Internet increases cases of plagiarism

Web sites that offer papers for fees has led to more plagiarism cases at Cal Poly

By Malia Spencer

It's 11:30 on Sunday night and your six-page paper on the East Asian economic crisis due tomorrow at 8 a.m. To save time and energy, you log onto a Web-site your friend told you about and up pops a paper that fits your criteria; for the price of $49 it can be yours to download and turn in. Or you slave away on a paper for weeks only to be told by your professor that your citation was insufficient and to avoid a plagiarism charge you must redo it.

With students' increased use of the Internet, the ability to plagiarize has also increased. A simple Internet search of the words "term papers" yields 987 hits for Web-sites that will either write a custom paper or provide a list of stock papers.

However, as the technology for plagiarized papers has evolved, so has the technology to combat it.

Del Dingas, chairman of the Academic Senate Fairness Board, said many professors are now using software to help spot plagiarized papers. A similar Internet search for "plagiarism" brings up programs such as the "Essay Verification Engine" and the "Clart Plagiarism Program."

But even without a special program, professors are able to spot plagiarized work.

"Last quarter I caught three people in one day by just going to the Web," said David Kann, assistant chair of the English department. "All I did was type a sentence into a search engine and find the sources of the paper."

Professors can also spot plagiarism by looking at the writing style of the paper in question and comparing it to past work, Dingas said.

Plagiarism comes in many different forms, and none of them are tolerated by your professor.

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By Renee Shadforth

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A week of peaceful solutions'

By Sarah E. Thien

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As of Jan. 12, Create the Peace week has turned San Luis Obispo into a site of peaceful demonstrations, speeches and anti-violence workshops.

Create the Peace week is an event sponsored by the Central Coast Peace and Environmental Council and Cal Poly's Progressive Student Alliance.

The purpose of the weeklong event is to promote peace solutions to a variety of problems, said Clayton Witt, co-director of PSA.

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As of Jan. 12, Create the Peace week events, which end on Sunday. The closing event is a presentation by Bruce Dugan, founder of Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space. Dugan's talk will focus on weapons in outer space and the proposed nuclear missile defense system. Clayton Witt summarized PSA's views on the issue.

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Above, the route of the 2002 Olympic torch-bearers. Twenty one local residents will carry the flame. The torch will come into San Luis Obispo tonight at the Amtrak station around 6:40 tonight. Business junior Courtney Page is set to run the first leg of the run, from Pacheco Elementary School to the Mission area. A total 11,500 torch bearers were chosen from across nation the for the event.

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created at Cal Poly. The Cal Poly Campus Administration Manual defines plagiarism as "the act of using the ideas or work of another person or persons as if they were one's own without giving proper credit to the source.

This includes failure to cite the original author for ideas, improper use of quotation marks for direct quotes and close paraphrasing with­out adequate credit.

A student caught plagiarizing is subject to an "F" grade in the course, but further action could be taken.

Any student that is accused of plagiarism can contest the grade he or she received as a result before the Academic Senate Fairness Board. The board is composed of 11 mem­bers, with representatives from each college, student affairs and Associated Students Inc., Dingus

said. Each year the English department sees a number of cases of plagiarism, Kann said, and each is handled on a case-by-case basis.

For the most part the cases are misunderstandings, with students improperly citing material, said Kann. The English department encourages professors to explain proper citation and what constitutes plagiarism.

When professors discuss expecta­tions with students, Dingus said, they can avoid problems with cita­tion.

However, sometimes students become desperate. Kann said he recognizes that anxiety causes them to do things they know they shouldn't.

"In my own classes I talk to the student about why they (plagiarized) and have them do the paper over," Kann said. "Then I average their new grade with the 'F' they were originally given."

If severe plagiarism occurs, pro­fessors may refer students to the Judicial Affairs office. Judicial Affairs administers the California State University student disciplinary process that is standard for all schools in the system, said Arild Tregenza, director of Campus

Student Relations and Judicial Affairs.

