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Foreign students' information shared with INS

By Heather Zwaduk

A new program allows INS officials to monitor international students studying at Cal Poly

Most college students can drop a class or change their major without fear of repercussion, save for a lecture from their parents.

However, this is not the case for foreign students visiting the United States. These students face consequences as major as deportation for something as seemingly minor as dropping a class. A new computer system that sends academic and personal information directly to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), these students may soon find themselves with even less leeway.

This Internet-based system designed by the INS in conjunction with the Department of Education and the State Department, called the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), will allow the INS to monitor foreign students' academic activities in an effort to keep a tighter reign on America's visitors.

The SEVIS collects data like name, country of citizenship, date of admission to the institution, degree program and field of study, number of credits completed each year, current address of the student, visa classification, date of visa issuance or classification granted, current academic status of student, academic disciplinary actions taken against the student due to criminal conviction, date of entry and port of entry, according to the INS Web site.

The objective of the new system is not to collect new information, but to organize information that has already been in place in most of the country's universities, INS spokesman Chris Berenley said.

"SEVIS takes what is now a paper-driven process and turns it into a state-of-the-art, Internet-based, real-time process," Berenley said. "It speeds things up by taking advantage of today's technology."

Collection of this information is nothing new to Cal Poly, said Barbara Andre, international student adviser.

"We've already been keeping track of all of this information, it's just a matter of moving it (to a new system)," Andre said. "The only information SEVIS needs that we don't already have is about foreign students that are their work authorization, their spouse information and their ID number that is given to international students."

International students must comply with several requirements, such as maintaining full-time enrollment and staying on one path of study. Changes in a student's academic status or violation of either her or his visa conditions are reported to the system by university officials and the INS is then notified.

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CAED exhibit furnishes campus with history

By Stephen Harvey

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David Cown, vice provost for Academic Programs and Undergraduate Education, loaned one of the 30 to 50 pieces that will be on display.

There was also a donation of some magazines from the time period to add to the immersion factor of the exhibit, which will be available to look at during the show.

The event was sponsored from the donation of two Barcelona chairs, a modern movement chair designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. The Barcelona chair made its debut at the 1929 International Exhibition in Barcelona, Spain. The chairs were donated by Douglas and Grace Stiles this past spring, and the couple has been invited as special guests for the exhibition.

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By Olga Berdial

Those waiting for the bridge on Foothill Boulevard to be completed are going to have to wait a little longer since the earliest estimate for the project's completion is November 2003, city officials said.

If there are environmental delays, they could possibly bump back construction for another year, said Barbara Lynch, a civil engineer for the city.

"The plans are finished, but we are a long way from completing the environmental process," Lynch said.

Roughly translated, the environmental process is a large amount of time devoted to making sure that there are no Chumash Indian relics or wildlife and vegetation around the creek that might be destroyed during the course of development.

When these factors are involved more than five governmental agencies including the Department of Fish and Game and the State Historic Preservation Office, must approve the plans before they are authorized and construction on the bridge can begin.

Once clearance is given on all the environmental and historical issues, then funding becomes an issue.

"We have to make a submittal to the state," Lynch said.

If funds are requested for a project that has not been approved, then all federal funding could be forfeited.

"The new structure is roughly $2 million in the replacement itself," Lynch said. "The whole project is roughly $3 million."

Most of the funding will come from the federal government, with 80 percent of the costs being provided by the Federal Bridge Program. The city government will fund the 20 percent, Lynch said.

The estimated $3 million will cover agencies hired to develop plans for the new bridge, the removal of the old culverts, the cost of the temporary bridges and the pedestrian bridge, plus all labor involved.

Once all the other factors are completed, construction must be scheduled around the wet season.

First, workers must take the old culverts out, then they work in the creek to build the walls of the bridge.

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Construction will begin around the end of April or May, and will take about two summers to complete.

