoga, a practice of body position and movements intended to calm the mind, rest the body and ease the spirit, is also focused on harmonizing these three. Proponents say yoga helps people improve their responses to stress.

Destiny Davis, an agrisbusiness senior, began practicing yoga two years ago.

“One of my friends used to go to yoga class and I thought it was a little silly, but then I agreed to go to a class and loved it,” she said. “Now I do yoga videos at home wherever I feel stressed. It really works. It makes you feel good afterwards.”

Yoga is a practice that is thousands of years old. It is actually a rather intricate structure of practices and beliefs that can include meditation, breathing exercises, stretches, dietary restrictions and ethical rules. It is most commonly known for its routine, poses, called “asanas.”

Meghan Carey, speech communication sophomore, sees many benefits in doing yoga.

“I like taking yoga classes sometimes in place of my regular exercise routine,” she said. “It is fun and I feel like it really increases my strength and flexibility. A yoga class can actually be a pretty good workout.”

Many people who do yoga say that it strengthens their bodies and tones and velve muscles. It improves flexibility and some say it gives participants a feeling of peacefulness and well-being.

Yoga can also help regulate breathing patterns, which in turn, regulate anxiety and stress. Many studies have shown that doing yoga on a regular basis can help monitor many body functions, including blood pressure, metabolism and heart rate. This makes yoga useful for managing several ailments, including anger, anxiety, depression, fatigue and stress.

There are many types of yoga. The most familiar in the United States is hatha yoga, which generally focuses on the physical aspects. Hatha yoga includes mostly stretching and breathing exercises and is relatively slow-paced. Power yoga, on the other hand, is a more strenuous form of exercise.

Integral yoga focuses on breathing and meditation, while Iyengar yoga focuses mainly on body alignment. Kripalu yoga’s focus is on integration and awareness of the mind, body and spirit.

For yoga classes at all levels, contact the Yoga Center of San Luis Obispo at 544-9642. For hugging yoga, contact The Yoga Way at 786-0500.

Avoid midterm stress with help from herbs

By Jennifer Hansen

Managing Daily Writer

Soon after the first round of midterms seems to come the first stress of the season.

A college student can easily get run down in the midst of studying, going to class and taking exams. The body can then become more susceptible to colds, especially as winter weather approaches. What are students to do when they start to feel sick?

Many alternative herbal remedies exist that can help prevent and aid in curing ailments such as the common cold.

Petrus Petros, manager of Vitamin World in Pismo Beach, recommends several herbs that he calls “nature’s antibiotics.” These herbs are supplements that can have the natural effects of an antibiotic.

One such remedy is colloidal silver, which is a solution of distilled water that has been run over silver coils. Silver in this form can be antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral.

“If you feel a cold coming on and you don’t know what it is you might want to start by just taking one or two teaspoons of colloidal silver everyday,” she said. “That can actually work as an antibiotic.”

Another herbal remedy that can be taken is oregano. Oregano comes from the Mediterranean, and can be incredibly potent in helping wipe out a cold. Like colloidal silver, it is also antifungal, antiviral and antibacterial, Petros said.

One of the most common herbs that prevents sickness is Echinacea. Echinacea can be a boost for the weakened immune system. Petros recommends taking Echinacea with geldrose. Goldenseal is another herb that can be used to prevent the onset of a cold.

Danie Mays, a nutritional science senior and Peer Health Coordinator, takes Echinacea to fight off colds.

“Whenever I feel like I’m getting sick, I like to take Echinacea,” she said. “I feel like it kind of fights the cold out of me.”

People who take herbal remedies do so for the side benefits, Petros said.

“Unlike pharmaceuticals, which are focused to specific needs and then as a result have side effects, herbal medicine very often has side benefits,” she said. “You might take one herb, for example, to balance sugar in the body and end up finding that at the same time, you end up lowering your cholesterol.”

Herbs can also be used to boost other aspects of the body. Gingko biloba has a great reputation as the “smart herb,” said Petros. Gingko biloba helps circulate the blood, which in turn can ultimately lead to mental alenesses.

