Cal Poly's campus isn’t so dry

By Emily Schwartz

Alcohol has not and will not be permitted on the Cal Poly campus. Or so everyone thinks.

When Cal Poly was first established, no alcohol was to be sold or served, deeming it a "dry campus." However, a revision to the age-old policy in the early 1980s declared that wine and beer were permitted.

The most recent event involving alcohol on campus was this year’s homecoming. The event was open to everyone, but only alcohol could be served to those older than 21.

The policy is designed to ensure that where the service and sale of alcohol takes place, it is consistent with its guidelines, he said. "People need to make sure that when campus events serve alcohol, it is done legally and responsibly."

To enforce these guidelines, the University Police oversee all campus activities involving alcohol. The most recent event involving alcohol on campus was this year’s homecoming. The event was open to everyone, but only alcohol could be served to those older than 21.

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levels.
He originally considered a career in engineering, but became interested in 20th century Venenadian poetry and Chicano literature. In 1993, he received his doctorate from the University of California, Irvine.

When he received the Distinguished Teaching Award, Martinez said he was completely blown away. He described it as the greatest compliment that any student could have paid.

Outside the classroom, Martinez said he enjoys photography, writing poetry, collecting Mexican folk art and traveling. His office is decorated with cultural artifacts including paintings, masks, figurines and pottery. Two sugar skulls adorn the top of one bookshelf; one bears his name, the other carries the name of his wife of almost eight years, Eniko.

The skulls are part of Martinez's collection of about 100 skulls; some are made from candy, some are toys and others are cultural icons.
Martinez said he is fascinated with skulls because they are a reminder of who people are and who they are going to be.

"We all carry a skull inside of us," he said. "It's what keeps us standing up and that's also representative of some of my beliefs that it is what is inside the person that really matters."

Throughout his travels, Martinez has visited Mexico, western Canada, Central America, western Europe and Japan. He said traveling allows him to see how little he knows about the world.

"I try to engage life with as much passion as possible, even if it means sitting in front of a television watching football and screaming at the top of my lungs to nobody around," he said. "You engage life with passion."

Photos of life

In March, her work graced the cover of Smithsonian Magazine. It can also be seen on a number of book covers for Random House and Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc.

For Cal Poly professor Sky Bergman, photography is a full-time job that has taken her all over the world. She has traveled to Belgium, where she photographed the greenhouses at Brussels' Palace, as well as to the Middle East and Paris.

But photography wasn't always the dream for Bergman, who received her undergraduate degree in finance. It was during her senior year at the University of Southern Florida when she found her career path. "I fell in love with photography and wanted to teach photography," she said.

Bergman went on to graduate school and in 1991 obtained a master's of fine arts in photography from the University of Southern Florida, Santa Barbara. Having taught at Cal Poly for nearly seven years, she has become part of the alumni board and the photography advisor for Club 34. As a teacher, Bergman said she is able to give back to students by showing them how to make an image, rather than just take it. Everybody has a camera, she said, but one has to find the best way to frame the image.

"A passion for whatever you're doing is what drives you," she said. "In my case, it's photography."

To assist her with her own work, Bergman has four cameras, a tripod and a lot of film. Throughout her travels, Bergman said she always has her camera with her and is often accompanied by her husband of three years, Richard. Some of her other interests include the gatita, yoga and spending time with her two stepchildren.

Bergman said that receiving the Distinguished Teaching Award was an honor because it shows that a teacher's work is actually touching someone.

"To know that students actually take the time to write something down, it was really touching," she said.

Distinguished Teaching Award nominations for this year end Dec. 7. Any student or alumni can submit nominations. For more information, visit www.calpolycsde/calumni/CMTES/AWARDS/au_noms.html.

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Arath said.

Howard-Greene said the administration isn't trying to prevent students from drinking, only to do it legally.

The administration hopes to set a better example by serving alcohol in a controlled atmosphere.

"Our message to students is not to abstain from alcohol, but to do it legally, responsibly and in a way that won't interfere with their health or grades," Howard-Greene said.

To alter the stereotypes students typically hold about college drinking, the Health Center has implemented a campaign to show the realities of drinking at Cal Poly. Advertisements in the Mustang Daily and around school illustrates the statistics from a Cal Poly survey stating that 85 percent of students agree that drinking doesn't make people sexier.

