Cats left untrapped fend for themselves. By initiating a program was needed to tackle. The Cattery was started in order to help control the population of cats on campus, but not to reduce it to zero. The complete absence of cats on campus would have created an "environmental vacuum," meaning that an area not already inhabited by cats is an invitation for a new group to make it their home. By initiating a new system consisting of capturing the cats, spaying and neutering, and eventually returning them to the wild, the issue of a new batch of cats inhabiting the area would not be an issue due to strong inborn territorial instincts characterized by fighting and by males spraying urine to mark their homes.

Inbreeding
Overpopulation was just one of the problems Cal Poly's veterinary department needed to tackle. Ninety-five percent of the first 100 cats trapped were white, and troubles that plagued the cats were due to a...
Last week Mustang Daily asked the student body what they thought were the scariest places, people and things on campus. The votes are in and in honor of Halloween, this page is dedicated to the creepiest, most disgusting and even frightening things that surround us everyday. And the losers are...

Scariest rest room
The bathrooms inside Bldg. 22 (the English building) are often compared to bathrooms one would see in an insane asylum. The men's bathroom on the first floor (pictured above) is especially disturbing because of bars that run from floor to ceiling.

Scariest building
"The Maze," otherwise known as Bldg. 52, faculty offices, is notorious for its long, confusing hallways and spider web structure.

Scariest major
Food Science wins hands down. One of the scariest aspects of the major is perhaps the intricate equipment that students and faculty use, as well as the general weirdness of the course load. Students learn how to kill animals and take sausage-making classes. They also learn exactly what goes into hot dogs and other food items. They also learn how much rat hair is permissible in food and what the federal standards are for bug parts in tomato paste.

Scariest place to work, place to eat & food
The Lighthouse was named Cal Poly's overall scariest place winning votes for three categories. Hungarian Goulash won as the scariest food, mainly because no one knows what's inside it. Those who thought it was a scary place to eat should work there and see it behind the scenes!

Scariest place to study
Complete with strange-looking statues and empty hallways, the Robert E. Kennedy Library can give any hard-working student the chills. Think twice when you decide to study after hours alone in the solitude of concrete walls and endless cubicles.

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Carving your way to Halloween bliss

By Robin Nichols
MUSTANG DAILY ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

After a weekend of parties and pumpkin destroying, even the most meticulously carved jack-o'-lantern may end up smashed to bits on the street. This means that last-minute artistry is needed to recover the orange face (or scary scowl) that was sitting on the porch before its untimely passing.

According to www.pumpkin-carving.com, this carving tradition began in Halloweens of centuries ago. Jack-o'-lanterns, carved from turnips or gourds, were set on porches and in windows to welcome the spirits of loved ones, and to act as protection against malevolent spirits. When European settlers arrived in America, they found the pumpkin to be larger, easier to carve and the perfect choice for jack-o'-lanterns.

For these pumpkins that have yet to be carved, there are still ways to get an orange pointy face to look like it took hours to carve, in much less time. Many of the tools needed to carve a pumpkin are available in stores at relatively cheap prices. Beverly's Fabrics in San Luis Obispo has a few accessories available. The stencil sets are $2.99 and come in kits with poster paints to draw on a face, if knives are unavailable.

Also, Lori's Hobby Center has carving kits and accessories, to help with every set of the carving process. A scoop for the seeds is $1.99, a carving kit with knives is $5.95 and a candle planter is $1.99.

If creativity is needed more than physical tools, the Internet is a great resource. Numerous recipes can be found online. Seed-recovery sites such as www.ehow.com offer tips on how to carve a fancy pumpkin (as opposed to a regular pumpkin) and have a listing of all the knives and accessories needed to make the designs.

An old standby for crafty hins is Martha Stewart. On her Web site, www.marthastewart.com, she lists the specific tools to see when carving a perfect pumpkin. It includes a medium (4-6") wood gouge to pare away the skin and leave the flesh exposed, a melon baller to fine-tune the thinness of the wall and a serrated saw to cut intricate designs. She also suggests a linoleum cutter, to make perfect curving grooves and spirals.

At the Pumpkin Page (www.pumpkinnmaster.com), artistic minds that are lacking in some innovative ideas can find inspiration. Detailed carved pumpkins, in designs like the Psycho movie house and Jesus himself, are presented in traditional scary fashion.

For those fearful of knives or not wishing to harm innocent pumpkins, check out www.netnud.com/ghosten/jack/. This site lets users carve a virtual jack-o'-lantern. Site visitors fill in specifications about the pumpkin and then the face comes up exactly as hoped.

After the carving, there is still much to be done. Seeds are central to the pumpkin. Some seeds are carved in the shape of a bat, above, rests on a porch, waiting for Halloween. At left, a child-size scarecrow glances at its neighbor, an as-yet-uncarved pumpkin.

