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 Bullback, 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 “Don,” 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 $450, 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 game is similar to one that Bob Miday, architectural engineering junior, participated in during high school.

“This 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.”
Miday 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 called “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 see MAFIA, page 2

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 shows 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
MUSTANG DAILY 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 around for protesting,” she said.
The School of the Americas (SOA) in Fort Benning, Ga., was established in 1946 to provide multinational 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 $420, which is the total amount of all the team’s participation fees.
Players may not shoot each other in campus buildings or in the workplace.

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Christen Huff, dairy science junior, Kim Aspiras, agribusiness junior, and Katie Petersen, biochemistry junior of the “Douchena” family pose with their weapons Tuesday afternoon.
The “Mafia Game” started Monday and continues until only one “Don” remains. The winning family receives about $420, the total amount of all the players’ participation fees.
Students may not shoot each other in campus buildings or in the workplace.
Israeli violence hits home

By Bridget Stratton
THE DAILY IOWAN

(UD-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 yesterday called for people to attend a U.S.-hosted summit if one was 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 violent, with a gun battle erupting in Hebron and a peace talk session postponed.

Since the violence began on Sept. 28, many people with relatives in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, which had been relatively calm, have been speaking with their families and friends and reading for updates.

"It's just sucked that we're playing at the same time," Malys said.

The fact that Israeli and Palestinians continue to rage in Israel and the West Bank and that the recent graduates are keeping close contact with family in the area has done much.

"We're just out there to have a little fun," Malys said.

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," Malys said.

Overall, the first two days of the game have gone well. Participants have cooperated with the two main rules: keep from giving the game away and keep from disclosing who is a "Mafia." 

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

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Avoid midterm stress with help from herbs

By Jennifer Hansen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

September 11 marked the end of the first round of midterms, and found professor Patricia Petrus, manager of Vitamin World in Pismo Beach, recommending several herbs that she calls “nature’s antibiotics.” These herbs are supplements that can have the natural effect of an antibiotic.

One such remedy is colloid 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.

“Tie 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 every day,” she said. “That can actually work as an antibiotic.”

Another herbal remedy that can be taken is garlic. Garlic is a common food that fights free radicals in the body. Drinking green tea or taking it in capsule form can be uplifting, Petrus said.

“I also use one of the best natural Voges,” 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, Petrus said.

“Unlike pharmaceuticals, which are focused to specific needs, and then as a result have side effects, herbal medicine is very, very side benefit,” 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 Petrus. Gingko biloba helps circulate the blood, which can ultimately lead to mental alerts.

“Herbs are very safe, and it’s more efficient to take a little bit of herb,” she said. “If you’re running on empty and you don’t know what it is, you might want to start by just taking one or two teaspoons of colloidal silver every day.”

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

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

Yoga is a series of body positions and movements intended to calm the mind, rest the body and ease the spirit, and it focuses on harmonizing these three. Proponents say yoga helps people improve their response to stress.

Destiny Davis, an agribusiness 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 whenever I feel stressed. It really works. It makes you feel great 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, which in turn, regulates 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.

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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, the Graduation Writing Requirement. Besides the fact that I had to give up a precious morning of 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, summarise 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 fault of 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 were 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 be 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 because different than expectations on appliances, or im our minds and turn your eyes on.

My friend Shawn said, “You should be able to have expectations, just don’t expect them to be met.” In a way, though, I think those words have some truth to them. When someone fails to meet the expectations I have set in my own head, I need to remember that, by creating expectations, I am setting myself up for disappointment. I shouldn’t get mad that my boyfriend didn’t give me a card on Valentine’s Day, even though I had expected him to. Instead, I should learn not to set expectations in the first place.

So the next time you find yourself getting mad at your mom for not sending you a care package like your next door neighbor’s mom did, remember that we are only human and that no one and nothing will ever live up to those grandiose expectations you have laid out. You can probably bet on the fact that you will inevitably disappoint someone down the line. Instead, learn to have grace and practice looking out for the interests of others rather than for your own.

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

- It's running, because your body heat goes up, and the water cools you off when it hits you. It's a weird sensation.
- I like to sit on the porch, because I like being in the rain but not getting wet.
- I don't really like the rain.
- I like taking walks in the rain because it's so refreshing.

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 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 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 50 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 thoughtless. For 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 Neid Schultz as a psychology professor. He posted his lectures and notes online. His lectures were always interesting, so I hated to miss class. 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 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.

Jasper Rowley is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
Male enrollment falls campus-wide
By Remi Bello
DAILY TEXAN

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

At an annual meeting of the National Association for College Admissions 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 minorities.

"What has changed is how males are perceived in society."

Aida Hurtado, psychology professor

"I don't have any answers," said Thomas J. 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.