Martin Bragg, director of Health and Counseling Services at the Health Center, said the fundamental concept of the campaign is to show that students don't drink as much students think they do. Bragg said 50 percent of college students consume three drinks or less a week. Campaigns have found that education about drinking has actually decreased the amount of drinking among college students.

"We found that some of the drinking is so moderate that some students couldn't even believe it," he said. "We want to create a cleaner vision and help students drink less dangerously."
National News
603 still detained in terrorism investigations
WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft said Tuesday that 603 people are being detained by the Federal Government in the terrorism investigations. Fifty-five are being detained on federal charges and 548 still detained in terrorism of those facing federal charges, but did not provide the names of those facing immigration charges, saying that the information could aid the al Qaeda network. Eleven of the cases have remained sealed. He also said that some of those in custody are suspected of belonging to the al Qaeda.

Of the hundreds of pages in the supporting documents given to Congress detailing the charges and suspects, only a few mentioned the Sept. 11 attacks. Most of the individuals have been charged with immigration violations, credit card fraud, illegal firearm possessi on, Social Security fraud and child pornography. All allegedly possessed more than $40,000 worth of Kebab's coles.

Associated Press
Peer-corrected assignment prac­tices in Supreme Court
WASHINGTON — An Oklahoma mother of three has said that having classmates correct each others' work and grading the grades in open class is needlessly embarring and is a violation of federal privacy law. She said her child's school district in 1998 after her complaint of the practice, which she said humiliated her son, were ignored. The case is now in the Supreme Court.

On Tuesday, the woman's lawyer said that the practice violates a law that says that teachers cannot reveal a student's grades without the parent's consent. Teachers' unions have said that the practice is widely used and is educationally beneficial. The unions have also said that the choice of using the practice belongs to the teacher, not to the courts.

The Bush administration said that it will continue to support student-led grade assignments, which the district claims to reduce the number of absent students and improve learning.

Associated Press
International Briefs
Middle East
KABUL, Afghanistan — More than 600 armed U.S. Marines were on the ground Tuesday in southern Afghanistan, and another 400 are on their way. The U.S. Marine base was established last Sunday to help in the fight in the Taliban's homeland. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that the Taliban's southern stronghold is in and around Kandahar, which appeared to be crumbling. He also said that U.S. efforts will begin shifting from cities to "burning down and not rein­ servicing territories where they hide."

Searches for Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda followers will start to focus on Kandahar and Tora Bora, a mountain base south of Jalalabad. There are an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 members of the al Qaeda suspected to be in Afghanistan. Several hundred have been killed, including seven who are considered to be leaders.

The Taliban have promised to defend Kandahar, instead of abandon­ ing it like they have other cities. Citizens of Kandahar are worried about civilian deaths and injuries.

Alliance officials have estimated that 400 Arabs, Chechens, Pakistanis, and other foreign fighters who came to Afghanistan and were part of the prison uprising have been killed. At least 40 alliance troops were killed in the fight­ ing, five U.S. special forces were included and flown to a German hospi­ tal. One CIA operation has been reported as missing.

Associated Press
Europe
LONDON — Ninety-pounder-filled packages have been sent to London locations in the last six weeks as part of an anthrax hoax. Scotland Yard detectives are participating in "rigorous investigations" and believe that there are two people involved in the mailings.

The packages were mailed to busi­ ness and government offices and had false return addresses. The contained notes saying either "Aznafnab: You have been exposed to anthrax," or "Allah is great — Death to the USAUK.

About 180 people came into contact with the letters, some of which had to undergo a decontamination process. There have been no con­ firmed cases of anthrax since the Sept. 11 attacks. In October, the British Government announced plans to make anthrax hoaxes a crime that would be punishable by up to seven years in jail.

BRC News
Middle East
KABUL & MONTREAL — One journalist has been killed and another kidnapped in Afghanistan this week. A Swedish television reporter, Ulf Strexmberg, 42, was shot dead as he was walking down the door of his apartment building. He has been studied to be in Afghanistan since the beginning of the U.S. raids. Strexmberg's cousin, and another journalist, are planning on leaving Kabul, where they were staying on Tuesday.