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Halloween is an evil day straight from Satan

Halloween is a holiday about kids dressing up as cute little witches and monsters scaring up neighborhoods filling their candy bags with treats. Everything is just so cute, especially all those satanic spirits that have been a part of Halloween for decades.

Halloween is an evil day, and it has been since the Irish brought the holiday to the United States during immigration times. But leave it to American pop culture to tame it down to costumes and candy. It's the layer beneath the candy and costumes where the real Halloween lies. It's this part that many ignore.

I have been involved with Halloween celebrations since I was a kid. I'd walk black and red in my costume to tame it down to costumes and candy. It's the layer beneath the candy and costumes where the real Halloween lies. It's this part that many ignore.

When Caesar conquered the Britains he recorded information about the Druid priests. On Oct. 31, the people believed that Saman brought forth the spirits that had died the previous year and had conpired them to inhabit animals' bodies. On Oct. 31, these animals were allowed to return to their homes to visit the living. The Druid priests would lead the people in diabolical worship ceremonies in which horses, cats, black sheep and human beings were stuffed into wicker cages and burned to death.

The famous stone circle in Stonehenge, England was known as a place where Druids would hold their ceremonies. Granted, that was a long time ago, and I know my dog is not an evil spirit.

The modern world may not have any Druids in existence, but other forms of witchcraft are still with us. Witches and satanic worshippers consider Halloween a major holiday for their religion. They certainly don't go around to neighbor hoods in search for candy.

Halloween is not just an innocent holiday. It represents a day of demons and rituals since the beginning of time and is still used as a holiday for demonic worship for satanic followers. When you celebrate Halloween you are taking part in their worship.

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According to the History Channel online (www.historychannel.com), Halloween began some 2,000 years ago with the Celtic celebration of Samhain, or the day in which the ghosts of the dead roam the Earth. On Oct. 31 of each year, the Celts would wear costumes, usually made of animal heads and skins. The Celts hoped that by wearing the scary costumes, the evil spirits wouldn’t recognize them.

While the tradition of wearing costumes is still around in America, the reason for wearing them has changed significantly. Wearing up on Halloween in America is just for fun. When was the last time you heard someone say, “I hope the evil spirits don’t shagle me, hahy,” when putting on your Austin Powers outfit?

Furthermore, while the Celts made their costumes, Americans buy theirs. I know some people who spend over a hundred dollars on a Halloween costume each year. Why? Just to go to a party and see what other people are wearing?

Not only did these people wear costumes to scare the evil spirits away, they would leave their houses and parade around the village, howling at the moon to confuse the spirits. They even went as far as burning the town idiot to warn the dead against human possession.

In America, this tradition went from praying for treats to tricking for treats. Instead of offering a gift in return for a gift, Americans essentially say, “Give me some candy or else…” As a result of Halloween turning into a fun social event, it has at the same time become the second largest commercial holiday. According to the History Channel online, Americans spend $2.3 billion on costumes, candy and decorations. While Halloween was built on strong superstitious and religious feelings, it has become a secular holiday centered on having fun. So, tonight, as you put on your costume and gorge yourself with candy, be careful because the spirits of commercialism may be watching.

Mike Gilmore is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
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the way, or how the light shown in the museum says that the drunken light might have been, I did a lit­ tle research — it’s always fun to make a prank call now and then. My search led me to a fairly recent newspaper clipping, reporting a headline that read, “Poly resident dead.” He was the drunken. He had died halfway between my door and the bathroom, in a puddle of his own vomit. They hadn’t even bothered to clean his bed afterwards. When left alone, the door never closed, never stayed open, but just floated somewhere in between, hovering as though unsure which way to go. The sunlight beeped through our curtains in the morning right into the spot where he died, the shape vaguely resembling a body, but only while since I moved out of the dorms, but every year on Halloween, I tell the resident of my old room the tale. Who knows, it could be you.

Michelle Hatfield

A girl from Cal Poly took a wilder­ ness survival class that taught her how to manage herself alone in the forest.

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times regarded as a sign of bad luck in the United States, but in England, the American follower has it that dream­ing of a white cat is good luck.

In the United States, people believe it is unlucky to come across one acci­ dentally.

“In the early 16th century, a visi­ tor to an English home was told be­ fore he entered to kiss the family cat to bring good luck. In the Dark Ages, a cat was womaned by a person as a foundation of a building to ensure good luck to the inhabitants.

“In Ireland, having your mosaic path crossed by a black cat was thought to forestall death in an epidemic.

“In France, there is a superstition that it is bad luck to cross a stream carrying a cat.

“When you see a one-eyed cat, spit three times over your right shoulder, the middle of your palm, and make a wish. The wish will come true.

“In Norway and France, seeing a tortoiseshell cat forestalled death by accident.