The current bridge is a temporary one that was built because the steel culverts that were supporting the street were beginning to buckle and a replacement was needed immediately.

"(The culverts) just gave out," Lynch said.

Despite rumors, the provisional bridges are safe; they have a 3-ton weigh limit.

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Weisenthal is also the curator of the event and is employing the help of his Architecture 251-05 class to research the pieces on loan for the event as well. He said that the class has been doing a lot more work than other classes because they are doing so much research. Some of the research will be on display at the exhibit to educate viewers about the pieces.

“The exhibit will host the largest collection of home furnishings of the modern movement ever seen on the Central Coast,” Weisenthal said.

On Homecoming Friday the reunion Class of 1952 will be shown a special preview at 10:30 a.m. Weisenthal said he thought it would be sort of nostalgic since the alumni grew up with many of the pieces on display. The tour will be part of the “back to class, classroom” program during which alumni will tour the various areas in all the different colleges. "Exhibits like this have been in places like the Museum of Modern Art and the Smithsonian," Weisenthal said. “They usually give a lecture series to go along with the exhibitions.”

The exhibit is set to open for public viewing on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 5, room 105. "The Gallery," Ladd and Weisenthal stressed the fact that anyone is invited and the event is free.

"It should be an educational, fun, visually stimulating and inspiring event," Weisenthal said. "It might let (students) know their faculty better. (The faculty) were taught by people like the Museum of Modern Art and the Smithsonian," Weisenthal said. "They usually give a lecture series to go along with the exhibitions."
About Beth Rogers

Beth Rogers is a 4th generation resident of California's Central Coast, a farmer, and an entrepreneur, who is now running for Congress in the newly created 23rd Congressional District. With an extensive educational background, including a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of California, Los Angeles, Beth has demonstrated her experience and knowledge for those issues that concern residents of the Central Coast.

A farmer and an entrepreneur, Beth has worked over the years to provide jobs and seek a sound business climate in the Central Coast by serving on both State and Federal commissions as well as many other organizations. Having served on State and local environmental boards, she continues to demonstrate her resolve in maintaining California's commitment to a safe environment through her understanding of the role of government.

Widowed with two young children, Beth changed her career goals from teaching in order to begin a successful business career and raising her young family. Beth and Richard Rogers, married for the past 23 years, reside in Carpinteria with their five children including a foster son from El Salvador. Beth is fluent in Spanish and has lived in Mexico, working at the National Museum in Mexico City.

The newly created 23rd Congressional District spans more than 200 miles of the scenic Pacific Ocean coastline and includes the cities of Oxnard, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and San Luis Obispo.

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Free BBQ

National/Briefs

Transient charged with murder after attack on Greyhound bus

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) - A transient was booked on suspicion of murder Tuesday for allegedly slashing the throat of a Greyhound bus driver with a pair of scissors, causing a crash that killed two passengers.

The bus, traveling from Los Angeles to San Francisco, flipped on its side Monday evening and slid into a field off Interstate 5 near Fresno. It was carrying 50 passengers.

The suspect, Arturo Martinez, 27, was held on two counts of murder and one count of attempted murder. Authorities said they did not know of any motive.

According to witnesses, the man rose from his seat shortly before 9 p.m., walked briskly up to the driver and attacked him with the scissors. The driver survived.

Authorities caught Martinez as he tried to run away.

Greyhound Lines spokeswoman Lynne Brown said 28 passengers and the driver were taken to hospitals. Two people, including the driver, remained hospitalized Tuesday as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

Almost exactly a year ago, on Oct. 3, 2001, a passenger on a Greyhound bus in Tennessee cut the driver's throat, causing a crash that killed seven.

Two weeks later, passengers on a Greyhound bus in Utah helped thwart an alleged hijacker. And in November, a Greyhound passenger, angry that he wasn't allowed to smoke, scuffled with a driver in Arizona, causing a crash that injured 33.