Tuesday, a Canadian publication said that a Canadian freelance jour­ nalist, Ken Hechtman, 32, has been kidnapped and is being held captive for ransom by Taliban fighters in an Afghan town of Spin Boldak.

Hechtman left from Canada for Afghanistan on Oct. 5 and had been delivering mail to at least two Canadian publications since. His sto­ ries included interviews with Taliban members and support for the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Some were worried that he had been lured into a trap with the promise of talking to Taliban leaders. — Reuters & BRC News

Middle East
JERUSALEM — Two Israeli died and two were wounded when two Palestinian gunmen opened fire on a crowded market Tuesday in the town of Afula, which is close to the West Bank border. The gunmen were shot dead at the scene. They were both from a nearby Jenin refugee camp. One was a member of the Islamic Jihad movement and the other was part of the Fateh movement. Palestinian sources said that the attack was in retaliation for the Israeli assassination of a Hamas leader who was killed in an Israeli missile strike Friday.

The shootings occurred during the second day of meetings with Israeli leaders at the end of two months of violence in Israel. The meetings were being held by U.S. mediators and are aimed at getting the Israeli pullout from Palestinian territory where they left Jenin. A Palestinian official said that the pullout was cosmetic because Israeli troops still had their positions on other West Bank towns under blockade.

— CNN

Briefs compiled from various news ser­ vices by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

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Mustang Daily

The results are in! here are your winners!

Most Generous
Most Talkative
Most Innovative
Fastest
Quietest (tie)
Quietest (tie)
Neatest
Friendliest
Barry
Melinda
Eric
Leah

Come in to meet the winning workers and have one of them build your sandwich!

Cleanup firms getting calls for anthrax testing
By Nicole C. Wong
The Associated Press
Last month, the phones were quiet at Consolidated Safety Services Inc., a safety and occupational-health contractor headquartered in Fairfield, Va. Now they won't stop ringing with requests to test and dis­ infect buildings that may — or, more likely won't — harbor anthrax spores.

The company specializes in verifying compliance with government transportation regulations. Occasionally it was called in to decontaminate areas where scientists experimented with infectious agents.

Now Consolidated Safety Services is shifting into a newly cre­ ated line of high-demand inspection work. "The bulk of our business is not building anthrax any more, but it is fast becoming the bulk of our business," said Chief Executive Officer Jolanda Janczewski, who has expanded her staff and hired contract­ors.

Consolidated Safety Services is picking up 15 new clients a week, "which is unheard of in our busi­

ness," Janczewski said. "I'm lucky if I pick up that much in two weeks.

Worries fester in a variety of workplaces, although the 50 places in which anthrax spores have been found fall into three main cate­gories: federal government offices, postal facilities and media compa­nies.

Companies interested in taking on the cleanup work face a host of technical dilemmas as they wait for federal guidelines on anthrax screening and decontamination. They also wonder how long the surge in business will last, particularly if it's fueled solely by fear.

Consolidated Safety Services, one of eight companies that won a con­tract to check federal mailrooms in Washington for signs of anthrax expects calls for precautionary testing and cleaning to continue for another six months.

"We have no idea how long this will last," Janczewski said. "It's a new business as a temporary result of hysteria.

"I personally don't think this is going to go away any time soon," she said. See ANTHRAX, page 8.
**Colorado college creates vegan bar**

By Shandra Jordan

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGIAN

(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Chicken, beet, ice cream and cheese: What's a vegan to do?

About three and a half years ago, the Colorado State University Food Services Office was prompted by a group of students to offer choices for vegan students in the dining halls.

"I think (a vegan bar) is a necessary idea. I wouldn't have come to college here if they didn't have it," said Carly Van Hof, a nutrition freshman at Colorado State University.

Vegans don't eat anything that is a by-product of animals, including any meats or dairy products. Therefore, much of the food in the dining halls was unacceptable.

A group of vegans spoke out "as it became more a popular way for people to eat," said Norma Long, the food service manager at the Durrell Center.

These students informed the kitchen staff about what ingredients to avoid, and how to create nutritionally balanced meals. They also created displays to inform students about veganism and how to get enough protein without eating meat.

"They would say 'we would like to see this' or 'we would like to see that,'" Long said. "They actually established what we are serving." Though in the past they have hired vegan bakers or students to work in the kitchen, the regular kitchen staff now prepares most meals for the dorm residents. At Newson Hall, however, a vegan student, Peter Fryer, prepares the lunch menu.