The problems were traced back to two old all-white female cats, who were assumed to have born about five litters each. The white cats were found to have severe skin problems due to their light pigmentation, and, hav­ing reached an accelerated stage, the cancer had eaten away at their ears and nose. Many needed operations. The white cats’ own pet per­ sonalities,” said Gert Bolivar, admin­istrator of animal and facility ser­ vices. “I remember one of the cats walking across the street between the road and the campus. It seemed like she knew that if she walked in between the two lines that she would not get hit.”

As the program progressed, the number of trapped cats grew. As more and more were vaccinated, treated, altered or released, more wild black cats began to show up. White cats continued to be the dominant color, but by 1996, nearly all cats trapped had some color to them. To date, there are only about 100 Cal Poly cats roaming the Cal Poly campus.

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“Feral cats are characterized by hissing or spitting when they come in contact with humans,” Bolivar said. “It is said that some kittens exhibit these behaviors taught by wild moth­ er cats.

And if you happen to be looking to adopt a cat during the months of October or early November, you will not have any luck trying to take a black cat.

“We do not adopt out any black cats during Halloween season,” Bolivar said. “The reason is to prevent cats from potential harm by individuals looking to pick these up to use the cats for something other than cats.”

To date, 350 cats have been placed out of the adoption program, and only about 100 cats roam the campus. The Department is under control of the catch and release procedure. Volunteer watchers watch the animals in traps that are not harmful. Cats are rounded when people call facilities services to alert them about cats seen on campus and the area that it was seen in.

“It is not appropriate, if they do not show signs that they are feral, we try to find homes for them,” Bolivar said. “If a cat is feral, adapt not adopt. If it is spayed or neutered, give them their shots and release them back into the wild.”

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scend their losses.

Welcome to the Golden State Warriors' recent history. It's not a happy place.

The warriors have flailed and floundered through the last eight
seasons, during which they won no playoff games and developed a league-wide reputation as an easy mark, a team that anybody else can beat to stop a losing streak or pad a winning record.

In the NBA, nobody thinks about the Warriors much. Certainly no one fears them. But this year, a new coach, a talent-strengthened general manager and a revamped group of players think they have a shot to be a playoff team.

"We really believe we'll have a brand of basketball that will have the Bay Area excited about us," said GM Garry St. Jean, who coached most of last season after firing FJ. Carlesimo. "We have a young, exciting roster whose best days are still ahead. We can be competitive. If we were in the East, I think we'd be a playoff team."

Derek Jeter

World Series MVP

Thousands celebrate Yankees championship

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of fans lined the Canyon of Heroes for the Yankees' third straight ticker-tape parade Monday as manager Joe Torre hailed his players as "maybe the best team of all time."

Mayer Rudolph Giolito gave each Yankee a key to the city and gushed that: "The relationship between the people of New York and the New York Yankees is a love affair that goes back a very, very long time."

"This is the best team better than this one." Giolito shouted.

Reams of shredded paper buried the street. Politicians held a "You fans should enjoy watching this team because you're not going to see many like it." said Jeter.

Brenly named manager of Diamondbacks

PHOENIX (AP) — Bob Brenly, a broadcaster and former major league catcher, was hired Monday as manager of the Arizona Diamondbacks and said the team has enough talent to be in the World Series next season.

Brenly, 46, signed a three-year con­tract worth $2 million, with a fourth year at the club's option.

"I was in New York City this month and I looked at those two teams and went posi­tion by position," Brenly said. "There's no question why the Diamondbacks couldn't be on next year or maybe why they shouldn't be there. I think the team is that good."

Owner Jerry Colangelo, who intro­duced Brenly as the Diamondbacks' manager, said he likes his new manager's work ethic, atti­tude and philosophy.

"He's the first one to say that he doesn't have all the answers," Colangelo said, "and I find that refreshing. There needs to be a little more fun in this team. That's something we were miss­ing last season."

Brenly was offered the job in a 2 a.m. meeting with Colangelo in a New York hotel restaurant last Friday.

Brenly said he plans to sur­round himself with an experienced coaching staff, and he said the veteran makeup of the team will dictate his style.

"I think you just have to let them play," he said. "We're very blessed to have a veteran team here, a lot of guys who have been through postseason play before, a lot of guys who have achieved a lot of personal success in their own careers."

Track and field opens the season at Mustang Stadium in 7 p.m.

It's "well deserved," he said. "Our Seniors are a great group. They are the only ones who have been with us the whole four years of high school."

Jen Schlegel, Heather Bryant and Keri Stagg were senior captains.

Bryant was named Big West Player of the Week on Monday. Cottrell said that Bryant has not had the stats for such an award until this week.

days ago I did slow down but I believe we will all be pleased with the final product," McCarron said.