International Briefs

Fifteen die in militant attacks

SRINAGAR, India (AP) - Militants struck polling stations, set off explosions and fired on security forces in Indian Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least 15 people in the third and most violent round of balloting for the state legislature.

More than 135 political activists, candidates, soldiers and civilians have died since the elections were announced in August. Nevertheless, 41 percent of registered voters in the disputed Himalayan province braved the violence and ignored a separatist call for a boycott.

Minutes before the polls opened, suspected Islamic militants killed nine people in a raid on a bus near the Pakistan border in Kashmir's Kathua district. Thousands of Indian soldiers patrolled the region's militant heartland to secure polling stations.

Just after polls closed, six paramilitary troopers escorting poll officials were killed when their vehicle was blown apart in Pargam, 35 miles north of Srinagar, the summer capital. Four troopers were injured.

The British Broadcasting Corp. office in Srinagar said it received a telephone call from the Pakistan-based Hizbul Mujahedeen claiming responsibility for the explosion.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press by Mustang Daily managing editor Malia Spencer.

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Sleepless in the UU
Insomniac-U offers eclectic selection
of movies to students on campus

By Heather Zwaduk
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

We are pretty lucky here at Cal Poly. We not only have a video store right here on campus, but it is a pretty darn good one too.

Granted it is not nearly as big as most video stores, in fact it’s more like the size of most video store “Adults Only” rooms. While there’s not a huge selection of films, what the store does offer is an eclectic mix of good, hard-to-find movies and a friendly staff who truly love films.

When I walked into the tiny store one of the first things I noticed was a small cardboard cutout for the 1986 movie “Labyrinth,” Toto. which happens to be one of my all-time favorite movies from my childhood. So right off the bat, Insomniac-U was a winner in my book.

After being greeted by Colin Westerfield, an Insomniac-U employee and recent Cal Poly grad and aspiring film actor, I browsed through the store and immediately realized that I wasn’t in Blockbuster anymore, Toto. Usually when I walk into a movie store I recognize at least half of the titles in there at Insomniac-U I was lucky to recognize one movie per shelf (and there are only five or six shelves).

Westerfield explains to me that this unusual selection is what makes Insomniac-U special. “We have a lot of good quality movies that most kids haven’t seen,” he said.

Likewise, Westerfield’s co-worker and child development junior Tony Quinnti!an! agrees that the store’s allure lies in its selection. “You can find novelty movies here and we have a wide selection of classics and cult films,” Quinnti!an! said.

Westerfield adds that beside the unusual selection of movies, the store also aims to provide attentive and personalized customer service.

“We try to get to know everyone on a first-name basis,” Westerfield said. “[Insomniac-U] is here because we love movies, not because we’re out to make a buck.”

The store is currently arranged by genre but Westerfield said that when the inventory of 1,300 titles, increases they may eventually reorganize them by director. The store features a selection of foreign films, such as the German “Run Lola, Run,” sci-fi cult classics like “Incubus,” a few current mainstream movies such as “The Sweetest Thing,” film collections of television series like “The Sopranos,” classic horror films such as “The Legend of the Seven Golden Vampires” and comedies by “Cheech and Chong.”

Agribusiness freshman Andrew Lagriff said he was impressed with the selection the store has to offer. “They have a lot of movies here that they don’t have at Blockbuster,” Lagriff said. “I think I’ll probably come here a lot.”

The rental fee for new releases is $3 for two days, and for regular movies the charge is $2 for three days.

To open an account with the store students must present their driver’s license and a credit card.

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Opinion

I'm not saying that all college students were actually called car phones and dressed in a atick box phone that plugged into your car's lighter. The smaller they're got, the more frequently they can be seen. Everyone from senior high kids to homeless men (I'm not kidding — it has happened) has them, and this includes Cal Poly students, too. Since they are everywhere, cell phones commentary often are a discussion in classes, movies and other places that are just inappropriate for phone conversations. I think they speak for the majority of Cal Poly students and I ask those of you who insist on carrying cell phones to class to please turn them off. Honestly, pick up that little press, power the button and let him sleep through that tedious class. If you can't remember this back before entering the hallowed halls of learning, then leave the damn thing at home.

