Two students charged with counterfeiting

By Nadea Mina

Track and field will have two fewer athletes this season. Kimani Lovan and Paul Edwards have been suspended indefinitely from the team, according to a press release from Cal Poly Sports Information.

The athletes were arrested Jan. 27 in Atascadero on charges of forgery, passing counterfeit bills and burglary. Lovan, a kinesiology junior, and Edwards, an agribusiness junior, were suspected of using counterfeit bills at Food4Less. Edwards was identified and located 20 minutes after he used the counterfeit bills, according to a press release from the Atascadero Police Department.

After further investigation, police reportedly found several hundred dollars worth of counterfeit currency and equipment. Both Edwards and Lovan were arrested and booked in San Luis Obispo County Jail but were released after they each posted $40,020 bail. The United States Secret Service is assisting with the case.

Students feel that this won't affect Cal Poly's reputation with academics, but find the news surprising.

"Cal Poly is not a big crime school. Students don't just go out and commit crimes every day," said Caroline Lindahl, a journalism sophomore. "When I heard about this, I was completely shocked." Other students aren't quite as dismayed about the two charged with counterfeiting.

"Individuals don't represent the track team nor the university. They represent themselves, and they can only be accounted for their actions," said Thomas Wood, a psychologist. "This act of making fake money, is very logical to me, being a student who works 40-hour weeks to just make ends meet. It gets expensive to buy books, pay for rent, have food to survive, especially without help of family, so I can see how this would be a logical attempt to pay for one's education."

Student athletes are required to pay the consequences for violating the rules that are determined by the head coach and athletic director, according to a University of Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athlete Handbook distributed to athletes at pre-season meetings.

"The only thing that would cause the University Judicial Affairs to take jurisdiction off campus is if a student physically assaults another student, and the students accused of counterfeiting don't fall under that," said Andrih Tregenza, director of Judicial Affairs.

"More students do feel that crimes with students aren't something new. "Athletes seem to get away with everything, from drug charges to drinking under age," Wood said. I believe that Cal Poly does cover a lot of it up to save their reputation."

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" Fellow track team members refused to comment on the situation.

University Police warn of dangerous e-mail scam

By Justin Ruttley

A Nigerian e-mail scam has found its way across the country and into Cal Poly Openmail accounts.

What started off as a postal mail scam has now spread into the world of electronic mail. The e-mails have been coming from a group of unidentified Nigerians who are asking for people's money. According to University Police, the e-mail is claiming that the prince of Nigeria has died and has an inheritance of millions of dollars that needs to get out of the country. In order to receive any of this money, one is to pay a certain amount to the group so they can "pay-off" officials to get the money out of the country.

Depending on the e-mail, people are supposed to receive anywhere from 25 to 60 percent of this inheritance. The story differs slightly from one e-mail to another, but they are all from the same source.

Although this is obviously a scam, these people are dangerous and people have already been sucked into the scam, said Ray Berrett, an investigator for University Police. People across the nation have been getting these e-mails, and some of those people who responded have been sent viruses.

"First, they ask you for your account number, then they want you to send them a check," Berrett said. "Just delete the e-mail or send it to the abuse address."

"These people are not to be messed with in anyway. Just delete the e-mail or send it to the abuse address."

By Matt Szabo

A Pico-satellite that students are designing, testing and launching through a program called CubeSat. The PolySat team has 20 members. The CubeSat team is developing deployers for the launch.

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By Aaron Lambert

What is four inches cubed, weighs a kilogram or less, and is expected to launch into space?

The answer: a Pico-satellite.

"CubeSat is a joint project with Stanford," said Isaac Nason, an aeronautical engineering graduate student. "The goal of that project is to allow students from all over the world to build satellites that conform to a basic standard."

Nason is part of the approximately 20-member PolySat team responsible for building a satellite and testing it for launch. The CubeSat team is developing deployers for that satellite.

Currently, the construction is complete on CPI, the first satellite built at Cal Poly, which will very soon be thoroughly tested by the PolySat team. Launch is scheduled to occur in Russia in November, said Jordy Puig-Suurti, faculty advisor and aeronautical engineering professor.

Stanford professor Bob Twiggs conceived the program, and the see POLYSAT, page 2

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Workshop tries to improve neighbor relations

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neighborhood services manager with the SLOPD

Students and their neighbors don't always get along. A workshop held Saturday at the city library worked to change that.

