Hey Mr. DJ

By Sonia Slutzki
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

If VISA is "everywhere you want it to be" then it forget to visit Cal Poly, because it definitely isn't here.

Six months ago, Cal Poly introduced credit card use as an option to pay for school fees via the Internet or over the phone, a benefit that was not available prior to July 2000. Master Card, Discover and American Express are amongst the only three credit cards accepted.

"Before we began to accept credit cards, we had looked at the possibilities for several years," said Robert Dignan, director of Fiscal Services, in a letter explaining Cal Poly's decision not to card VISA. "It was eventually decided that in order to accept credit cards, we would need to charge a convenience fee.

When Cal Poly began discussions with credit card processors, they learned that credit card companies were unwilling to allow a convenience charge that was directly related to their merchant fees. Dignan said in his letter. VISA would allow only a "one size fits all" flat fee.

Currently, the University Cashier has a convenience fee schedule that starts at $2 for payments up to $100. The highest fee would be $15 for payments over $4,000. With VISA, all payments would include a $20 fee regardless of the amount of the payment.

According to Dignan's letter, credit card companies insisted that the same fee structure be used for all credit cards on campus, which meant that "Cal Poly could not have a "tipped" fee for some cards and a flat rate for others."

Nancy Reynolds, Cal Poly accounts assistant director, said the incentive to start carrying credit cards came from students asking for that convenience, especially before fall quarter while some students are out of town. However, Cal Poly could not justify the additional cost of carrying all credit cards, which would amount to thousands of dollars every year.

"While we would prefer to accept VISA also, we were not able to work out an arrangement that would allow us to do so," Dignan said in the letter.

Reynolds said that only a few students have complained about the school not carrying VISA; most haven't even realized that the option to use credit cards to pay school fees is currently available.

VISA is, however, accepted at other locations on campus, such as El Camo Bookstore.

Student blood drives a source of life

By Adreanna Benjamin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The blood supply on the Central Coast is bleeding dry and more blood donors are needed throughout the year. Cal Poly is one of the largest contributors to the Tri Counties Blood Center and continues to be a big supporter.

The Black and Brindle Club from the College of Agriculture is holding a blood drive on Thursday in hopes of getting an increase in blood donors.

"The reason we're doing this is because we need to give back to the community," said Kelly Smith, an agriculture junior. "It helps save lives.

Smith, who is part of the Black and Brindle Club, will be volunteering her time to help with the blood drive. "We are trying to have the blood drive three times a year," she said.

"But so far this year, we will only have two.

The "Knowmobile," as Smith likes to call it, has been very successful in the past, but organizers would like more people to give blood.

Most people don't understand the need to maintain a safe and plentiful blood supply for community patients. Mona Klemens, community relations representative for Tri Counties Blood Center, said the national average of blood donors is less than 5 percent.

Klemens also said the Central Coast average is between 5 to 10 percent, which is extremely low.

"Most of our donors are from Cal Poly," Klemans said. "We have different organizations who come to us and want to do the blood drives."

Klemans said there are a lot of organizations at Cal Poly that put on blood drives. Organizations such as fraternities and sororities, ROTC, Civil Engineering Club and the Black and Brindle Club help to spread awareness about the importance of donating blood.

"We need 150 pints a day for local hospitals," Klemans said. "And we don't meet that requirement on a daily basis. That is why we need more people to donate blood."

Klemans said not enough people are aware that the need for blood is so high. One of the reasons people don't donate is because they believe others are doing it and there's no need for them to donate.

"There is more and more blood usage," Klemans said. "This area's population is growing, we have senior citizens who are having surgeries and need the blood, as well as accidents."

If people lose blood from surgery, get injured or if their bodies can't produce see BLOOD, page 2

County jail opens for public tour

By Larissa Van Beurden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Imagine walking away from a party on a Friday night. Knowing you've had too much to drink, you decide to walk back to your apartment instead of drive, especially since it's a short walk. Thinking everything's OK, you're surprised when a police officer pulls up and asks if you've been drinking. You're walking, he can still pick you up for public drunkenness and take you to the "drunk tank," located in the county jail.

