Helpers join young and old

By Heather Zwaduk
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Kinesiology senior Melissa Styles works with Hulda Nickel, a resident of Judson Terrace retirement home in San Luis Obispo (large photo). Styles and residents close their eyes for an exercise.

By Andrea Svoboda
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AmericanSingles.com. Under my user name I added a general description of what I am like. Hey, I even included a picture!

New department head goes from city to aggie

By Abby Kingdon
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Cal Poly alumna Jennifer Ryder Fox filled the need for a new department head after the merger of the Cal Poly crop science and horticulture departments this school year.

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Writer recounts online dating experience

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The company then keeps track of your profile, who has "hit listed" you, who has "spared" you, who has e-mailed you and who has IM’d you.

Vietnam vet and Pulitzer Prize finalist discusses books in Chumash

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O’Brien will give a lecture that will be open to the public in Chumash Auditorium at 7 p.m., followed by a book signing.

Carol MacCurdy, an English professor and PREFACE committee member, said O’Brien came to Cal Poly eight or nine years ago and gave a memorable lecture.

"That was another reason we wanted him to come and speak — he related well to students," MacCurdy said. "He’s not just funny; he is also thought provoking."

PREFACE is designed to bring faculty, staff and students together across campus and across colleges, said Patricia Pence, coordinator for Accelerated Academic Programs. This is the first year of the program, and the Honors students are the pilot group.

"Years down the road, we hope to ask all incoming freshmen to read the book," Pence said.

PREFACE began this summer when all Honors students received a letter asking them to read "The Things They Carried" and help launch the program, she said. There will be activities throughout the year for this group of students following the theme of the book.

She said that other possible activities for winter quarter include a film or panel discussion complementing the book.

The students in the program get together for the first time on Oct. 9. They met with their discussion leaders, one faculty or staff member and one student, to talk about the book, MacCurdy said.

Liberal studies junior and Honors student Kimberly Kelly said that students in her discussion group had a positive attitude about the program.

"The people who were there were excited to talk about it and were really into the discussion," she said.

Enright, who also leads group discussions, said about three-fourths of the students had read the book, and see O’BRIEN, page 3

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engagement or marriage.

Journalist Teri Sean McAdams knows the results of online dating first hand. His mother married an online suitor in August.

"My first impression was that you will never find someone," said McAdams. "It was not until someone so close to me was into it that I realized real people participate in online dating. With the new-age technology we have it is not so out-of-the-ordinary to meet someone."

Busy lifestyles are the main reason for using online dating.

"You can sift through millions of profiles in less than a second," said McAdams. "Imagine trying to do that in the real world."

John L. Willcock is the owner of HappyBoardOs.net and has a daughter who is in college.

"Because of time, and the unusual hanging logistics, (my daughter said that online dating) has become a quiet, one-on-one way of meeting a boyfriend/girlfriend besides the people one isDanny. or talking with," said Willcock.

Amy*, a 21-year-old Cal Poly student, has a six-month online relationship her freshman year while she was attending Cal Poly. But the relationship didn't begin through an online service. Instead, Amy was BM'd by a person who saw her on campus.

Claiming he got her e-mail address through some friends, he and Amy started talking online. For one month, they would spend five hours a night talking over the Internet. Even when he transferred to the University of California State University at Fresno, they continued to talk.

Although they never met in person or talked on the phone, they referred to each other as boyfriend and girlfriend.

"You talk to them so much it is almost like you are in a relationship, but you really don't know who the other person is," Amy said. "It's like you are attached to a computer monitor."

The relationship was finally broken off when he continued to avoid meeting Amy in person. She was convinced he was hiding something.

After the two broke up, he has not gone back online under his original user name.

However, when talking to strangers online, common sense is required.

"In terms of advice, I think it's important to be honest but careful," said Rowland. "Just because you are talking to someone doesn't mean they are going to be a good match for you."

"Name has been changed at source's request."

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years in the agriculture industry. She understands the issues facing agriculture and can prepare students to work in the industry and face these issues, he said.