The workshop was a joint effort between Associated Students Inc. and a community group called Residents for Quality Neighborhoods. Participants of the workshop came to improve relationships in neighborhoods where families and students coexist. This was the first organized workshop designed to build trust between these two groups, said Rob Bryn, neighborhood services manager for the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

About 45 residents and fewer than 10 students attended the workshop, which was broken into two parts. First presentations were given by University Police Chief Tony Ardis, San Luis Obispo City Administrator Ken Hampian and Bryn. After the presentations, participants were broken into discussion groups to talk about problems affecting SLO neighborhoods and possible solutions.

Some of the problems discussed in these groups included alcohol abuse, substandard housing, parking issues and noise. Derek Huerta, an electrical engineering sophomore at Cal Poly, helped organize the event. Huerta is ASI's commissioner of communication.

"I would say that right now, community relations are at a low," he said. "There's a lot of tension and unwarranted built up over the years.

Huerta said that one suggestion he received at the workshop involved changing Cal Poly to a wet campus. A few residents said that this would shift some of the city's responsibility for alcohol abuse over to the school. Huerta also said that students need to introduce themselves to their neighbors. If students knew the names of their neighbors, he said, conflicts such as those over noise could be avoided.

Though the workshop was a joint effort between Cal Poly and RQN, organizers and community members wanted to make clear that Cal Poly is not the entire problem.

I think that everyone looks at Cal Poly as the problem," he said. "We have two other campuses of young people that contribute; San Luis Obispo High School and Cuesta.

Residents for Quality Neighborhoods is an organization that was founded in 1990 to preserve the residential neighborhoods of San Luis Obispo. The organization deals mostly with R1 and R2 zoning, or single-family and duplex homes. Unlike apartments, in these types of neighborhoods, families and students have more contact with each other, and therefore there is increased friction, Holcomb said.

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Many schools are participating in the project, including some international schools such as the University of Tokyo, the Tokyo Institute of Technology, and Taiwan University. Each of the satellites has different payloads, or objectives, they're trying to accomplish.

"Our main payload is a prototype sun-sensor," Nason said. "It provides the satellites orientation with respect to the sun.

A 2.4 GHz video downlink and an attitude control system are also in the design phase as potential payloads on CPI.

The catch, however, is that not all the payload components will be on the CubeSat. The electronics in CPI are in-house developed at Cal Poly, and the satellite supports, three at a time. Five of the P-Pods are in production.

"We're manufacturing the flight hardware right now," said Jake Schaffner, electrical engineering junior and project leader of the PolySat team.

The other universities will submit their final satellites to Cal Poly, where the CubeSat team will perform the final integration and testing to make sure they're compatible with the PolySat payload.

Once the satellites are launched, they will deploy from the P-Pods and may remain in space for several years. The target operational lifetime is one year.

"It's a kind of "case" for the satellites during launch. Once the launch vehicle is in orbit, returning and uploading the P-Pods are cut, and the satellites are deployed, three at a time. Five of the P-Pods are in production.

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"The target operational lifetime is one year," Schaffner said, "but we can essentially do everything we want to do in a month."

The electronics in CPI are innovative and highly integrated and allow it to communicate with a ground station in the PolySat lab, providing data collected from the payload and the other subsystems of the satellite.

The wide scope of the project reaches students from many different majors, not just engineering students, and the team welcomes students from all majors.

"This is a multi-disciplinary project," said Dan Bierzad, aerospace engineering department chair. "It gives our students a chance to mix with students from other departments with a joint goal. Plus, ultimately, it's fun.

Puig-Suari said the program was important for another reason, too.

"One of the things that I think makes it an important program is we're dealing with professionals in the industry," he said.

The team relies on many companies for engineering, manufacturing, and financial support.

"It's not a typical project on campus," Schaffner added. "It's pretty real."
Bush proposes 401(k) protection

WASHINGTON — President Bush has called for protections on retirement plans that would give employees greater freedom to sell company stock and make senior executives face the same restrictions as their employees, White House officials said. The proposal addresses some of the problems Enron employees had when their retirement savings plans plunged due to the energy company’s refusal to let them sell the stock in their 401(k) plans.

Among the things covered in the proposal the president will send to Congress is the ability for employees to sell company stock and diversify into other investment options once they have had a 401(k) plan for three years. Corporate executives and employees will also have equal restrictions imposed on selling corporate stock, and employees would be required to give workers quarterly statements on the value of their retirement savings accounts.

About 42 million Americans have 401(k) accounts with total assets of $2 trillion. Last week, Enron employees filed a lawsuit in Houston that alleged that former CEO Kenneth Lay and other executives encouraged employees to buy Enron stock while hiding the extent of its fiscal crisis.