Most people at this point would be scared out of their minds. But this Thursday, the sheriff's department is inviting the public to tour the jail to show people exactly what the jail process consists of and what the facilities look like.

The tour begins at 5:30 p.m. and will take approximately one hour. It will explain the history, correctional methodology and operational aspects of the facility. see JAIL, page 2

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**BLOOD**

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enough blood, there is only one place to turn to: volunteered blood donors. Not only does Cal Poly have blood drives throughout the year, but it also has bone marrow drives given by Heart of America.

"We come to Cal Poly because we get invited by certain organizations," said Fran McDermott, manager of California operation for Heart of America. "We've also come together with blood drives.

Unlike the blood drives, which are for nonprofit organizations and are free of charge to the donor, the bone marrow drives cost $75 per donor.

"It costs money for each packet, therefore we also need to change the volunteers," she said. "But we do full funding for minorities."

McDermott said minorities are underrepresented in the bone marrow registry and need more donors.

"We have a lot of Caucasian donors," she said. "But when it comes to Asians, Hispanics or African-Americans, we need a better chance for their match."

McDermott said every patient that comes along needs the same chance for bone marrow transplants, that's why they need a variety of different nationalities donating blood.

"Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old, weighs at least 110 pounds may donate blood and bone marrow."

The next blood drive, organized by the Block and Brindle Club, is Thursday in front of Rdg. 10. The blood drive will be between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, contact the Tri Counties Blood Center at 543-4280 or Heart of America at 1-800-366-6711.

**JAIL**

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Greg Slane, sheriff's department chief deputy, said the department is very open to the public and wants everyone to be able to come out and see what the sheriff's department actually does.

"We want the public to be well informed," Slane said. "We want them to see it's not really a dungeon in here."

The tour will take visitors through the entire jail operating system. This includes the safety cell, drunk tank, holding cell and female jail. It will also take visitors through the entire booking system, from fingerprinting to release.

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calls to local piercing, locales with all sorts of questions. Every day it seemed there was a new rumor or concern she faced. "Is it true you can be paralyzed for life?" she asked once.

"What about losing all feeling in your tongue?" she asked another time.

"People mainly do it for the looks," she said. "It's a small, non-permanent change."

"I think it enhances style and beauty," she said. "It's like part of your clothes - an accessory."

The Association of Professional Piercers (APP) has detailed a list of things to look for when deciding where to get a piercing. Pinder said the APP is helpful in its recommendations and aftercare suggestions.

First, the APP encourages asking to see a shop's autoclave (sterilizer) and spore tests. A spore test determines if the store's sterilizers are working properly. About once a month, shops must send a sample from the autoclave off to a company, which tests it to see if all the bacteria has been killed. Traditional Tattoos uses an autoclave.

Second, it is absolutely necessary to make sure the shop uses single-use needles. The needles should come from an individual package - not a needle that has been soaking in liquid. She said it is also important to see if the shop has an autoclave container, a red biodegradable unit, to dispose of used needles.

Third, the APP suggests making sure the shop does not perform body piercings with an ear piercing gun. It is illegal in many states to use piercing guns anywhere but the ear lobes. Traditional Tattoos uses needles for ear piercing as well.

"You can sterilize the guns at all," Pinder said. "Needles cause less trauma to the body, since guns are blunt and more inaccurate."

Fourth, it is important to check the shop's jewelry selection. According to the APP as a general rule, jewelry no thinner than 14-gauge should be used below the neck.

"We only use hoops, because there is more space where bacteria can set with a barbell," Pinder said.

Fifth, the APP recommends asking if the shop has an aftercare sheet and a license to operate. Traditional Tattoos gives away aftercare sheets for both internal and external piercing, and it does have a license from the City of San Luis Obispo to operate.

Other suggestions from the APP include seeing if the shop is clean, talking to friends about their experiences, asking questions of the piercer, checking the age requirements and looking at the piercing room and set-up.

Pinder believes there are many misunderstandings about getting pierced.

