**Hey Mr. DJ**

**By Adrenna Benjamin**

Theodore Zeiss, an electrical engineering senior, works as a DJ for 91.3 KCPR, Cal Poly's student-run radio station. Below, Zeiss cues music for his Tuesday afternoon regular format show. Zeiss has been a DJ for two years.

New student trainees were recently selected for this quarter and are allotted time every week to learn the workings of the station before taking on their own program.

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**By Sonia Slutzki**

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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 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 matches."

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 and weighs more than 110 pounds may donate blood and bone marrow.

The next blood drive, organized by the Block and Bredle Club, is Thursday in front of Bldg. 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.

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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.

Slane said the tour would be especially beneficial to college students because of its educational aspects and its opportunity for career connections.

"Any opportunity to experience something you haven't in the past is a good educational opportunity," Slane said.

The San Luis Obispo County Jail was built in 1971. It has expanded numerous times over the years to accommodate the increasing inmate population.

Sheriff Patrick Hedges encourages all those interested in meeting the custody staff, observing jail operations and touring the facilities to take advantage of the opportunity.

To participate in the tour, make reservations by calling the sheriff's department at 781-4611 by noon on Jan. 31. Participants will be required to present photo identification on the day of the tour.

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A truly holey experience

By Janelle Foskett

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 for its recommendations and aftercare suggestions.

Traditional Tattoo urges customers to ask 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 Tattoo uses an autoclave.

Second, it is absolutely necessary to make sure the shop uses single-use needles, advises the APP. Pinder said the needles should come from an individual package — not a needle that has been soaking in liquid. He said it is also important to see if the shop uses a sharp container, a red biobag 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 earlobes. Traditional Tattoo 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 often 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 sit with a barbell," Pinder said.

Fifth, the APP recommends asking if the shop has an aftercare sheet and a license to operate. Traditional Tattoo does give 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 rooms and set-up.

Pinder believes there are many misunderstandings about getting pierced.

"Mainly it's the rumors and the amount of pain," he said. "People think it hurts a lot and it doesn't."

The APP has a list of suggestions at www.safepiercing.org.

She said there's usually a quick, sharp pinch that turns into a warm throb.

"I like the way it feels when they pierce it," he said.

Pinder points out that there are some common sense things to be aware of after a piercing. She said it is very important to not touch a fresh piercing. She recognizes that it can be tempting to play with, but she said hands are really dirty and will only increase the likelihood of an infection.

For more information about getting pierced or aftercare, the APP has a list of suggestions at www.safepiercing.org.

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Allow ideas to stir thought, open dialogue

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In case you are wondering about the inundation of theological bumper stickers enveloping our campus, there is an explanation. This week is Evangelism ("E") Week, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ. The basis for this movement is derived from the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19), in which Christ charges his followers to spread the knowledge they possess and see that Christians reaches the far corners of the earth. But there is a deeper meaning that hovers beneath this basic, yet bold, mission statement. The hope is that all of the posters, flyers, films and dialogue will stir at least a thought or two in the minds of Cal Poly students. Whether your background is orthodox or atheist, Christian or Islamic, agnostic or atheistic, a little contemplation will only serve to further enhance your own self-actualization. If you don't relate to Christ's charge in your own right, it is your own fault. Let's look at Socrates.

One of the many phrases that define his historic persona is "Know thyself." This command stems from the assertion that we can do nothing without first establishing our own stance on an issue. In order to impact others and produce results, we must first know our own platform and learn how to make our ideas appealing to others. But back to the issue at hand.

A few weeks ago, in one of the usual religious debate is evolution versus creation. I like the idea of a random chemical interaction billions of years ago that spawned life and the universe. The Big Bang is a well-developed theory supported by countless, highly educated scientists. But take it one step further, beyond the mere facts of the theory, according to this explanation, what is then our reason for being here?

If there is no supreme being that intentionally created each one of us, then we are left to our own devices to determine our life's purpose. There is no overarching higher power, no divine mother, so it is our absolute right to ask any question relating to the afterlife, our souls, our conscience or the unbridgeable chasm between the most advanced animal and the most primordium human. It is not definitely right, that means that nothing we do is absolutely wrong either. Whew, what a relief!

Conversely, if there is a God who created us with a bigger plan in mind, should we not take personal responsibility to us to make good choices and "stayed the course" of our life's purpose. While this belief undeniably demands a higher standard and requires us to remain accountable to something higher than ourselves, does that necessarily mean that it is wrong? I understand that in today's society, whatever is easier and feels good is often deemed the best and most popular choice. But this instant gratification, pleasure-seeking, self-centered, self-embellishing philosophy really the truth?

I am not asking you to subscribe to my personal doctrine, nor anyone else for that matter. What I implore you to do is question, not take the answers that your parents have been drilling into your head since birth, not the lifestyle that your friends live, but your own personal belief system derived through your own self-examination. It need not revolve around this week's activities, nor the next, but the week is over. But it must take place. Your future depends on it.

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Too many warnings imply stupidity

In recent years, lawyers have been receiving more business due to an increase in lawsuits. This shows how greedy and stupid America has become. It seems that every time a person's feelings get hurt, he or she sues. Or, if they slip on a wet sidewalk, sue the owner of the nearest house, instead of choking the fall up to bad weather.

