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Cartery, lixated behind the Poly campus when nearly 400 cats and kittens were trapped and used to house untrapped felines. Veterinary Clinic, is more than just a good campus will roam the campus. The fortune. It also serves as a house of domestication.

By Christine Powell

The need to initiate a program was noticed by a student whose duties included trapping feral, or wild, cats. Once trapped, the cats were taken to the local Department of Animal Regulations to be humanely euthanized. Temporarily decreasing the cat population on campus was successful, but other problems emerged. Cats left untrapped to fend for themselves in the wild often succumb to disease, pregnancy and starvation.

Cat superstitions

"English schoolchildren believed seeing a white cat on the way to school was sure to bring trouble. To prevent the bad luck, they were to spit or turn around completely and make the sign of the cross.

"Charles L. King of England, owned a black cat that he felt brought him luck. He was so afraid of losing it that he had it guarded day and night. As it happened, the day after the cat died, he was arrested.

"A cat sneezing is a good omen for everyone who hears it."

Hit and run Crime increases on Halloween

"There will be a lot of malicious mischief — people throwing tomatoes, eggs and things at people, cats and homes," said Sgt. Ron Brown of the San Luis Obispo Police Department. Most of the problems, however, are expected to come from parties being held around San Luis Obispo. The Police Department anticipates several assault charges stemming from people going to parties, drinking too much, losing control of themselves and getting into fights. They also expect disturbance calls because of parties that become too noisy.

In response, the Police Department will have eight officers on duty Tuesday night in comparison to a normal Tuesday when only six officers are on duty. "There's more activity on a Friday or Saturday night than there will be this Tuesday, but this see CRIME, page 14
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 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 building**
"The Maze," otherwise known as Bldg. 52, faculty offices, is notorious for its long, confusing hallways and spider web structure.

**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.

**Scariest elevator**
Inside Bldg. 21, Engineering West, sits an elevator large enough for a gurney. The pale, green walls look like they're straight out of a Stephen King novel.
Web storage grows to fit

If you've ever had one of those moments where a file didn't fit on a floppy disk, then read on. Today, we will explore territory that has been visited by many millions — the World Wide Web.

Would anyone disagree when I write that somehow, the floppy disks just aren't big enough anymore? Sure, they're dirt cheap, but what about those times when you need to fit a 1.45 megabyte file onto one of them? Looks like you're out of luck.

There are a couple of options available in the above situation. You could e-mail it to a Holland or a web-based e-mail provider. But e-mail isn't as simple: Sometimes the file gets there, sometimes it doesn't.

There's an alternative: Web-based storage servers! Several companies out there provide this service. Freedrive, Idrive and Xdrive (just add one to all of them) all offer free Web-based storage of at least 50 megabytes. That's a lot of space. You could fit almost 10 mp3s in there. The way they work is very simple. No nip 5s were downloaded or exchanged during the writing of this column. I have never heard of or used them.)

For those 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 place to find ideas. The site www.ehow.com often tips on how to carve a fancy pumpkin (as opposed to a regular pumpkin) and has a listing of all the knives and accessories needed to make the designs.

An old standby for crafty hints 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 (42) 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 serrate saw to cut intricate designs. She also suggests a linoleum cutter, to make perfect cutting grooves and spirals.

At the Pumpkin Page (www.pumpkinmaster.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.netmud.com. You can 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 quite a few recipes. The site www.ehow.com offers tips for baking pumpkin seeds is simple, taking 16 to 20 minutes at 350 degrees in the oven. Also, www.globalgourmet.com offers a pumpkin seed flatbread recipe, an interesting way to use up the leftovers.

BY ROBIN NICHOLS
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Carving your way to Halloween bliss

By Robin Nichols

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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 retrieve the face (or scary swirl) 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 turpens 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 large, easier to carve and the perfect choice for jack-o'-lanterns.

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For more information contact Major Mark Johnson at 756-7689.
Halloween is a holiday about kids dressing up as cute little witches and monsters, strolling around 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 holiday that's the truth. It's the layer beneath the costumes where the real holiday to the United States Halloween lies. It's this part that many ignore.

I have been involved with Halloween celebrations since I was a kid. I'd walk block after block in my costume in search of the house that gave out the big candy bars. Yet, not until I did research on the holiday did I realize that Halloween needs to be unmasked. Nobody celebrated Halloween in this country until 1845. It was banned in America because our forefathers knew about its occultic roots. During 1845 and 1846, the Irish Potato Famine brought many Irish to America. Not only did the Irish bring St. Patrick's Day but Halloween as well. The ancient Celtic people celebrated Halloween as the end of summer with sacrifices to Saman (Shamain) who was the lord of death and evil spirits. Just a side note: Saman is now known as the Grim Reaper. Druids, occult practitioners, held similar ceremonies before Christ was born.

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 confined 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 a divination ceremony 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 worshipers consider Halloween a major holiday for their religion. They certainly don't go around to neighborhoods in search for candy. Go to any Internet search engine and type in "Halloween evil day." There are thousands of Web sites devoted to bringing up the truth about this holiday. I have told you is only the tip of the witches hat.

People who belong to occults make sacrifices of animals in graveyards and take part in Lewd, sexual acts all in honor of their god, Satan. I'm not going to take the stance that many Americans use today. I'll respect what you believe because it's a free country with the right to free expression. Satanic practices are wrong. Even if you don't believe in God, you must believe in evil forces and know that they are wrong to promote. The media usually portray witches and occults in a favorable light at this time, passing their holiday off as a day they pray to their gods and goddesses. To me, there is no such thing as a good witch.