In my years here at Cal Poly, I have seen many professors deal with this disruptive problem. Most memorably was when, during the first week of class, a phone rang and the professor stopped class to let the student answer it. Much to the surprise of the class, she did and proceeded to hold a conversation while we all listened in disbelief.

No one says the professor's feeble attempt to embarrass her into turning off her phone backfired. She didn't care and didn't learn her lesson. I guess embarrassment only works on some people. Another professor told us that if a phone rang he would answer it. Imagine the embarrassment that will ensue when a student's mom calls to remind him of his or her doctor's appointment or some other thing. That class just began this quarter, so I'll let you know if he goes to carry out his threat.

I'm sure that all of you will make sure your phones are silenced at the beginning of class and turn them off. Hopefully, we will be able to resume our classes without this distraction.

Honesty people, pick up that little guy, press the power button and let him sleep through that tedious class.

Letters to the editor

United States' decisions protect freedoms, individual rights

Editor,

I am writing in response to Andrea Jochim's commentary on the war against terrorism. If you did not read Andrea's article, I can assure you that she thinks America is responsible for every death that has occurred since the beginning of the time. I am being sarcastic of course, but I am not being extremely sarcastic. I would first like to quote Andrea: This is especially for those real cowboys, my dad included. She said, "We have cowboys heading this country." In an obviously loutish fashion, she seems to think cowboys have neither intelligence nor honor.

Throughout the article Andrea accuses the United States of human rights, but if you look at who is doing the accusing you will see that it has not been the United States. We went to war with Iraq and she seems to think civilians don't die in war, but that would only be true in the most ideal world, a world that discriminates between the right to die and the right to just die. Andrea tries to make us out to be the devil because their dictatorship would be threatened if their citizens even had a hint of what freedom really feels like. You can't really say you know what freedom feels like until you have actually felt it.

It is like going to the ballpark for that very first time as a little kid and smelling the fresh-cut grass or hearing the crack of the bat. You could only imagine what that ballpark was going to be like, but you were pleasantly surprised at how much better it really was.

Andrea, if this country is as awful as you say, why do hundreds of thousands of people continue to do whatever in their power to come here year after year? This is the land of the free and the home of the brave. This is the opportunity to totally screw the government with your words. Where in the Middle East would you do that without harsh penalties? Not many, if any.

If you want to protect the rights of the weak and unprotected then get your local recruter, but you sound as though you'd be more suited for Amnesty International, where you can do all the complaining you want and do nothing about it. As arrogant as this sounds, the world needs us more than we need them. What would happen to the world around us if we closed our borders? Absolute chaos would be my guess. Just remember there is no perfect government; as the great Winston Churchill put it, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the rest."

Andrea ended her article with a Martin Luther King Jr. quote so I'll do the same. He stated, "A man who doesn't die for something is not fit to live." If your freedom is worth dying for, let the Mustang Daily and Andrea Jochim hear your voice.

Greg Maas is an industrial engineering senior.

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Letters to the editor
Balancing books is personal responsibility

Editor,

In response to Ms. Guevara's article, "A case of the check-writing blues," (Sept. 30) I have only one thing to say: Are you kidding? You are not going to hand you whatever you want just because you think that it is your right to live in a dorm and not have to worry about cooking your own food and cleaning your own dishes, except for the few nights of Easy Mac or Top Ramen. Financial aid is available to these students, and if they plan ahead and manage their money properly they shouldn't be too worried.