Last year Tregenza received 19 cases of plagiarism and/or cheating. This number is up from the year before, which Tregenza said she believes to be the effect of increased access to more avenues to plagiarize, such as Internet sites.

Upon referral, the professor must supply Tregenza with evidence of the plagiarism. If it is sufficient, the student will receive a summons to an initial informal meeting with

Judicial Affairs disciplinary action ranges from a warning or censure to expulsion. The most severe action taken is usually sus­pension, Tregenza said, but expulsion is never ruled out.

Cal Poly is one of many schools that sees plagiarism. On his bi­annual meetings with other CSU English professors, Kann said pla­giarism is an issue they all face.

Despite the sanctions students may receive, plagiarism still occurs.

David Kann
assistant chair of the English department

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UC Santa Cruz fire not as detrimental as feared

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — A Friday fire in two biology labs at the University of California, Santa Cruz, did not destroy as much research as originally feared, university officials said. Much of the research data was kept in a separate part of the building.

However, the blaze did destroy lab and computer equipment and DNA samples. Before, aDenver-based company, and researchers from UC Santa Cruz’s engineering school are helping rescue data from computer hard drives. The company helped UC Irvine recover data after July’s chemistry lab explosion and fire. Highly sensitive optical and laser equipment may have also been damaged. Fruit flies being used in genetic experiments were saved by some of the 65 firefighters that responded to the fire.

Although other buildings were open for class Monday morning, the building is expected to be closed for several weeks, while the damaged labs are not expected to reopen for several months.

The laboratories belonged to Manuel Ans, chairman of the biology department, who is studying how genes are expressed in cells and how gene functions change in diseased cells such as cancer cells; and Jane Silverthorne, who is researching the molecular biology of plant development, but is on academic leave.

The source of the fire is still unknown, but it is not believed to have been set intentionally.

— San Jose Mercury News

Reward for anthrax leads may double

WASHINGTON — Government officials are expected to double the $1.2 million reward for information regarding the anthrax investigations in an attempt to rejuvenate public interest, authorities said Monday.

There has been a considerable lack of progress since the first death from anthrax infection in October. Investigators have traveled all over the country and the world, but useful leads have almost been exhausted. No suspect has been named. If there is not a major breakthrough, Justice Department officials believe the investigation could take years to solve the case.

Most investigative activity is taking place around Trenton, N.J., where the anthrax-laced letters were postmarked. Most recently, some of the photocopy machines at the Waksman Institute of Microbiology, an affiliate of Rutgers University, were inspected by two FBI agents. A university spokesperson said that no anthrax research is done at Rutgers.

The strongest theory investigators have offered is that a well-educated, probably American, loner with anti-American leanings is responsible for the attacks.

— USA Today and Associated Press

International Briefs

Africa

BIBAPAMA, Democratic Republic of Congo — At least 30 soldiers were killed in a mine collapse following heavy rains in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo. A week after the collapse, three bodies have been recovered and as many as 36 are still buried under debris.

The Bibapama 2 coltan mine is in an area controlled by the Rally for Congolese Democracy rebels. Coltan is used in the manufacture of mobile phones. Coltan is used to make pinhead capacitors, which regulate voltage and store energy in mobile phones. Many Congolese farm workers have switched to mining, which pays better. Mining in two nearby coltan mines is still underway. Eastern DR Congo contains 80 percent of the world’s coltan reserves.

— BBC News

South Pacific

SYDNEY, Australia — A six-hour video showing al-Qaida militants practicing mass assassination of world leaders at a golf tournament and plans for an attack on a motorcade in Washington has been obtained by the Australian Broadcasting Corp., the television network said. A spokesperson for the U.S. embassy confirmed that U.S. officials had seen the video. Its authenticity has been verified by Australian authorities.