"Mainly it's the rumors and the amount of pain," she said. "People think it hurts a lot and it doesn't."
Allow ideas to stir thought, open dialogue

Too many warnings imply stupidity

When warning labels go too far:

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Commentary

"M-LAW's Wacky Warning Labels Contest," picks out warning labels that are "absolutely ridiculous."

This year's winning label warned: "Shim pads can not protect any part of the body they do not cover."

One of my favorite warnings was found on a toilet inside a public restroom: "Recycled flash water unsafe for drinking."

Another warning label that conjures up scary thoughts reads, "This product (rotary tool) is not intended for use as a dental drill or in medical applications." Serious personal injury may result.

Now, these are just warnings. There are too many of anyone actually buying any of these stupid things, but there have been several lawsuits that were based on such ridiculous grounds.

An inmate at a Michigan prison blamed the state for his flatulence and sued them over the food being served in the prison. Fortunately, he didn't win.

Many people are just plain stupid. Did you squeeze my gel pad."
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Letter to the editor

Drinking is a serious issue
Editor,

I was reading Cameron Edmunds’ letter (“Drinking laws serve no real purpose,” Jan. 29) and was compelled to disagree. Without laws prohibiting drinking, our generation runs the risk of rapidly becoming more sex driven and brain dead than it already is. The laws are there to provide an incentive to change your lifestyle, and when the risk of drinking if you are underage involves tickets, imprisonment or even improvement, we take alcohol a bit more seriously.

Parties are just mobs of intoxicated people stumbling around a room that is ridiculously too small to be comfortable. While the girls are sipping their beers, the guys are gulping and both are focusing on the opposite sex engaging in exclusive conversations that run or may not be remembered the next day. And in the morning, a few wake up with their fing of the night, a few next to the toilet and most with a throbbing headache. Is this morally acceptable?

To better assess the problem, we must look into the motivation behind the restrictions — why are there restrictions on anything? And the answer is simple. It is because we have undoubtedly proved to someone that we cannot handle the situation ourselves. Somewhere in our lives, we did something that directly or indirectly lowered their trust in us, and to prevent further problems, restrictions appeared. Can we honestly say that underage drinking doesn’t pose a threat to us?

I don’t believe that minors who drink are completely wrong, but the law has every right to prohibit minors from consuming alcohol when 83 percent of rape involves alcohol, when 50 percent of automobile accidents involve alcohol and when these accidents are the number one cause of death for people ages 15 to 24. That’s enough to scare the hell out of anyone in their right mind!

Your arguments are mute. Not all consuming minors involve themselves in that type of conduct. I didn’t! But what will it take to get you to realize that alcohol is a dangerous thing? Have you seen the ugly side of alcohol? I have a friend who recently almost died of alcohol poisoning. Doctors said that if he made it to the emergency room 10 minutes later, there would have been nothing they could have done!

So what is the solution? Prove that you, as a collective body, are responsible enough to handle alcohol and its effects. Stop drinking to get wasted in front of strangers who might take advantage of you. Stop drinking every weekend. Are you that dependent on alcohol that you can’t go a weekend without it? Get a bunch of friends together and do something without the effects of alcohol impairing your ability to be yourself — just don’t let alcohol control you or the people around you.

Brandon Silar is an architecture freshman.
**News**

**Bomb scare closes college**

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) — Police say a photo lab clerk tipped them to a community college student who allegedly had dozens of pipe bombs, Molotov cocktails and other weapons stashed in his room and planned to use them in a "Columbine-style attack" on his school.

Al DeGuzman, 19, remained in Santa Clara County jail Tuesday accused of possession of an explosive device, 20 counts of possession of a firearm, and two counts of possession of an illegal weapon — a sawed-off shotgun and a rifle.

Police closed De Anza College on Tuesday, believing DeGuzman planned to blow up the school. The 12-acre campus, with about 26,000 students, is 45 miles south of San Francisco.

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SPORTS

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meet, a weight class will be chosen to start with. From there, the matches will be wrestled in order, by weight class. The 10 weight classes are (in pounds): 125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 187, 199 and 285.

Matches consist of three periods. The first period is three minutes, while the second and third periods are two minutes each.