Current and former Enron executives have been among Bush’s largest political contributors. The company and its executives donated heavily to both Republicans and Democrats — USA Today

Rumsfeld: Expect more deadly attacks

WASHINGTON — The United States must prepare for surprise attacks "very much more likely" than the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday. In a speech laying out attacks "vastly more deadly" than the Bush administration’s justifications for the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings, Rumsfeld mentioned no specific targets or weapons.

Rumsfeld said that in the Afghanistan campaign, the United States has learned that it shouldn’t publicize which countries are helping the United States. He said he has taken that policy with more than 20 nations that are part of the coalition against the al-Qaida and Taliban.

— Associated Press

Olympic torch enters Utah

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK, Utah — After a wait of more than three decades, the Olympic flame crossed through the Delicate Arch at sunrise Monday to begin the final leg of its journey to Salt Lake City.

After a brief American Indian ceremony, a member of the Northern Ute Tribe held the torch with an eagle wing. He then ran with the torch around the area next to the red sandstone arch, to mark the flame’s entry into the host state of the Winter Games.

About 200 people watched the ceremony, including Gov. Mike Leavitt, who was visiting the Delicate Arch for the first time.

A team of runners took the torch through the national park and toward Moab, about five miles away, after leaving the arch.

The torch will arrive in Salt Lake City on Thursday, after a 135-mile journey in which it was carried through 46 states. It was driven into Utah from Sunday on Grand Junction, Colo.

— USA Today

Film extra sue “Planet of the Apes”

HOLLYWOOD — The producers of the Hollywood movie “Planet of the Apes” are being sued to court in Los Angeles over claims that some film extras were exposed to dangerous substances on the set while filming the controversial scenes.

The actors who played apes and humans claim they were exposed to a substance known as Fuller’s earth, which allegedly contains a lung irritant and has the potential to cause cancer.

It is claimed that the extras were not supplied with protective masks while exposed to the substance for about six to eight hours a day.

The lawsuit alleges that the film’s studio released labels from bags of the powder which warned of the possible cancer risk.

The Fox Entertainment Group and the Entertainment Partner Service Group face allegations which include fraud and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

The bit-part actors are seeking compensation and a share of the film’s proceeds.

The film, which opened in cinemas last year, was a remake of the classic ape adventure from the 1960s, and starred Mark Wahlberg and Hellen Bonham Carter.

A spokesperson for the Fox Group said the company had no comment on the lawsuit.

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AFRICA

PLANET, Malawi — Flooding in central and northern Malawi has displaced several thousand people and washed away crops and livestock, authorities said Saturday.

More than 1,500 homes in the central Lake Malawi district of Salima were destroyed or badly damaged by a week of heavy rains, a government official said. There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries, but many of the flood victims have not eaten for several days.

Over 2,570 acres of crops and a railway line were also washed away, he said.

A relief effort is under way to provide food and shelter to thousands of flood survivors. The UN has sent a food aid team to the area.

Floods during the rainy season are commonplace in Malawi, a poor southern African nation of 11 million people.

— Associated Press

South America

BOGOTA, Colombia — The deputy editor of a daily newspaper was shot by a gunman Wednesday in western Colombia. Orlando Sierra, 41, was left in critical condition and the alleged gunman was later arrested.

He was shot several times while walking to the offices of La Patria newspaper in Manizales after having lunch in a restaurant. There is no known motive for the shooting.

In 2001, 12 journalists were killed, the highest toll for a single country, according to the World Association of Newspapers.

— Associated Press

Brevfs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Gulford.
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By Renée Shadforth

Mark Fabionar wants to know who students are. Not in a fakie, non-personal way that some people on campus do. He wants to connect on a human level. A month and a half ago, Fabionar signed on as the coordinator for the Multicultural Center (MCC) in the Student Life Department, and already he has built a rapport with students.

Architecture junior Eddie Gomez said he goes to the MCC nearly every day.

When asked to compare Fabionar to previous coordinators, Gomez said, “I’ve seen that he is really interactive. He comes through the center and makes sure that he says hi to every person. He’ll see what you’re up to. It makes things more comfortable.”

Over the past few years, coordinators at the MCC have come and gone. Some students had to maintain the center while it was unoccupied, and perhaps a little unstable.

The Student Life Department wanted someone who would stick around. “When you have coordinators leaving like that, there's no continuity or sense of stability,” Fabionar said. “That’s really difficult for students who already feel alienated at Cal Poly,” he said, referring to the 27 percent minority of non-white students on campus.