“With a little bit of the natural Viagra,” she added.

Mental fatigue can be fought with green tea. Green tea is an antioxidant that fights free radicals in the body. Drinking green tea or taking it in capsule form can be uplifting, Petros said.

Herbs can not only heal a sick body, but also help with other ailments such as anxiety, headaches, depression and insomnia. Petros recommends taking only the recommended dosage for best results.
Don't expect people to act how you want

On Saturday, I took the test that will determine whether or not I graduate this semester. I learned the Graduation Writing Requirement. Besides the fact that I had to give a vague picture of my sleep and pay an extra $25, it actually wasn't as bad as I had been expecting.

In fact, it addressed an issue that has haunted me for quite some time now. During the exam, I was asked to read an article: briefly summarize the author's main point and then give my own opinion on the question posed. Who is to blame when expectations are not met? Is it the airlines' fault for not being able to keep up with a piece of luggage or our own fault for meeting our demands and treating us more like cattle than humans? Or is it our fault for having unrealistic expectations to begin with?

I still don't have an answer to this question because I don't think there is a right one. When I begin to delve into the complexities of this issue, my mind tends to get lost in the greyness of the lines.

My sister accused me this summer of placing unrealistic expectations on her, so my disappointment in her decisions was invalid. But is that really fair? Shouldn't I be able to have hopes and desires for the best interest of someone I love and shouldn't I also be able to feel sad and disappointed when that doesn't happen? Or should I learn not to have those expectations in the first place and, therefore, never be disappointed? What about relationships then? How do expectations work in that type of situation? Should a wife be able to expect that her husband will stay true to her? Should a girlfriend be able to expect that her boyfriend will buy her a birthday present?

When I was discussing this perplexing issue with my roommate two nights ago, we came to the conclusion that expectations are put on other people, aren't they? People are different than expectations on appliances, or isn't there are more voters not registered to vote than are who are registered.

All day long I hear this university praised for the quality students that it helps to produce. The fact is, though, we vote at the same rate as the rest of the nation.

A couple of days ago, I spoke with some successful students off campus, after hours, where the truth was flowing. One student told me that it would take him hours to become aware of the issues that would enable him to select a candidate. He went on to say that the government was not helping his religion so he felt no need to reach a conclusion that so clearly has a major stake in the future.

We are asleep at the wheel. The results of this election year will have long lasting effects.

Consider that the next president will select the next four Supreme Court justices. These justices will play major roles in deciding the future on the issues of abortion, civil rights and the rights of the criminals. These individuals will have the power to settle issues that have, and will affect us for generations to come.

Currently, the stock market is down drastically. Some people have lost 50 percent of their savings. The Middle East and eastern Europe are in turmoil. The price of oil has shot up.

Both major presidential candidates have conflicting opinions on these issues. Their opinions attack different problems.

The next president will make decisions that will directly effect the role the United States will play in our world.

You can go through every area of government from the Bureau of Land Management to the IRS to the Immigration and Naturalization Services and the candidates will make decisions that will affect us all.

Every one of voting age needs to be aware of the philosophies of the candidates because those candidates will selectocrats and those who share their philosophies to head the different areas of government. All of us will be affected.

Everyone of voting age who lost up made their mind should watch the debate tonight and do a little study of the candidates' beliefs. You will ultimately live with the consequences of their decisions.

Angela Barley is a landscape architecture senior.
What's your favorite rainy day activity?

I like sitting on the porch, because I like being in the rain but not getting wet.

Laura Pryzgoda
music senior

I don't really like the rain.

Matt Anderson
biological sciences junior

I like taking walks in the rain, because it's so refreshing.

Jenni Cecil
music junior

Don't grade by attendance

I once took a class in which the teacher would take roll everyday, but he never explained why. The class was from 7 to 10 p.m. every Thursday, so it obviously wasn't the easiest class to come to. I ended up missing three classes, but I completed all the assignments and did well on every test and quiz. The entire semester, I was sure that I would easily get a B in the class. The day before the final, the teacher handed out our grades to us. I had a C. The reason: each absence knocked down my grade a certain percent. Even though I did all the assignments and studied for the tests, my grade was a C.