Earl Williams, president of the California Cotton Growers Association, agreed.

"She will bring to Cal Poly a different perspective because she's been involved in the industry," Williams said. "She can form a bridge between academia and industry."

Some prominent issues facing agriculture today are the use of pesticides, genetically modified foods and the leaching of agricultural products into ground water, Fox said.

Although she is now an agriculture professional, Fox did not grow up in the field of agriculture. Raised in blue-collar Bloomfield, NJ, Fox is a daughter of a waitress and a millman. In high school, Fox studied typing to become a secretary. Now, she said she hopes to reach students like herself who didn't grow up in agriculture and show them that agriculture is more than "just going back to the farm."

With crop science and horticulture enrollment dropping, Fox will have to address the problem of decreased interest. Figures are down to 373 students for fall quarter, whereas last year there were 424 students, according to an Institutional Planning and Analysis report.

Fox said she understands that agriculture does not have a prestigious image and that this is the primary reason enrollment decreased.

Fox keeps the image of her daughter in mind as the typical student that she is trying to reach, she said.

"She's a city girl, all decked out in Abercrombie and Fitch," Fox said.

Fox turned her life toward academics because teachers made such a difference in her life, she said. While at the College of the Redwoods in Northern California, and a member of the Sierra Club, a professor advised Fox to come to Cal Poly and take an active role in agriculture to make a difference for the environment.

"It's been my dream to get my doctorate and return to Cal Poly because my experience as an undergraduate here was so positive," Fox said. "The faculty really cared, not like at big universities where students just get in the way."

Fox's familiarity with California agriculture also brought her back to Cal Poly.

"I haven't done to have to adapt to agricultural practices in California as would someone from another state," Webster said.

Fox came from no academic background — a bachelor's degree. Still, she considers herself highly tenacious.

"In high school, I was in high school in New Jersey, I had no idea I would be involved in agriculture and academics in California," she said. "Agriculture has been an evolution in my life."

The University of California at Davis is scheduled to host a Student Informational Meeting Thursday, October 17th at 11:00 am-12:00 noon in Fisher Science Bldg 38 Rom 286. For details call our Leasing Office or check our web site at www.calpoly.edu/live.
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The 17-year-old was being held on a preliminary charge of assisting in a grievous act of destruction, which car- ries a maximum sentence for a minor of about 15 years in prison.

National Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Tita Kyren said earlier Tuesday that police had detained a 17-year-old boy from the southern Finnish town of Hamarneula who was known as "Einstein" in a chat room dealing with explosives. Investigators also questioned three men who allegedly had bad contact with Einstein on the Internet, where mem- bers exchanged tips on making home-made explosives, Hapuala said.

Iraqi vote for unopposed candi- date Saddam in shadow of feared war

TOKYO, Iraq - Stalling ball into boxes by the faithful, citizens in Saddam Hussein's hometown of massive com- pounds and narrow lanes joined mil- lions of other Iraqis on Tuesday for a vote choreographed as a show of sup- port for their leader.

Surface-to-air missiles batteries and artillery outside Saddam's hometown, Tikrit, underscored the other message of Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruc- tion. "I came to put my paper in the box and to say I don't want America to come here, and to say I hate Bush, because he wants to attack me," Dr. Ahmed Jowaid, a parasitologist, said in a village outside Tikrit.

Iraqi projected more than 11 mil- lion of Saddam's 22 million people would turn out for the referendum. The vote was a "yes" or "no" on the question of the nation's new constitution, a little over seven years and on continuing the coop-installed, three-decade reign of his party.

After quarter century, five Japanese kidnapping victims return from North Korea

TOKYO - Five Japanese kidnap- ping victims who were whisked away in their youth by North Korean spies finally came home Tuesday, tearfully hugging their aging mothers and fathers for the first time in nearly a quarter century.

College of Science and Mathematics, the Kennedy Library, El Corral Bookstore, Continuing Education, the Writing Skills Program and the students of the English pro- gram, who voted to give some money, from the fee increase to the program, are also helping with funding.