Before he took the job at the MCC, Fabionar took a year off from teaching at Sacramento City College to pursue writing poetry and “little part-time gigs,” he said. Fabionar knew he had to take care of himself financially, so he looked for full-time jobs in the Sacramento area. Then the position at Cal Poly opened up. “It was by the coast, and I love the coast,” he said.

On a personal level, the move to San Luis Obispo has been difficult. “I was living downtown in Sacramento, and the student population at the community college was well over 90 percent students of color,” he said. “The art communities I was working with were communities of color. Now, coming here has been an adjustment demographically.”

On a professional level, Fabionar said he is pleased with the support he has encountered on campus. He said the backing was especially evident at January’s march for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“Those were more than just students of color there,” he said. “This campus may not be ethnically and racially diverse, but there are a lot of students here who at least wonder how we are going to address cultural diversity in California.”

Fabionar, who grew up in a Filipino neighborhood in Stockton, Calif., came from a family of educators and organizers. “The Filipino Americans (in Stockton) had to create their own sense of community because they didn’t have access to certain neighborhoods, restaurants and so on,” he said. “They built a social network through churches and fraternal organizations. There were a lot of leaders in that community.”

After high school, Fabionar left Stockton for UC Santa Cruz. The transition to the predominantly white school was difficult. Before long, he took courses in ethnic studies and wondered if he should be in school at all.

“When I first met anybody on campus, I want to know who they are. I want to know what they are studying. I want to know where they come from. I want to connect with them on a human level, because, ultimately, that is who we are,” he said.
Commentary

"That's so Chinese," it's clear that a group is being singled out. So I wondered, why is it accepted to denounce a particular group of individuals? Is it that people are unsure of the meaning of their words?

One could argue that "that's gay" is just the way people talk and nothing is meant by it. One could note how language streams in at us, you substitute in some other troupe of people, have to lessen prejudice by acknowledging decades through the efforts of courageous leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez, to lessen prejudice by acknowledging our common humanity. And yet still, in the country I love, which prides itself on freedom, effeminate men continue to be targets for jokes, ridicule and violence. On television sitcoms, "gayness" is a standard joke, and one finds the same trend in the movie industry.

To name one example, the movie "Wagons East" has a limp-wristed and swishing pink-scarf-wearing homosexual man portrayed whose character is never developed; he is there solely to be laughed at, and that is his only function in the plot of that movie. Out in the real world there are innumerable examples of intolerance, and the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard is just one graphic illustration of the depths of the problem of violence against gay men. Why does our culture have such a hang-up about homosexual men?

For the most part, it is not the bairn, masculine gay man who is ridiculed, but rather the effeminate, the man who has female qualities. The target of our culture's spite is the man who is like a woman. Therefore, anti-gay sentiment is anti-woman essentially, for an attack on a gay man is an attack on femaleness, the supposed "weaker sex."

Now, I'm not talking about "Political Correctness" with regard to "that's gay," because I'm sick of "PCness," and I don't think one can legislate morals in the first place; what I am talking about is an awareness of the meaning of the words we use and an awareness that we should have taken, to realize the dream and the promise of America... for all people.

Angela Blewitt is an English graduate student.

Letter to the readers

Dear Readers,

In the Feb. 4 Mustang Daily, we experienced a case of mistaken - or stolen - identity. The letter to the editor titled "Stereotypes are accurate" was signed "Andrew Hogue." Upon closer investigation, we found out this individual did not write that letter.

Unfortunately, the letter was published without his knowledge, and we apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstandings this has caused.

Mustang Daily's letter policy requires authors to include their name, major and class standing if they are students. While the editors do their best to ensure letters are legitimate, it is now obvious that these methods are not foolproof.

However, this situation has made it clear that a stricter policy is necessary. Consequently, Mustang Daily is in the process of revising the letter policy.

As of today, we are requiring all letters sent via e-mail to be sent through Cal Poly e-mail. Other letters may be hand delivered to the editors and must include a signature. In addition, all letters must include the author's phone number so that editors may verify their authenticity.

Further revision of the policy is in progress, and we will keep you updated on future decisions.
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Getting ready for next year’s crop

By Malia Spencer

School athletes around the country will be asleep tomorrow at 7 a.m., high school seniors get another important opportunity to commit to a school and further solidify their futures. The early signing period, which began today and will end Feb. 7, is designed to protect prospects and the schools they choose to sign with. Although there is a waiting period, the early signing period is a two to three others.