Halloween is not just an inoffensive holiday. It represents a day of demonic spirits 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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Halloween is a great holiday with a rich tradition. What other day can you knock on a stranger’s door and have him or her hand you a handful of candy for wearing a sheet over your head? While the original customs such as dressing up, pulling pranks and trick-or-treating have remained, their original purpose was formed out of fear.

Whereas now they are simply for fun, Americans have made Halloween into a commercial “holiday.” It is just another excuse to throw a party. 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. Even in the 5th century, the Irish wore costumes to keep the evil spirits away. 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. Dressing 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 scare me, baby,” when putting on their 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.

Five hundred years after these traditions developed, European Christians began to practice what they called “soul-saving.” On All Souls Day they would go from house to house, begging for “soul cakes” in turn for praying for the souls of the recently deceased in the household.

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 in 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.

Tonight, as you put on your costume and gorge yourself with candy, be careful because the spirits of commercialism may be watching.

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The way, or how the light shines in the morning, can either bring good luck or the drugged might have been, I did a little
research—it’s always fun to make a prank call now and then. My search
led me to a fairly recent newspaper clipping, police reports and a headline that read, “Poly resident dead.” He was the
drunkard. 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 fluttered somewhere in between, hovering as though unsure which way to go. The sunlight streamed through
our curtains in the morning right into the spot where he died, the shape vaguely resembling a body lying there.

Benjamin Franklin holds to that dream.

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It was bad luck to see a white cat
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night. In Ireland, having your moonlit
path crossed by a black cat was
to forestall death in an epi-

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severe case of inbreeding.
The problems were traced back to
old all-white female cats, who
were assumed to have born about five
titties each. The white cats were
found to have suffered from skin
eruptions due to their light pigmentation, and, hav-
ing reached an accelerated stage, the
cancer had eaten away at their
mammary glands.

The white cats’ own her-
sentiments,” said Gert Belfor, admin-
istrator of Cal Poly’s animal
facilities services.

In France, the situation is a

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Tuesday will be baser than a normal
Tuesday,” Brown said.

University Police Cpl. Carol Montgomery,

EXPERIENCED in

The crime scene would be

Tuesday

in the past five or six years,
especially the number of calls
regarding vandalism. In the past, the Police
Department had problems with adoles-

tents congregating in downtown
San Luis Obispo and throwing eggs.
People could have their cars down-
town without having eggs and other
items thrown at them. The Police
Department would keep adequate

counts from going downtown on
Halloween and since then the number
of calls about malicious behavior have
gone down.

Brown said despite the decrease in crime on Halloween, more people will be around the town that night than on
any regular Tuesday. Those who do
break the law on Halloween night will not be treated any differently within
the court system than someone arrested on a regular
night, Brown said. He added that he expects problems to wind down around 2 a.m. when the bars close.

Officers will receive no special
instructions other than to be on
the lookout for any drinking.

"Don’t drink and drive," Brown said.

"That’s what we really look for."
Sports

Warriors hoping for improvement

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Warriors embark on their first-round playoff series tonight, and they hope to avoid getting flattened like the last two nights. Both games in the series, during which they won no games and lost their last two games, were played against the Los Angeles Lakers, who have now won the Western Conference title three times in the past four years.

"We have a young, exciting roster whose best days are still ahead," said coach Steve Kerr. "We can be competitive if we work hard. In the East, I think we'd be a playoff team.

McCormick, the outgoing coach, was named Big West Player of the Year. "I would like to see a minimum of three to four home meets per year and eventually host the conference meet," he said.

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

"The worst weather we had last October was when we had to call off practice due to snow. It's been a good year so far," said coach Terry McGraw.

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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
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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 dreading over the new polyurethane surface since Atlas Track and Tennis started posting three weeks ago, but the athletes can’t step foot onto it until the new and improved nine-lane track until it has been striped.

“We haven’t been on it yet,” said assistant 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, bold spots and unfortunately, an injury waiting to happen over the past few years.

“The last time they resurfaced was in 1998, so it’s been 14 years coming,” said distance coach Mark Consauer, 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 guy like me 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.

“The company we used, Atlas Track and Tennis from Oregon, did an excellent job,” he said.

The price tag for the project is approximately $154,000.

Women’s soccer ready to clinch title

By Matt Smart
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The success 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 the Gauchos in the first round of the tournament and lost to Stanford in the second round.

Cal Poly head coach Alex Cowan said that the team’s record, 10-6-1, is still a good improvement on the past uneven track that was the last time they resurfaced was in 1998, so it’s been 14 years coming,” said distance coach Mark Consauer, who was recently named Big West Co-Male Cross Country Coach of the Year.

“We have been improving each week. Both losses in conference we outplayed the other team, but we didn’t score and lost both games 1-0,” UCSC head coach Paul Stumpf said that the team’s record, 10-6-1, and 5-2 in conference, is nothing but on Wednesday, Cal Poly will clinch the title.

“UCSB head coach Paul Stumpf is the first half of the season, winning the title.

The Mustangs beat the Gauchos 1-0 and have a solid team. We’ve definitely gotten better and more athletic (since last year).”

The Mustangs will be ready to run.