"Having Peter is a benefit because the regular kitchen staff will fix it and prepare it but they don't really care for it," said Sue Bonney, the food service manager. "They don't really know how it tastes."

Long said at first there was a lot of interest in the vegan bar, with students coming from other halls just to eat there. However, as time wears on it gets less use.

"For the most part, the day to day output is just an area where we have waste," Long said. Both Long and Bonney said it was worthwhile, as there are a significant number of vegan students.

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Recipe of the week

Szechuan stir fry

1 tablespoon Szechuan peppercorns
1 tablespoon ginger, minced
1 tablespoon garlic, minced
1 cup onions, juliened
1 cup broccoli florets
1/4 cup green peppers, juliened
1/4 cup red peppers, juliened
1/4 cup yellow peppers, juliened
1/4 cup white shiitake mushrooms, sliced
2 tablespoons thin soy sauce
1/4 cup dry sherry
1 tablespoon chile paste
1/4 cup scallions, cut thinly on the bias

Heat a small, dry saucepan. When the saucepan is hot, add the Szechuan peppercorns and, shaking the pan constantly, toast until the peppercorns are fragrant. Remove from the heat. Place the peppercorns in a spice grinder and grind. Season the beef pieces with the peppercorns and salt and set aside.

Heat a large wok over high heat. When the wok is hot, add the oil. Add the ginger, garlic and onions and stir fry for one minute. Add the beef, broccoli, peppers, shiitake mushrooms, soy sauce, sherry and chile paste. Stir fry until the beef is cooked through and the vegetables are cooked, but al dente (about five minutes). Add the scallions and stir fry for one more minute. Yield: 4 servings.

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Bohazard: a word commonly seen in chemistry lab notebooks, but soon labeling packages of meat? PCRM—Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine—filed a petition with the USDA in August calling for all poultry and meat to carry a biohazard label warning consumers that these products are likely to be contaminated with feces and foodborne pathogens. A biohazard label on packages of poultry and meat may sound like an extreme proposal, but consumers need to be aware that they are handling a potentially hazardous product when they bring meat into their kitchens. Chickens, fresh or frozen, are particularly perilous. Time magazine calls raw chicken “one of the most dangerous items in the American home.” Campylobacter and Salmonella are the leading perpetrators in foodborne illness, and raw chicken provides a generous dose of both. 70% of American chickens are contaminated with Campylobacter, and 20 percent to 80 percent of American chickens are contaminated with Salmonella. It now makes sense that each year there are 76 million illnesses and 5,000 deaths caused by foodborne pathogens, estimated by The Centers for Disease Control. I’m disgusted that the poultry industry would try to pass off their pathogens laden, potentially lethal products as food to consumers. They try to blame the high incidence of foodborne illness on irresponsible food handling practices by the consumer instead of changing their own horrendous factory farm practices. Meat inspectors offer a glimpse into the abhorrent conditions which are rampant in the industry: up to 25% of slaughtered chickens on the inspection line are covered with feces, bile, and feed; animals that are dead or diseased are slaughtered anyway and end up in the supermarket; chickens are soaked in chlorine baths to remove slime and odor; maggots and larvae breed on the processing equipment and drop onto the conveyor belt from meat splattered on the ceiling above. A former USDA microbiologist Gerald Kuester says of today’s processed chicken, “The final product is no different than if you stuck it in the toilet and ate it.” The poultry industry does not want to change its unsanitary practices because that would mean reduced profit. Their latest solution to the problem is to make our food with nuclear radiation. Nobody has reached a conclusion on the long-term safety of food irradiation, but the problem of microbial contamination in meat is so widespread that many industry leaders would like to see all meats irradiated. What has become of our food supply? Food that is brought home to be eaten should be safe, not contaminated, irradiated filth. I applaud the efforts of PCRM for caring about the health of consumers, not their personal profits. This nutrition major won’t be recommending chicken as a healthful alternative to beef. Pass the tofu?kay!

Meredith Rogers is a nutritional science senior.
Opinion

Letters to the editor

Jason Sy did not try to 'beat' oncoming train

Editor,

"Cal Poly: Smart Choices, Smart People." That's what the notation on Sarah Ball's desk read. This is the spirit that our students live by. However, to the impression that some students got of my brother Jason when they learned of his tragic death, Frankly, it was not the spirit that they came to expect; the spirit that Jason taught to us all.