Mortensen said.
Burford, a native Californian who attended Oakdale High School in the Central Valley, decided to come back home and pursue his business degree at Cal Poly.

This season, Burford was hungry to return to the gridiron after NCAA rules forced the transfer to watch helplessly from the sidelines in 1999 as the Mustangs struggled through their own second straight 3-8 campaign.

"It was hard after my sophomore season to attend Idaho State. "At the time it seemed like a good opportunity," Burford said. "I used to once we got going. For me physically, but every week we're cutting down." He said it's nice to be back close to home. It's nice to be able to play back in California and not worry about the cold weather again. It makes a huge difference when your friends and family are a lot closer."

"That first game versus Sacramento State was tough since I hadn't been on the field for so long," he said. "Then I just felt like I used to once we got going. For those first couple of weeks we made some mistakes both mentally and physically, but every week we're cutting down." Now with a pair of wins under his belt, Burford feels right at home in the midst of a five-game home stand.

Heading in Saturday's contest with the Western New Mexico Mustangs, Burford has completed 51.6 percent of his passes (65-126) with two interceptions.

He has also carried three rushing touchdowns, scrambling for 126 yards on a team-high 34 carries.

"He's tough and the guys look up to him for leadership," Welsh said of his quarterback, who at times looks more like a fullback with a cannon. "When he scrambles out of the pocket he may be a little too tough. He definitely gets around. When he went into the end zone he was cut down."

"I'm just glad to be back close to home. It's nice to be able to play back in California and not worry about the cold weather again. It makes a huge difference when your friends and family are a lot closer."

Seth Burford Mustang quarterback

Sports

Canseco cut from playoff roster

NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Canseco was cut from the New York Yankees' roster for the American League championship series against Seattle and replaced by Jason Giambi.

"It wasn't easy to do," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Joe, unfortunately, is a regular player and not as used to coming off the bench as (Glendon) Hall.

Canseco, claimed by the Yankees on waivers from Tampa Bay, was on the roster for the first-round series against Oakland, the team he came up with, but did not play.

"It's probably a smart move," Canseco said. "We definitely need Giambi back in the lineup. He can be devastating when his arm is right.

Canseco was just 1-for-6 as a pinch-hitter with the Yankees, with a single and two strikeouts.

"I'm probably one of the worst pinch-hitters anyone has ever seen," he said. "I figured this would happen. I got a pretty good indication when I didn't play against a left-hander in Baltimore (the last week of the season) and against Oakland."

During the regular season, he hit .232 with 15 home runs and 49 RBIs in 139 at-bats.

With the Yankees, he batted .243 with six home runs and 19 RBIs in 111 at-bats.

He's been truly a professional," Torre said. "I didn't get a chance to tell him until this afternoon. I had a wrong cell number this morning."

Giambi needs arthroscopic elbow surgery during the offseason to repair a bone spur.

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Schneider emphasized that the Feb. 8 game at Mott Gym is not only a chance for the basketball team to make a statement, it is also an opportunity for Cal Poly's student body to create an atmosphere of excitement that will attract future television broadcasts.

"The more character the crowd shows, the more TV games we'll get," he said. "If both the team and the students do a great job together, the more the school will benefit."

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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 anadote. 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 seen 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 teammate Vaughn Jarrett - was named NCAA 1-AA Independent player of the week for his home opener antics, completing 18 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 game 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.

But, things eventually turned sour between Burford and the Bengals, despite a 9-5 mark for touchdown passes and having tor another, commanding Cal Poly to a 41-20 victory over St. Mary's.

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Larry Welsh
head coach

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Basketball makes more TV dates
By Jon Hughes
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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 DirecTV 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 231-75 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, see TELEVISION, page 7

Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:
Nomar Garciaparra was the rookie that led the American League in hits in 1997.

Congrats Brett Holt!

Today's Question:
Doug Fuel won the Heisman Trophy with what team?

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Briefs

Fregosi axed as Blue Jays' manager

TAMPA, Fla. — Jim Fregosi was fired Sunday as manager of the Toronto Blue Jays after two seasons of third-place finishes. The Blue Jays confirmed the decision on Tuesday following a season in which Toronto finished 83-79 this season in the AL East. Fregosi's contract expired at the end of the season.

"The contract of manager Jim Fregosi will not be renewed," the team said in a statement.

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Men's soccer vs. San Diego State
• at Mustang Stadium
• at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Football vs. Western New Mexico
• at Mustang Stadium
• at 6 p.m.

Cross Country at Cal Poly Invitational
• at Fairbanks Memorial Course
• at 9 a.m.

SUNDAY

Men's soccer vs. UC Irvine
• at Mustang Stadium
• at 4 p.m.