The video, which was apparently shot at a former school in Kabul, shows what ABC says are Arab, Pakistani and Afghan fighters rehearsing hostage-takings and assassinations. Live ammunition was used in the exercises, which included the exploding of a car.

The Singapore government has obtained a similar tape in which a suspected terrorist cell with al-Qaida links allegedly outlines a plot to bomb Western embassies in the country. Different sites in Singapore are shown on the tapes while a narrator gives instructions on how to attack them. Singapore authorities arrested 15 members of a secret terrorist group last month who allegedly were planning to bomb embassies of Western nations, U.S. Navy ships and other targets in the country.

— Associated Press

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Food

Thinking outside the take-out box

By Barbara Bowden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The restaurants are often peaceful, with slow, soft melodies from a far-off land emanating throughout the establishment. If at-home dining is desired, take-out containers usually lay scattered across the counter, dripping of soy and sweet and sour sauce, resembling the aftermath of a hurricane and a much-enjoyed meal.

From chicken chow mein to cashew shrimp, chances are we've all had at least a few Chinese dishes in our diet. But for landscape architecture senior Angela Wong, Chinese meals are part of her weekly routine.

"I cook an average of three to four Chinese meals a week," Wong said.

Most ethnic cuisine is made up of an exclusive set of flavors and spices that set it apart from other types of cooking, and Chinese food is no different.

"We use a lot of ginger, five spice, oyster sauce and soy sauce," Wong said. "That’s pretty much the base of the cooking. You’d use oyster sauce to make the sauce for broccoli beef. It’s like soy sauce in that it’s salty, but it’s a lot thicker and has a very slight oyster flavor to it."

Chinese cooking is "completely different" from Japanese cooking, according to Stephen Yung, owner and head chef of Imperial China Restaurant on Marsh Street in San Luis Obispo.

"We have a different kind of culture," Yung said. "They eat a lot of seafood and use seaweed in their cooking because their country is surrounded by the sea. We have a lot of inland (areas) where we grow different spices."

Wong was born in San Francisco, but her parents were born in China and immigrated to the United States when they were teenagers. Wong’s mother brought Chinese customs and her knowledge of cooking with her, which she then passed onto her daughter.

"What you eat at home isn’t necessarily what you will be able to order at a regular Chinese restaurant," Wong said. "I like to eat tofu. I chop up shrimp and make a paste, put it on top of a square of tofu and steam it. Then I add oyster sauce and serve it over rice. But you normally wouldn’t find that on a menu in a Chinese restaurant."

In addition to its food content, there are Chinese dining traditions that date back thousands of years that have remained relatively constant, even with the arrival of the millennium.

"Chinese food is always served family-style," Wong said. "People who know this don’t go to a Chinese restaurant and just order a dish for themselves when they’re with four other people. Each person can order a dish, but they should share. I would say that’s a big Chinese thing."

The different regions of China divide not only land, but also cultural characteristics, Yung said.

"We separate Chinese cooking by region, like, Szechuan cooking, Mandarin cooking and Hong Kong cooking," he said. "Each city or town has a different type of food. We use really fresh ingredients, and it makes a difference. If you go to a Szechuan restaurant, the food is very spicy. If you go to a Hong Kong restaurant, they serve a lot of fresh seafood."

Wong not only mentioned the differences in types of Chinese cooking, but also in flavor.

"We use so many different spices, just like Szechuan cooking," he said. "In Beijing cooking, we use a lot of garlic, ginger, leeks and cinnamon. We have a lot of different sauces, like fresh orange juice that we add onto the food to make orange chicken."

These spices and unique seasonings are exactly what Wong loves best about the cuisine from her native land.

"I think American cooking is kind of boring compared to Chinese cooking," she said. "The taste is just too bland for me. I feel weird having a hot dog for dinner. It’s just too plain; there’s not enough ‘oomph!’"

Whether it’s the "oomph" you crave or just plain, white, sticky rice, Chinese cuisine seems to have something to offer everyone through its special blend of flavors and spices.