The future of the program depends on funding and the response from the campus community, Ponce said. Students that participate will be asked for their input to help direct the pro- gram.

"The concept is (incoming stu- dents) get assigned to read a book dur- ing the summer, and this is just part of the tradition of the Cal Poly culture," Ponce said.
This Saturday, Oct. 19, the third annual Cayucos Music Festival goes off on the Cayucos embarcadero.

The festival is the culmination of an ongoing senior project of Cal Poly graduate Kevin Costigliolo, who said he wanted people to come together to enjoy local musicians and artists. He worked close with the Cayucos Chamber of Commerce to organize the event.

"It's a cool project that brought some organization of music to the area and it's a chance for people to get out of town and support local music," Costigliolo said.

Eight local bands with a variety of styles will perform on two ocean-front stages from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Morro Bay's Bootsie Merango, a high energy funk-rock group, will play along with Los Oso's own Ourohose, a jam-funk band. A group of Cal Poly students known collectively as Joose offer up their own brand of blues-jazz fusion. The alternative rock band Glider from Atascadero is also slated to play.

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Bonfires on the beach will follow the day's performances, Costigliolo said, with an after-show at the Cayucos Veterans Hall from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission to this part of the event will include performances by Tea Leaf Garden and New Clear Days.

Advance tickets are available at the Hempshak, or online at www.jamba.setickets.com, for $10 and $12 at the door.

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The slogan at the top of the Web site reads, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." In other words, "even if we have to shoot you" should be added.

After all, they might get away with it. The National Rifle Association (NRA) has proven that it has the power to influence Congress into prohibiting a national ballistic fingerprint system that would aid law enforcement. The technology would require that gun manufacturers nationwide provide law enforcement officials with test-firing samples of bullets each time they sell a weapon.

The NRA opposes the technology, claiming that it is equivalent to a national gun registry that was outlawed in 1968. God forbid we should have a way of tracking suspects who use weapons to commit violent crimes.

What really gives me off about the ignorance of these folks is the propaganda on the Web site; it warps the minds of NRA members by confusing security with paranoia and guns with democracy. We are not free and blocking necessary technology won't give us any more freedom. Actually, it will give us less. The argument that they oppose this because in cases where the only evidence is spent bullet-capsules, like in the recent case of the Washington D.C. shooting.

We should ask the citizens of Washington D.C.: what they think about the NRA accusing a national database that could offer a clue to the identity of the shooter. They wouldn't be too happy with the NRA, especially if they knew that the technology was out there but nothing was being done with it because it would provide a powerful political force against them.

Congress needs to get its head out of the NRA's ass and do the right thing.尺
Using, buying fake IDs not worth the consequences

Those facing this steep punishment face having committed and is certainly not violent. to use them.

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Along with losing the license and paying a heavy fine, I am sure your old man won’t be too thrilled when he gets a notice in the mail telling him that his child was caught either purchasing alcohol or pretending to be someone else, just to go out and party.

Students should wait until they’re 21. Once people get that far, they still have the rest of their lives to enjoy the bars.

Being yourself is a lot safer these days than pretending to be someone else.

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

Music needs to be protected

Editor, Ms. Corbin’s editorial on MP3 downloading (Oct. 14) fails to demonstrate any understanding of what music is, fundamental­ly. By virtue of this ignorance, her message is viciously irrational.

Music is, as any other creation of intellect, the property of its creator. Just as the man who invents a motor may patent it, an artist may copyright his work. Neither inventor is obliged to share what he has created, an object of value; he creates it for his own pleasure, interest and prosperity.

It is by choice that the inventor sells his motor, and that the musician sells his music. This means they enter into a voluntary agreement with the consumer, which allows the person who could have created neither motor nor song to enjoy its benefit.

This agreement is reached by a trade of value: The motor, or song, in exchange for money, which the purchaser has earned by means of his own work. This is a picture of what "property rights" stands for — that a man has an undeniable right to what he has earned, and none to what he has not.