The cost of living off-campus is not much different than the price one pays to live on-campus. The cost of living a year on-campus with a standardized meal plan at Cal Poly is $7,106. The average cost of a partially furnished, two-bedroom off-campus apartment close to school, including water and trash utilities, is $350 per month. That includes sharing a room and pitching in for cable and Internet, but after splitting it with three other people, the price is reasonable.

The cost of food while living off-campus is a general concern. But Cal Poly offers the opportunity to purchase a Campus Express Club card, which holds value at many on-campus eateries like The Avenue and Vista Grande Restaurant. Depending on how much money one decides to spend on food, one can have all the food they want just by spending a little more than the price one pays to live on-campus. The cost of living a year on-campus is no more than the price one pays for a year of on-campus housing.

Meredith Corbin is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

PETA’s ‘got beer’ campaign insults college students

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Beer does a body good! The hard-line animal rights organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, has launched an anti-milk campaign that is one of the most recent attempts to fight for the life of the farm animal. The marketing message has stored resentment nationwide to kill animals that are bred for the specific purpose of the meat industry.

Two years ago, PETA was forced to strike the beer campaign because of the growing animosity of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and dairy farmers. The main argument was over the public perception of the beer industry's irresponsibility because encouraging drinking among college students. Now, channeling the power of the beer industry, PETA has attacked the anti-milk, pro-beer advertisement.

Shannon denied accusations of PETA pro-moting alcohol to college kids, even though the "Got Beer?" ad was proposed to the nation's top 10 Polys to get their degrees. It is more beneficial for them to live off-campus, where they can live as they have before: on their own. At 21 or so, it is time to be able to take responsibility for their lives. For many students in this current living situation, something on-campus housing doesn't really offer.

Students are more likely to find off-campus housing if they plan early enough. Many freshmen look for a place to live, the rest of their responsibilities lie in their own rational decisions.

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L et me paint a picture for you. It was approximately 4 p.m. and I was on my way to my poetry-writing class. I look up, and out of the corner of my eye I see a girl passing in front of a line, her size just the right size to be on the floor massaging her ankle. Trying to be friendly, I walked over and ask what was wrong. She immediately looked up and said, "I hate high heels!"

Being my curious self, I asked her why she would prefer an alcoholic drinking the corner of her eye, she said "Look at my ankle...I twisted the hell out of it!"

She then went on to rant and rave about how she was walking, suddenly her ankle just buckled out from underneath her and she plummetted to the ground, almost hitting her skirt and exposing herself to the entire English building.

Later on in the conversation, she mentioned that this is the fifth time she has fallen because she was wearing shoes that shouldn't be used for everyday activities.

Immediately, I wanted to grab her by the shoulders and shake some common sense into her head. "Hello! If you can't walk properly in six-inch heels, then don't wear them!"

This conversation brings me to a major realization. This is just school. We are here to learn, not to pick up on every available guy that glances in our direction, because the presence of those shirt in that store has still to do with religion. If you can't be done of El Cortal that selling-t-shirts bearing the logo "There is no god!" "Anarchists unite!" or "Halil Allah!" I'm probably, I'm sure they're just the drop of a hat...even a hat sporting a hand with a hole in it!

DO NOT START THIS UP AGAIN! I refuse to read through another 350 a month. That includes sharing a room and pitching in for cable and Internet, but after splitting it with three other people the price is reasonable.

Do you realize that the mistake lies in the beer? I am positive they notice, but come on. Raise your hand if you want to be with a guy who only wants to go out with you because he noticed your new leather skirt.

Don't get me wrong. I am all for dressing up when there is a purpose, but school is just not a good enough excuse for me. We pay to be here, so don't you want to be comfortable when you're sloshing in your desk listening to a two-hour lecture.

So why are we busting our butts trying to impress all those guys out there when most of them just wake up 15 minutes before class starts, put on a dingy hat and walk out the door?

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This is especially true on our campus, which is located on what seems to be a giant mountain and where attending each class requires a massive hike up a 30-foot, thigh-in-the-constantly-changing weather and you never know when you may be trudging through mud.