Several people decided to wait for the train pass, and then they could beat it. When Sarah Ball's beloved and best friend, see the train coming. Miled off, she asked a male student bystander, "What happened?" He replied that some guy thought he could beat the train and was hit by his bike. Sarah thought, "How stupid."

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You may not have take my words now. I have Jason's voice in his decision, and he has spoken through me. One day, you will, or a loved one a summer day that you will understand this. Yes, Jason's decision. There will come a time when you will proclaim, "I was wrong to place judgment on murderer," and whenever someone says, "For God, shall be guilty enough to go into the fire hell?" (Matthew 5:13). I have broken enough of it to be certain that this is not enough. I have a dream that the Cal Poly Students Alliance and the Progressive Student Alliance, along with a gentleman by the name of Pablo Paster. In response, let me make it plain that there are some major implications in the difference between the word "kill" and the proper translation, "murder." Murder, according to those theologians and my philosophy of ethics, is the act of killing without immediate provocation (an unjust killing). The essential difference is if you are killing someone while defending your own life, you aren't committing murder, and thus you haven't committed a major offense in the major monotheistic religions you speak of. The issue is "beating" killing, just offering some food for thought from a fellow pages.

Matthew Da Py is a computer engineering senior.

Bible is full of lies some kind of killing

Editor,

Ask people on the street how many of the Ten Commandments they can name, and the first six out of their mouth are almost always, "Thou shalt not kill" (sometimes translated kill). Though this sounds straightforward, as Brandon Kendall does, I believe that he is right to do so. "Thou shalt not kill" really mean? A casual reading of this him commandment from Exodus 20:13 almost 100 years ago, and it was as if one was of the dead, and if the other was of the train was coming. The train is an all toxi familiar railroad tracks. It was as if he didn't even know the train. I am convinced that this is what claimed the lives of Cal Poly students Travis Brown in 1995 and Ken Golding in 1975. In 1987, Mona Longe was running into a train, and she was hit. Her cell phone company said, and still nothing was done. How many more people have to die before we take this train seriously?

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This is "there's so much better stuff I could have done with her."
Computerizing the human mind: program looks at how the brain works

By Zak Bos

(BU DAILY FREE PRESS)

(U/WIRE) BOSTON — Scientists at Boston University are now using new computer technology to understand the most complex and mysterious "machine" known — the human mind.

To do this, scientists, such as professor Nancy Kopell, are using state-of-the-art computer modeling techniques to understand the complex interactions between neurons which generate our awareness.

Because the human mind is still not clearly understood, novel discoveries are quickly being made in the field of neuroscience. Boston University is one of the schools across the nation that is organizing programs in neuroscience to accommodate increasing numbers of students interested in the field.

The newly created Program in Mathematical and Computational Neuroscience offers graduate and postdoctoral students training in neuroscience if they have had experience in the physical sciences. "Neuroscience is truly one of the most exciting frontiers in science," said Nancy Kopell, professor of mathematics and statistics and co-director of the new program.

The creation of the PMCN was supported by $1.75 million from the Burroughs Welcome Fund, a private and independent foundation whose stated mission is to "advance the medical sciences by supporting research and other scientific and educational activities.

The PMCN will not grant medical degrees. Rather, enrollees will earn degrees from either the recently created Program in Neuroscience or the department of biomedical engineering. The new interdisciplinary cooperation is characteristic of BU neuroscience programs, which include the Center for Adaptive Systems and the department of cognitive science.

Kopell emphasized the interdisciplinary character of PMCN. "The people from this program, the faculty involved, come from depart­ments such as the College of Arts and Sciences (and) the College of Engineering. (They) work in a variety of fields, and are all enthusiastic about jointly helping younger colleagues to become neuroscientists.

What the Computer Metaphor Shows Us

While programs in the department are geared primarily to professional researchers and graduates, BU undergraduates are also getting a role in neuroscience work.

Sean Wright, a junior majoring in cogni­tive neuroscience in the University Professor Program, participated in professor Howard Eichenbaum's recent experiment examining the formation of memory.