The lawsuits are becoming so ridiculous and frequent that a group in Michigan has formed to stop lawsuit abuse.

M-LAW, Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, was established in 1997 to call attention to the effects of product-liability lawsuits.

Because of the fear of being sued, many companies are forced to consider any misuse of their products and warn consumers not to engage in damaging behaviors of these items. M-LAW ([www.mlaw.org]) holds an annual contest "to reveal how lawsuits against even obvious misuses of products."

The contest, called "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 warning was found on a toilet inside a public restroom. "Recycled flash water unsafe for drinking."

Another warning label that conjures up scary thoughts read: "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 no reports of anyone actually using 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.

Another case involved a Michigan couple that sued the owners of a nearby business claiming that dust, noise and vibrations invaded their property and, therefore, were victims of trespassing. A jury actually ruled in their favor, but a Court of Appeals overturned the jury's verdict (while laughing at the couple).

The Court of Appeals stated that noise, vibrations and dust are intangible objects and cannot be considered as trespassors.

Many people are just plain stupid. Did this couple actually think they would win the lawsuit? The sad part is that a jury felt the lawsuit was warranted. If the dust and noise were bothering the couple, they could have moved. But that might take too much effort - as if going to court doesn't.

Many people might see the reason behind some of these warnings. I can't help but laugh at the shot who needs to be told not to drive with his cardboard car shielded in place. Or the person who is taking sleeping pills and was warned that the pills might cause drowsiness. I might be wrong, but doesn't a person who needs to sleep want to be drowsy? Commercials like these have to be out or they'll be sued for letting people fall asleep when they are taking sleeping pills.

The fact that there is a contest for silly labels shows that this country has become a breeding ground for idiots who don't have common sense. Excuse me, but someone who is stupid enough to use a drill tool as a dental drill deserves to be naturally selected out of here.

If I was stupid enough to drive my car with a car shield still on the dashboard, I would be ashamed to tell anyone, let alone be brave enough to use the company.

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Your arguments are true. 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 right 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.

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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 at home and planned to use them in a " Columbine-style attack" on his school.

Al DeGuzman, 19, remained in Santa Clara County jail Tuesday charged with 35 counts of possession of an explosive device, 20 counts of possession of a firearm, and two counts of possession of an illegal weapon — a snipped-off shotgun and 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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receiver for Florida State University, set out two games early in the season because Warrick was allowed to return to time to help lead his team to a national championship.

A nationwide debate over whether colleges should recruit and offer scholarships to athletes with criminal records continues. In 1995 by a case involving All-America, a basketball player for Georgetown University and current star of the Philadelphia 76ers. Benton served four months out of a five-year prison term for his role in a brawl before being given conditional clemency by the governor of Virginia.

Isaac Johnson, a high school quarterback with three previous felony convictions, was sentenced to a three years probation and 60 days in county jail for beating and robbing a pizza deliverer. The judge in the case didn't want Johnson to lose his scholarship to college, so he gave him a lighter sentence. Were it not for his star athlete status, would he have received this gift?

The schools themselves are making more progress making student-athletes accountable for their actions than the NCAA. A slew of star football players were suspended this year from bowl games by their schools for various infractions.

The NCAA needs to take a moment to reflect on what it stands for. Is college athletics simply a training ground for the professional ranks? Or is the NCAA committed to molding student-athletes who can be looked at as model citizens in the community? Until the NCAA decides to become more consistent in doling out penalties, student-athletes will continue taking their chances, breaking the rules and hoping to not get caught.

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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, 163, 174, 197 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 three periods, a one-minute overtime period is immediately wrestled, starting from the neutral position. If the score remains tied, a second overtime period is in positions available. 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 get their money's worth with all the action in the 10 matches.

"They can expect to see a well-conditioned team throughout the lineup that's real competitive and fights for seven minutes," Cowell said.

Ryan Ballard is a former Cal Poly wrestler.

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neering senior and club president Joe Dietz said the players get together to play because they love the game.

"We play to play the game because it is something that we enjoy doing," he said.

Dietz said the teammates are all close friends, which makes playing the game all the more enjoyable. The team is a club sport that has been playing for seven years. The team receives a small amount of funding from Associated Students Inc., but most comes from the players, fund-raisers and donations.

The team has open practices every Tuesday and Thursday in Most Gym from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m.
A fan’s guide to Cal Poly wrestling

By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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

"If a person comes, they'll get hooked," said head wrestling coach Dennis Cost, "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 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," Cost 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 that receives more points at the end of the match wins.

"I'm excited. It's a great chance to showcase the team," Cost said. "I think a lot of people believe that 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," Cost said.

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

Men's volleyball plays host to league tourney

By Candice Conti
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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 team's most successful season was in 1997, when they took second place at the Collegiate Cup Nationals, giving the team a No. 3 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 is a good number of experienced players, Park 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 the 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.

"I want the team to win and the university to win," said Nealz Buell, a computer science sophomore and senior on the team, said Fresno State is the team's biggest rival, but he's optimistic the team will beat them this year.

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

The 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

Plenis came 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 collegiate or professional sports by its athletes. In late 1998, over the course of six weeks, Plenis bet on approximately 15 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 seems to prove that. 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 seems to prove that...