The match begins with two wrestlers standing, facing each other in the middle of the mat. This is the neutral position. Each wrestler attempts to score a take-down, worth two points, by taking the other wrestler down to the mat and gaining control of him. At the beginning of the second period, one wrestler is given the option of choosing neutral, bottom or top position. The other wrestler gets the choice in the third round.

From the bottom position, there are two ways of scoring. An escape, which is worth one point, is scored when the bottom man gets to a neutral position. A reversal, worth two points, is scored when the bottom man is able to go from being the defensive wrestler to the offensive wrestler in control of his opponent.

If the score is tied at the end of the third period, a one-minute overtime period is immediately wrestled, starting from the neutral position. If the score remains tied, a second overtime period is wrestled. The man who was the first to score an offensive point during the match is given the choice of top or bottom position. The bottom man has 30 seconds to escape or reverse to win. If he does not, the top man wins.

The offensive (top) wrestler scores points by putting his opponent on his back. Holding the opponent’s shoulders at a 45-degree angle to the mat for up to two seconds earns two points and five or more seconds earns three points. A pin is called when the offensive wrestler puts both of his opponent’s shoulder blades against the mat for one and a half seconds.

Fans who come to watch a Cal Poly wrestling match can expect to see their money worth with all the action in the 10 matches. "They can expect to see a well-conditioned team throughout the action in the 10 matches," Cowell said.

Ryan Ballard is a former Cal Poly wrestler.
A fan’s guide to Cal Poly wrestling

By Ryan Ballard

Wrestling can be fast-paced, exciting and suspenseful. Like most sports, though, it has its share of intricacies. For fans at their first match, things can appear very confusing.

"It’s a person coming, they’ll get hooked," said head wrestling coach Lennis Cowell. "It’s the kind of sport that hooks people immediately, but a lot of people don’t understand it, so they never see it to begin with."

College wrestling has its own distinct style and set of rules that differ from other kinds of wrestling. Wrestling takes place on a mat, not a ring, and the athletes do not wear costumes.

"I think a lot of people believe that what they see on TV in professional wrestling is what they’re going to see here and they don’t understand the concept of NCAA wrestling," Cowell said.

In a dual meet, two schools compete against each other. Ten individual matches are wrestled, with the winner of the match scoring points for his team. The team receives three points when its wrestler scores up to seven points more than his opponent. Four team points are awarded for a margin of victory 8 to 14 points, five points for a victory of 15 points and six points for a win.

At the beginning of a dual meet, the team must have at least 15 members present. For the team to score, it must have 9 eligible wrestlers. There is a maximum of 13 free agents, which can consist of either men or women.

Cal Poly’s Chuck Sandlin holds Oklahoma’s Nick Curcio in a match Jan. 14 in Mott Gym. Sandlin is one of two Mustangs, along with Cedric Heymon, to defeat their opponents in the meet.

NCAA needs consistency for punishments

The NCAA has a serious consistency problem when punishing student-athletes.

Are some student-athletes made examples of while others are shielded by their star status or their institution’s reputation? The case of J.R. Plenis seems to prove that.

Plenis wrestled for the University of Nebraska for three years. Following coaching changes before this season, Plenis decided to transfer to Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania. Before he had a chance to compete for Lock Haven, Ryan Ballard went from the NCAA that he was ineligible to participate in NCAA competition due to gambling violations while at Nebraska.

The NCAA strictly prohibits gambling on any intercollegiate or professional sport by its athletes. In late 1999, over the course of six weeks, Plenis bet on approximately 45 college and professional football games, and soon found himself $500 in debt. His parents didn’t have the money to lend him, so Plenis borrowed the money from Nebraska head coach Tim Neumann. Plenis repaid the money to Neumann two months later.

When Nebraska officials found out about the activity, Plenis was given the impression he would sit out a few matches and take a class on gambling as his penalty. Why did Nebraska wait until two years after the incident occurred, after Plenis had transferred, to notify the NCAA of the infraction? While Plenis knows what he did was wrong, he’s positive that if he had stayed at Nebraska, he would still be wrestling.