His favorite show is Survivor.
He likes The Dave Mathews Band and Mozart.
He plays Basketball and volunteers for Local Charities. They say, "He’s Everywhere..."
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Recipe of the Week

Grilled vegetable pizza

Ingredients
- 3 1/2 cups unbleached, all purpose flour
- 2 packages dry active yeast
- 1 1/2 cups lukewarm tap water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1 1/2 cups lukewarm olive oil
- Flour for the work surface
- Salt and pepper
- Zucchini
- Eggplant
- Tomatoes
- Black olives
- Portobella mushrooms
- Red onion
- Scallions
- 1 1/2 cups mozzarella cheese, 1 cup cheddar cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon olive oil

Instructions
1. Preheat oven to 500°F (260°C).
2. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, salt, yeast, and 1/2 cup warm water.
3. Gradually add 1 1/2 cups warm water, stirring until a ball forms.
4. Cover and let rest for 1 hour.
5. Punch dough down, stretch into a circle, and place on a lightly floured pizza peel or baking stone.
6. Place the pizza on the baking stone and bake at 500°F (260°C) for 10 minutes.
7. Remove pizza from the oven and top with your choice of vegetables and cheese.
8. Bake for an additional 2-3 minutes until golden brown.

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Civilization, which is possibly the most successful ordering of society, and tends to protect other cultures by not bringing their shortcomings and failures seriously.

Indeed, the overlooking of the real faults of the author who has led to a new, subtle racism based not on undeserved charges of inferiority, but rather an undeserved show of superiority.

So, while Islamic civilization is almost better of democracy, economically stagnant (save for the extraction of oil and socially backward, we are told by many that this is not an indication of failure or a sign of needed reform, but rather that things are more likely due to the ignorance and meddling of the United States.

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tells of Jerusalem and the Mediterranean, yours would be Newark, N.J. You are an American, yours would be New York City, yours would be Detroit.

It is my sincere hope that such sentiments have been dealt a serious blow during the past few months as the Netanyahu government has been marked by a highly suspicious and unjustified realism.

Such creative acts of revenge are a sign of something that cannot be ignored.

The ideologies and teachings of all cultures would be as professional and stigma
dering and demeaning as the past century, and still more important, these ideas are not created equally.

For years, students have been taught not to treat the various ideas of other cultures as meritorious, but also the notion that civilizations are essentially all the same, cohesive in virtue and well mean
good and bad, it is likely that the future will continue to be a part of the apologists despite the events following Sept. 11.
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Groups allege inhumane conditions for prisoners

By John Mintz

(Wired) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba — As Red Cross officials prepare to inspect the U.S. Navy base in Cuba where 524 Guantánamo and Taliban prisoners are being held, human rights organizations are escalating allegations that the detainees are being housed under inhumane conditions and should be declared prisoners of war in order to guarantee them certain rights.

The detainees from the Afghan conflict, who have been transported to the U.S. base at Guantánamo Bay over the past week, are being housed in temporary 6-by-8-foot pens exposed to the elements, with metal roofs and chain-link fencing as walls. The floors are concrete, but the prisoners are given mats and blankets on which to sleep and pray.

"We're concerned about the conditions, the open cages, the chain-link fence enclosures," said Jamie Fellner, director of U.S. programs for the non-profit Human Rights Watch. "We believe this doesn't meet international norms." U.S. military officials deny their treatment of the detainees is inhumane.

The prisoners are being held at the isolated "Camp X-Ray" until permanent facilities can be constructed.

"Each day, the detainees are given three culturally appropriate meals," Pentagon spokesman Victorica Clarke said at a briefing Monday. "They have daily opportunities to shower, exercise and receive medical attention. So in accordance with the Geneva Convention, they are receiving very humane treatment."

Weather along Cuba's southeastern coast where the base is located has been balmy, with daily low temperatures in the mid-60s and highs in the 80's, according to the National Weather Service.