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through the system, Bentley said. Depending on the degree of violation, the student could be contacted by the INS and possibly deported.

Each of Cal Poly's 250 foreign exchange students are aware that they must offer this information. Providing such information is not viewed as a problem for the students, Andre added.

The U.S. Patriot Act, which come following heightened foreign security measures as a result of Sept. 11, mandated that all U.S. universities be SEVIS-compliant by Jan. 31, 2003. Recently this deadline will not be a problem for Cal Poly, Andre said.

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From walk-on to stardom

► Megan Schlegel wasn’t even recruited out of high school. Five years later, she’s the Mustangs’ team leader in goals

By Bonnie Guevara

A 5-foot-3-inch, bright blue-eyed, blonde-haired freshman walked onto the Mustang soccer field five years ago hoping to make the team. Now the same girl plays forward for the Cal Poly women’s soccer team and has two Big West Championships under her cleats, leading the team to a 6-3 start this season.

With four goals and one assist through the team’s first nine games, Megan Schlegel is the Mustangs’ leading goal scorer again this season. Coach Alex Crosser calls her the team’s go-to player.

“Megan is a leader by example, and when she’s in the game she works hard,” he said. “Off the field she’s very soft-spoken, but on the field she’s a firecracker.”

In addition, Schlegel received recognition two years ago for her game-winning goal against Santa Barbara.

“Over the years Megan has scored goals at the most crucial times,” senior defender Brooke Flamson said. “When we needed someone to score she did it.”

The Santa Barbara victory made the Cal Poly women’s soccer team 2000 Big West Champions and also narrowed the Mustangs’ season’s goals in Mission Viejo, where she finished out her high school career.

“She’s always been focused and has always had her mother’s determination,” father Peter Schlegel said.

Even though Megan was not recruited out of high school, she has proven to be one of the strongest players on the Cal Poly women’s soccer team.

“She’s an all-around great soccer player,” Flamson said. “She has made a big contribution to the team. You can tell she really loves the game.”

Although it will be her last quarter playing for Poly, Schlegel said she will definitely miss the team.

“I feel really lucky and honored to have played four years at Poly,” she said. “What I’ll miss the most is seeing the girls, the excitement of practice, and being part of a team. I won’t ever get that chance again.”

Megan Schlegel has been a part of two Big West Champions teams at Cal Poly.

Vikings’ Moss charged with marijuana possession

By Steve Karnowski

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota Vikings star receiver Randy Moss was charged Tuesday with possession of a small amount of marijuana, adding to charges last week that he pushed a traffic officer with his car.

The new petty misdemeanor count carries a fine of up to $200, but it could also lead to a suspension or fine from the NFL.

Police said they found a marijuana cigarette in Moss’ car after he was arrested on Sept. 24. Moss was driving in downtown Minneapolis when the traffic officer stepped in front of his car to stop him from making an illegal turn. She was slightly injured when she fell off the car.

Moss spent the night in jail and was charged the next day with carelessness and with failure to obey a traffic officer, both misdemeanors.

The complaint said the marijuana amounted to just under a gram. Moss has said the marijuana did not belong to him and that he had allowed other people to use his car recently.

ESPN reported Sunday that Moss was already in the league’s substance abuse program for testing positive for marijuana last year, and underwent another test by the NFL after his arrest last week.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league would review the case.

"Under the policy, a drug-related violation of the law is grounds for disciplinary action," Aiello said.

If Moss tests positive for a banned or illegal substance or is convicted on the possession charge, he could be subjected to fines and suspensions by the league. He was allowed to play in last Sunday’s 48-23 loss at Seattle.

Moss could lose his driving privileges in Minnesota for a year because he refused to take a police test for drug or alcohol use when he was arrested, said Kevin Smith, a spokesman for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Moss, who has only a Florida driver’s license, could lose driving privileges in that state, too, Smith said.

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