Unfortunately, this teaching tactic is not that uncommon. As a matter of fact, I have at least one teacher every quarter that bases some portion of my grade on attendance.

We are not in high school anymore! We are paying for college and we want to succeed, we will. On the other hand, I have also had teachers who said, "I don't care if you are here. You are adults. If you want to learn, you will come to class.”

When I was in high school, I thought that every college professor would be like this. But I have learned that many teachers take roll as if they had to turn it in to the attendance office at the end of the day.

Taking roll at the beginning of class is actually just a waste of time, especially when there are 32 students in the class. Time that could have been spent teaching is spent rattling names off in alphabetical order. Is that productive? Some professors seem to think so.

Many professors will allow each student two or three absences before it affects their grade. This is thoughtful. But what if the absences have been used up and a student gets a flat tire or becomes ill? Are emergencies excusable absences? They should be, but that is not always the case.

Professors need to stop treating college students like high school students. I actually have a teacher who grades down for missing class and won’t allow students to wear hats or chew gum in class. I think this is laughable.

In this new age of technology, teachers have begun posting class notes and lectures online. It is nice to see that some professors are using the Internet to benefit students. A few quarters ago, I had Neil Schultz as a psychology professor. He posted his lectures and notes online. His lectures were always interesting. But when I did miss a class, the notes were easily accessible and I never fell behind.

I felt that I learned much more detailed information when I went to class because of class discussion, but the notes on the Web had the outline of the topic that was taught that day. It was very convenient.

Some students, of course, took advantage of the convenience provided by Dr. Schultz. The only time I saw these students was on the day of a test. Though they may have got the gist of the information, they missed out on a great deal by not going to class.

Because Dr. Schultz didn’t take roll, he gave students the choice of being responsible and coming to class or using the Web as their teacher.

If professors want college students to act like adults, they should treat us like adults. Our grades should be based on our performance not our attendance.

Jayson Rowley is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
Campaign dirt smears Web  
By Amy Orringer

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Add one cup of virtual water to one cup of virtual dirt mix in a few political enthusiasm, and the result is a large political mud-balling test spilled across the Internet.

Interest groups and individuals alike have created Web sites aimed at destroying their opponents. Pages include twisted parodies of movies, animation and other virtual toys for any suffer to play with.

"Our generation has come to rely on the Internet," said Rob King, campaign spokesman for U. S. Rep. John Hostetler (R-8th, Indiana). "The Internet gives you more freedom to search for the site that gives you the truth."

On the Democratic National Committee Web site, there are several links to anti-Bush Web sites. One site called "I know what you did in Texas," plays off the horror film "I Know What You Did Last Summer."

Links on the page are entitled "The Daily Breed" and "The Scary Record." Downloads of Democratic National Committee advertisements and the Republican National Convention are also available on the page. All information on the site supports an anti-Bush position.

For every anti-Bush Web site, there are just as many anti-Gore sites. The Republican National Committee Web site includes a link on its front page to Goreline.com, a Web site devoted to highlighting Gore's mistakes.

"There are a lot of people who want to use them," said sophomore April Gonzales, who works on the campaign of Hostetler's democratic opponent, Paul Perry. "A lot of people are interested in the horse race and the mud-balling."

Neither the official Web sites of Gov. George W. Bush or Vice President Al Gore have links to negative Web sites, although they both have links to their corresponding national parties.

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Male enrollment falls campus-wide  
By Remi Bello  

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — In the last two decades, women have gradually wrestled away a societal privilege once held solely by their male counterparts college attendance.

At an annual meeting of the National Association for College Admission Counseling Friday, academic officials analyzed a nationwide trend resulting in more women attending U.S. universities than men.

Although women's college enrollment is on the rise, officials attribute the dramatic trend to a drop in men's enrollment.

Aida Hurtado, a professor of psychology at the University of California at Santa Cruz and a conference attendee, blamed the increasing incarceration of minors.

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Aida Hurtado  
psychology professor,  
young men in particular for the enrollment drop.