"I can assure you," Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said in an interview with radio reporters Tuesday, "that these folks are in an environment that is a lot more hospitable than the environments we found them in."

U.S. military officials say that was a necessary security measure for religious extremists eager to commit murder or mayhem.

"You're talking about people who are incredibly dangerous - who are willing to be out there and possible to hurt and kill others," Clarke said. "So all the precautions are being taken."

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Donald Rumsfeld, secretary of defense

Other activities have questioned showing many of the detainees' bodies, saying it was an attempt to humiliate men whose facial hair may hold special religious significance. But U.S. military officials have said it was merely an effort to de-smear them.

One of the 50 detainees was sedated during the trip to Guantánamo, which also prompted protests by rights advocates. The Pentagon said the medicalization was administrated not for security reasons but to address the prisoner's pain from battle wounds.

On Sunday, Navy doctors at the base performed surgery on the prisoner, whose name was not released. The man, treated for a month-old gunshot wound to the arm, is expected to regain full range of motion in his arm but may have limited movement in his wrist because of nerve damage, doctors on the base said.

U.S. forces are holding about 430 more detainees in Afghanistan. U.S. government officials haven't disclosed how many prisoners they expect to take to Guantánamo Bay, but they're building a facility capable of holding 2,000 people. They said prisoners will be interrogated there and possibly put on trial before special military tribunals.

Some European governments and human rights groups have pressed requests that the government clarify the prisoners' muddled legal status in order to safeguard their rights. The Bush administration refuses to call the detainees either criminal suspects or prisoners of war, instead referring to them as "unlawful combatants."
Announcers who put the air into airwaves

By Ian Lindsey

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All right, I'll admit it: sometimes I yell at the TV. However, it's not what I think, I don't scream at the athletes who make the mistakes that thrust a knife into my team's chance of winning, and generally not at the coaches, who aren't even on the field playing.

No, I usually yell at the ridiculous announcers that make sporting events seem like water torture. I will not hesitate to yell at some fool who decides to let some completely assume comment slip out on national television. Some people just shouldn't say anything about the airwaves. ever. Unfortunately there are many of these bad announcers. Here is my list of the guilty ones — the infamous sportscasters.

The former master of basketball announcing, Chick Hearn, has broadcast every Los Angeles Lakers game for longer than most students have been alive. That is, until just this season when illness forced him to miss a few games. However, Hearn long ago lost any ability to do anything besides root for the Lakers, so his play-by-play has become non-existent. He no longer has stained the purity of the game behind it. I can't tell you how many times I have yelled at Joe Theismann in the rain hoping that someone at ESPN will end his misery and get him off the air. But it hasn't worked.

Our national pastime, baseball, once captured America's imagination and changed the way people looked at sports. But, alas, some have stained the purity of the game by tainting the airwaves. Vin Scully can capture a sports fan's attention with his easy-going Southern Gentleman broadcast of the Dodgers, just like Keith Jackson does for college football. Maybe all of those other guys should go back to school and learn a thing or two from Scully and Jackson before they open their mouths again.

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Cal Poly forward Varnie Dennis puts up a shot on Nov. 27 against Portland State. The Mustangs' home game versus Sacramento State has been canceled due to a scheduling conflict.

College at the tournament.

According to Sac State, the NCAA Web site named the tournament as a "certified exempted contest as approved by the NCAA Championship/Competition Cabinet." As of Jan. 14, the site still stated that "Institutions may exclude these contests from their maximum number of contests allowed under Bylaw 12." The NCAA has stated that the Web site should not have listed men's and women's basketball tournaments under this section and are planning on correcting the site in the near future. Due to the newness of the Guardian's Classic, the NCAA has not updated its status in its new version of the collegiate sports manual.

Cal Poly's next home game will be against the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Mott Gym. The Mustangs finish their homestand against Long Beach State on Jan. 24.