For years there has been a growing trend toward allowing student-athletes who are punished for infractions inversely proportional to the need their team has for them. A third-string forward at a Div. II school is much more likely to be suspended for NCAA violations than an All-American forward who leads his team to the Final Four.

In 1999, Peter W. Flaherty, a wide receiver for Illinois, had transferred to a Div. II school and played three games before he was suspended for one game before he was suspended for one game. He was then granted immediate eligibility and was able to play in the team’s next game.

Men’s volleyball plays host to league tourney

By Candice Conti

The Cal Poly men’s volleyball team is off to a 17-10 start this season, and expectations are high for the rest of the season.

The team defeated USC in an away game last Saturday, 3-1.

The men’s most successful season was in 1997, when they took second place at the Collegiate Cup Championships, giving the team a No. 2 ranking at the end of the season.

Coach John Park said the team finished No. 22 in the nation last year and this year he thinks they will do even better because of the wide variety of players on the team.

This year is looking pretty good because there’s a good nucleus of experienced players and new comers,” he said.

Park said this week is going to be big for the volleyball team. They will be playing three home games at the Rec Center, and hosting the Northern California Collegiate Volleyball League (NCCVL) tournament on Sunday, which brings all teams in the league together to play at Cal Poly.

To kick off the week, the team will play Div. III UC Santa Cruz on Wednesday night. Friday night, the team will go up against Sacramento State, who is ranked in the top 10 in the nation, and Saturday night they will play the No. 3 team in the nation, Fresno State.

Chris Baull, a computer science junior and one of the veterans on the team, said Fresno State is the team’s biggest rival, but he’s optimistic that the team will beat them this year.

"Fresno State is definitely a good team and it’s scary to play them," Baull said. "But this year we have a good chance of beating them because our team is getting better."

Baull said the whole team is really excited about the upcoming game with Fresno State on Saturday. Although the team likes to win, there are other reasons why the players get together. Architecture engineers see VOLLEYBALL, page 7

Please submit sports trivia answers to msport@calpoly.edu.

Last week’s question: Who won the first NIT tournament?

Answer: 1941

Today’s Question: Who is the No. 1 team in the nation at this time?

Answer: Humbolt State

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Division I Schedule

| WEDNESDAY | \[\text{Men’s basketball vs. Pacific} \]  \\
| Mott Gym  | 7 p.m. |
| FRIDAY    | \[\text{Women’s basketball vs. Long Beach State} \]  \\
| at Long Beach | 7:30 p.m. |
|          | \[\text{Baseball vs. University of San Diego} \]  \\
| at Baggett Stadium | 5 p.m. |
|          | \[\text{Swimming vs. UC Irvine} \]  \\
| at Mott Pool  | 11 a.m. |
| SATURDAY | \[\text{Men’s basketball vs. Idaho} \]  \\
| at Idaho  | 7 p.m. |
|          | \[\text{Baseball vs. University of San Diego} \]  \\
| at Baggett Stadium | 1 p.m. |

Club Schedule

| FRIDAY    | \[\text{Men’s volleyball vs. Sacramento State} \]  \\
| Rec Center  | 7 p.m. |
| SATURDAY | \[\text{Women’s lacrosse vs. UC San Diego} \]  \\
| Sports Complex  | 12 p.m. |
|           | \[\text{Men’s lacrosse vs. UCLA} \]  \\
| Sports Complex  | 1 p.m. |
| SUNDAY   | \[\text{Men’s volleyball at NCCVL Tournament} \]  \\
| Rec Center  | 8 a.m. |
|           | \[\text{Women’s lacrosse vs. UCSB (Div. II)} \]  \\
| Sports Complex  | 12 p.m. |
|           | \[\text{Women’s lacrosse vs. UCSB (Div. II)} \]  \\
| Sports Complex  | 2 p.m. |

Sports Trivia

| FRIDAY    | \[\text{Jerry West made the most free throws in a single NBA season} \]  \\
| Congrats Mike Voong! |
| SATURDAY | \[\text{Who won the first NIT tournament?} \]  \\
| Today’s Question: | Who won the first NIT tournament? |

Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.