The community will also benefit from the track and field program. The Mustangs will be able to host invitational meets, and the Warriors added to 21 losses in their last 26 games."

"It's important for us to play together and learn each other," said Hughes, the 21-year-old shooting guard, who started in each of the Warriors' games and has averaged 14.0 points.

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BIG WEST TRACK AND FIELD OPENING MEET

Soccer

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Going into last weekend's games against Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine, the Mustangs saw themselves as a team with the ability to host invitational meets, and the community will also benefit from the track and field program.

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The project has seen a number of delays due in part to the soggy weather of late, but administrators are hoping for warmer temperatures this week to help complete the track work.

"The poor weather we had the last two months... just ruined the whole thing," said TMcCarron. "We now need to get the track as close to 100 percent as possible before we start on the field."
The long-awaited resurfacing of the track is almost complete and Mustang runners can’t wait for the improvements it will bring.

By Brian Milne

The long wait is finally over. Or is it?
The resurfacing of Mott Track is finally complete, but Cal Poly runners are still waiting for the green light.
The runners have been dodging over the new polyurethane surface since Atlas Track and Tennis started pouring three weeks ago, but the athletes can’t stop footnotes until the new-and-improved nine-lane track until it has been striped.
“We haven’t been on it yet,” said Mustang track coach Sheldon Blockburger. “We’re still running on the streets, roads and grass, but we’re looking to get on it pretty quick.”
The all-weather track surface is a huge improvement on the past uneven track that was plagued with cracks, bald spots and ruts, becoming an injury waiting to happen over the past few years.
“The last time they resurfaced was in 1988, so it’s been 14 years coming,” said distance coach Mark Conover, who was recently named Big West Co-Male Cross Country Coach of the Year.
“It’s a great surface and we can’t wait to get the paint on it. You might even get an old贯 per mile out there running.”
After 14 years of pounding, the surface had lost its resilience, putting more strain on runners, it took its toll on the coaches and trainers as well, who had to deal with an increasing number of injuries over the years.
“It came to the point where it was almost unusable for the kids and coaches,” said assistant track coach Sheldon Blockburger. “We only had one home meet last year. It wasn’t the greatest place to hold competitions.”
The resurfacing cost the school about $154,000, but Athletic Director John McCarthion said he was happy with the results.
“The company we used, Atlas Track and Tennis from Oregon, did an excellent job,” he said.

Women’s soccer ready to clinch title

By Matt Smart

The difference of Cal Poly’s women’s soccer team season has come down to Friday’s home matchup against UC Santa Barbara.
The Mustangs are one game away from repeating as Big West champions and have managed to come alive in the second half of the season, winning four of its last five games.
The Mustangs will be playing their home finale against the sixth-place Gauchos. A win will guarantee the Mustangs a trip to the NCAA tournament.
The winner of the Big West conference gets an automatic bid in the NCAA tournament. Last season, the Mustangs beat UCSB 0-0 in the first round of the tournament and lost 3-2 to Stanford in the second round.
Cal Poly head coach Alex Coates said that the team’s record, 10-4-1 and 5-2 in conference, is not indicative of how well they play.
“It’s been a weird year,” he said.
“We have been improving each week. Both losses in conference we overcame the other team, but we didn’t score and lost both games 1-0.”
UCSB head coach Paul Stumpf is much more focused on Wednesday’s match against UC Irvine but expects a good battle against Cal Poly.
Last season, the Mustangs beat the Gauchos 3-2 behind goals from midfielders Kristi Jereb and Katie Kassey.
Wednesday’s game will be magnified if we win Wednesday against Irvine, Stumpf said. “It’s real big for Cal Poly because of the standings. It’s always tough to play Cal Poly. They are defending league champions and have a solid team. We’ve definitely gotten better and more athletic (since last year).”

Sports Trivia

Yesterday’s Answer:
Dick Vitale coached the Detroit Pistons.
Congrats Jeff Passama!

Today’s Question:
Who was the first NHL player to score more than 200 points in a season?

Please submit sports trivia questions 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

Bryan named Big West Player of the Week

For the second time this season, a player on Cal Poly’s women’s soccer team was named Big West Player of the Week. Freshman midfielder Heather Bryan was selected for the award after scoring the game-winning goal against Cal State Fullerton. Bryan also assisted on Eryk Gerhard’s game-winning goal against UC Irvine.

Bryan has 17 shots on the season, with one goal and three assists to her credit.

Schedule

Wednesday

- Men’s soccer vs San Jose State
  - at Mustang Stadium
  - at 7 p.m.

Friday

- Women’s volleyball vs. Idaho
  - at Idaho
  - at 7 p.m.

- Women’s soccer vs. UCSB
  - at Mustang Stadium
  - at 7 p.m.

Saturday

- Football vs. Northern Iowa
  - at Mustang Stadium
  - at 1 p.m.