Eichenbaum, co-director of the PMCN and professor in psychology, directed the experiment, which tried to figure out the importance of the hippocampus, a part of the brain, in remembering a sequence of four odor combinations.

"We exposed the rat to a sequence of four odor combinations, which we sent to the FBI and the Department of Justice to be recollected," said Wright.

"I think it's a great program," she said. "I think it's a great program," said Wright.

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"It is only fairly recently that people have been using computers and mathematics to answer questions that cannot be answered from the classical techniques," Kopell added. "Traditionally, neuroscience research was conducted in a hands-on fashion, working with slices of tissue and working with whole animal information gained using these methods could not offer much insight into the dynamic behavior of the living brain.

"Many questions involving neuroscience have to do with how very complicated systems interact. The computational and the mathematical approaches are one way to consider the relationships among different types of data.

Kopell said he expects the training offered by the PMCN will prepare scientists who are more interested in understanding the neural activity in the brain to develop computer models capable of matching or explaining the brain's capabilities.

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Alexandra will finish the AmeriCorps Program by June, but she said she will continue to support the program.

AmeriCorps Mentors started in San Luis Obispo nearly seven years ago. In 1994, many area representatives, non-profit organizations and county agencies came together to figure out what was lacking in San Luis Obispo County. Lemieux said. They found that there were no after-school programs in the community, which led kids to spend their afternoons getting into trouble.

"One of the things we did was start an AmeriCorps-Mentor is to help kids do things for themselves," Lemieux said. "We do this by having a trained parent or a student guide them after school and help them explore their local resources.

While participating in AmeriCorps-Mentor is beneficial for both the teenager and the volunteer, the program requires a rigorous background check for every volunteer.

"This is a very extensive screening process for our volunteers," Lemieux said. "Each potential volunteer has to go through a process that we refer to as the FBI and the Department of Justice to be checked.

Applicants must fill out a lengthy form, write a one-page motivational statement and get two written references (which are confidential) before they are invited to a panel interview with six to ten AmeriCorps Mentors. From there, applicants go to a one-on-one interview, which lasts about 30 minutes. Then they are invited to group interview with other potential mentors where they do group activities while being watched by the trainers. From there, AmeriCorps Mentors makes their selections, Lemieux said. The whole process takes about two months and once the volunteers are hired, they attend an intense three-and-a-half-week training during September.

"It focuses on how to be an effective mentor and crisis intervention with a lot of community resources involved," Nicholos said.

The training includes role playing and guest speakers who talk about domestic violence and sexual abuse.

"I think it's a great program," she said. "It's very well organized and the people are awesome.

AmeriCorps Mentors is always recruiting volunteers. Contact www.494-9939 for further information and applications.
Trouble with mascots plagues schools

By Jessica Zisko
THE DAILY AZTEC

(U-WIRE SAN DIEGO) — Gamecocks, Plutonians and Trojans — problems with campus mascots and nicknames are whirling their way through the media again.

University of South Carolina's mascot, the Gamecock, has recently been criticized for glorifying cock-fighting. The mascot has been used at the university since 1954.

Last month, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals asked the South Carolina campus to remove the mascot.

The university is refusing to comply. John Palms, the university's president, sent a letter to PETA outlining the mascot's historical significance to the school and saying it would be the mascot for many years to come.

St. Petersburg College in Florida recently changed its old mascot, the Trojans, to the Titans, an attempt to avoid the jokes about the condom that shares its name.

The school has used the name since the early 1930s. It was changed in June, when the campus upgraded from a junior college to an accredited four-year university.

A committee spent five months looking at alternatives. The choice came down to the Thunder or the Titans. The college's board of trustees chose the latter by a one-vote margin.

going to be an issue much longer,” said Fred Krishon, director of facility services for Law Engineering, based in Sterling, Va. “So unless we have a proliferation of terrorism using anthrax all over the United States, I don’t see this as being a huge business for anybody.”

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TREARMENT OT ANIMALS asks the company that shares its name.

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News

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Above, concert crew begin setting up Tuesday afternoon for the Incubus concert. Right, a crew member ropes up lights from the Rec Center gym ceiling for special effects. Over two dozen crew members began setting up Tuesday morning. Incubus played in the Rec Center on Tuesday night with special guest OneSideZero.

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