"Traditional male behavior such as hanging out on street corners has been criminalized," Hurtado said. "What has changed is how males are perceived in society."

Nationally, less than 45 percent of undergraduates are men, down from about 57 percent in 1970. In 1997, the last year for which data is available, about 22 percent more women earned bachelor's degrees than men, according to a report by the Center for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education.

Utah is the only state with more men than women attending college.

"I'm really troubled by this," said Thomas G. Mortensen, one of the center's scholars, in a statement. He added that the trend is partly due to male disengagement from family life, making male students less concerned with earning enough money to support a family.

"I don't have any answers," Mortensen said.
**Seth Burford**

**Quarterback**

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CAL POLY'S Record setter

Seth Burford has already set the school record for touchdown passes in a game and is looking for even more records to break

By Brian Milne
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Seth Burford's emergence at quarterback is exactly what the doctor ordered for an injury-plagued Cal Poly football team.

Considering the injuries to the Mustangs' offense, the 6-foot-3-inch, 225-pound junior has been the green and gold's anode. Cal Poly isn't even at the heart of its season and the Idaho State transfer has already set a school record with five touchdown passes in a game and passed for 10 touchdowns on the season.

"With all of the injuries we've had this season we've really had to have some guys step up and cut down on the mental mistakes," Burford said. "I know we have the players and the ability to knock off tough teams."

The Mustangs proved that on Saturday, as Burford hurled three touchdown passes and rushed for another, commanding Cal Poly to a 41-20 victory over St. Mary's.

Burford - along with teammates Vaughn Jarrett - was named NCAA I-AA Independent player of the week for his home opener antics, completing 19 of 26 passes for 306 yards.

"He's really stepped it up for us," said head coach Larry Welsh. "He's been getting it done for us while some of the guys are getting back. That says a lot for Seth and the rest of the offense."

With five games in the can, the 21-year-old has already eclipsed his career mark for touchdown passes and has topped last year's combined total by Andy Jepson and Kevin Cooper.

In 1999, the Mustangs duo only managed nine touchdowns through the air all season.

"We've been throwing the ball a lot more this year," Burford said. "It's been working out for us because we have such a good receiving core this year."

Thanks to that core, the junior set a school record Oct. 23, blistering Montana State for five touchdown tosses in the Mustangs' first win of the year.

"I honestly didn't know I broke the record until somebody told me after the game," Burford said after only his third team in green and gold.

Burford may be a new face to the Mustang faithful, but he had plenty of big-game experience while attending Idaho State and passing for 1,641 yards in two seasons.

Burford started off on the right foot as a freshman for the Bengals, completing 56 of 120 passes for 690 yards and two touchdowns in six games.

But, things eventually turned sour between Burford and the Bengals, despite a

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Basketball makes more TV dates

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There is a positive buzz surrounding the upcoming Cal Poly men's basketball season, and it seems the television networks are taking notice.

Fox Sports recently announced that they will be airing the Feb. 8 game between Cal Poly and Long Beach State live from Mott Gym. The announcement comes a little over a week after ESPN announced they will be covering Cal Poly's game at Utah State on March 3.

Cal Poly head coach Jeff Schneider said his team is glad to be receiving national attention.

"Our guys are really excited," he said. "That gives us two nationally televised games during prime time against two of the best teams in our conference."

In actuality, the game at Mott Gym is more likely to air regionally on Fox Sports West 2, but those with Direct TV and satellite dishes will be able to see the game from anywhere in the nation.

Schneider also said this year's team is better equipped to handle the added pressure of playing in front of a television audience than the squad of two years ago, which was blown out at home by the University of Idaho 101-75 in a game broadcast on ESPN2.

"We are a far more mature team this year, one of the oldest teams in the league," he said. "We'll be playing with seven upperclassmen this season. Usually, mature teams are just better."

The announcement of the broadcast by Fox Sports seems to hint at a trend by the network toward featuring more Big West games. Long Beach State will play a total of five games on the network, including the game with Cal Poly.

Because of the relative scarcity of televised games that Cal Poly plays,