By Malia Spencer

WANT IT FOR CAL POLY

The NLI is the culmination of the annual recruiting process. This year, Ellerson estimates Cal Poly will sign 18 football players. Ellerson said every year he gets hundreds of videotapes of high school athletes looking to be picked up by Cal Poly. These videotapes could fill an entire wall in his office.

Once the Mustangs’ football program decides on the players who it is inviting to the school, it will then send a prospect profile. Ellerson said he then spends a lot of time on the phone, speaking with the athletes’ teachers, coaches and counselors to gauge the prospects’ abilities and passion for the game and the school. This allows Ellerson to decide if the prospective athlete would accept a spot on the team and in the Cal Poly community. The (Cal Poly) greatest appeal for prospects who value and have a balance in goals,” Ellerson said.

Picking athletes to be successful:

Ellerson said he does not want to sign prospects who are changing their minds, and therefore would favor more flexibility in the program.

Gartner is the head coach of the men’s basketball team. He said he is interested in most of the prospects he has heard of, including those who are both rookies, and he is fair about committing to signing those who will have all of the excitement of watching the Utah Jazz play. It isn’t hard to forget the classic dunk contests of the past, like Dominique Wilkins, Spud Webb winning it at a puny height of 5-feet-7 inches. Harold “Baby Jordan” Minor, 15 minutes of fame, and Carter himself.

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There have been certain exceptions. Basketball coaches say that given the current emphasis on salary contracts and forgoing those opportunities to sign with the school.

NBA stars need to slam dunk the attitude

By Malia Spencer

The NBA All-Star Game, coming up on Sunday in Philadelphia, has all the stars a basketball fan could want. It just so happens the Slam Dunk Contests will be held at the All-Star Game.

Commentary about:

Kobe vs. Bryant

For four years, Kobe Bryant and Carmelo Anthony have been the top two in the NBA, with Bryant leading the pack. When Bryant and Anthony were together, they were unstoppable. But now that they are apart, they will have to battle it out for the title.

The two Bibbys have a much-publicized rivalry. Henry Bibby is a California native and has been a fan favorite for years. The other Bibby, son of the late National Basketball Association (NBA) player, is now a Utah State star.

In this instance, however, it is not about who wins the game. It is about who wins the hearts of the fans. The two Bibbys have a much-publicized rivalry. Henry Bibby is a California native and has been a fan favorite for years. The other Bibby, son of the late National Basketball Association (NBA) player, is now a Utah State star.

Expect many fans to turn it on and ask, “Who’s Gerald Wallace? then quickly flip it off again.”

Carter and McGrady are all relatively healthy and nobody ever gets injured at a dunk contest. That sound really weak to me.

Carter recently said, “I don’t want to be known as only a dunker.” Sure, many people know Carter for his vertical leap, but it takes a lot more than that to be a superstar like Vince. Jordan wasn’t “only” a dunker in his day. Lose the ego and get out there and think, Carter may not want to be known as only a dunker, and he’s not, but on the other hand he’s not getting paid millions of dollars for his jump shot.

If these multi-millionaire superstar stars can give fans what they want to see during the All-Star Game, they can also do it during the Slam Dunk Contest. They need to think about the people who made them Popular in the first place.

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Trojans head coach calls Oregon fans ‘disgrace’

Oregon Daily Emerald

(WIRE) EUGENE, Ore. — Henry Bibby has feelings, too. In heated banter with reporters after Oregon’s 73-69 win over the Trojans on Saturday, Trojans head coach Bob Arizin asked a reporter if the score was part of a multi-millionaire strain.

“I’m just like you,” Bibby said when the reporter answered in the affirmative. “I don’t think I’m sensitive, but I am.”

Bibby was upset after Oregon fans taunted him and his team throughout much of Saturday’s emotional contest. He was particularly upset over taunts of “deadbeat dad” and “your son hates you,” both in reference to Bibby’s son, Mike Bibby, a point guard for the NBA’s Sacramento Kings. The two Bibbys have a much-publicized strained relationship, and the USC coach called the taunts a “disgrace.”

Oregon head coach Ernie Kent responded to Bibby’s comments by defending his home crowd.

“The fans are fans and they’re entitled to root for their team and their favorite coach,” Kent said. “I don’t think anyone expected the Trojans to go unbeaten all season. As far as the fans, I think they’re just really passionate about this game.”

According to Trojans assistant coach Damon Archibald, an Oregon fan taunted the Trojans with profanities as they entered a stairwell just before going underneath the court to their locker room. The fan bumped into his coach and was eventually restrained, but Archibald said the lack of security was “just stupid.”

“We had to play a game like that, and then we have to deal with the fans. Archibald said.

SCHEDULE

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