The man who states that a musician has an obligation to give his music to the consumer, because the consumer enjoys it, is merely one step away from the man who demands that I give him my land because he uses it. He breaches the same idea, and ignores the same right.

Could Ms. Corbin ever write a single note of a single song by the Dixie Chicks? Does she believe that, since the correct answer is her right to what others produce?

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SLO stops the party before it starts

After being ranked as the fourth-nerdiest school in the nation, I found it as no surprise that Cal Poly didn’t make Playboy’s Top 25.

Here, the biggest gathering of people on a weekend is at Vista Grande’s “fine” dining hall. San Luis Obispo used to be the place to be before the cops thought they had to be our sec­ond parents, when Poly Royal was a renowned event that all ourselves in their feet.

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But the San Luis Obispo Police Department has become our toughest opponent. Two weeks ago on Slack Street, the police waited outside a party, counted down the seconds to 11:30 p.m., when they could give a ticket for a noise viola­tion, and then sent everyone on their way in search of some­thing else to do.

There is also a community push to close the bars to 1 a.m., shut down parties before they start, cancel Mardi Gras and make Poly Royal obsolete. What ever happened to having a good time in college?

What are they trying to do... make us study more?

Oh well, at least we’ve got Wildflower.

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I really appreciate the motivation to exercise," Nickel said. "The stretching is my favorite but I love to walk more than anything."

The club will participate in Make a Difference Day on Oct. 19. Healthy Helpers members will be in the children’s section of the San Luis library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., where they will put on a puppet show and make crafts with the kids.

Cox said the volunteers gain as much from helping the community as the community gains from them.

"We get so much out of it," Cox said. "It's huge. You get to communicate with people you wouldn't normally communicate with."

One of the main purposes of creating the club was to benefit the student volunteers, Styles said.

"I wanted students to have something they could bring a vision or a passion to," Styles said. "It gives them resources in the community and helps them find themselves and what they want to do."

Students interested in joining Healthy Helpers can e-mail the club at healthy_helper@yahoo.com.

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Classifieds are killer!
Schlegel tallies sixth goal in 3-1 victory
By Christen Wegner

Senior forward Megan Schlegel scored her first two goals of the season last weekend—both in Cal Poly's 3-1 victory over Pacific on Sunday. Schlegel has scored six goals this season.

"We played really well and came out hard early," senior defender Annette Croteau said. "We wanted to score early and put them away early."

One player that stepped up during last weekend's home stand was senior midfielder Mandy Enfield. She scored her first goal of the season in Friday's match against Cal State Northridge, as well as Cal Poly's first goal against Pacific on Sunday.

"The whole team played really well, but Mandy really stepped up this weekend," head coach Alex Crozier said.

The entire first half was all Cal Poly. After the first 12 minutes of the game, the team drove the length of the field and scored. Enfield kicked a ball into the corner of the goal to put the Mustangs up 1-0.

Cal Poly struck again after two scoring opportunities were squandered by diving stops from Pacific goalie Megan Pickering.

Senior forward Megan Schlegel scored her sixth goal of the season on an open net, putting Cal Poly up 2-0.

"Our main goal is to play hard and win every conference game," Croteau said.

Cal Poly's next two matches are away games against conference teams Idaho State and Utah State, both wireless in conference play.

"We have a tough road trip coming up, but we are totally in control of our own destiny," Crozier said.

Cal Poly's Heidi Spink escapes a sliding tackle during the Mustangs' 3-1 win over Pacific on Sunday.

"We played really well as a team because even after they scored, we didn't let them get away from us," Croteau said.

Three minutes later, senior defender Brooke Flamm kicked a line-drive into the net to provide the Mustangs' final margin of victory.

"Pacific is a strong team and we knew we had to keep an eye on certain players like forward Regina McGee," Crozier said. "She has a lot of speed and the potential to hurt you offensively, so we had to respect that.

"So far, the team is tied for fourth in the Big West Conference with a 2-0 record."

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Cal Poly Men's Soccer

Team remains positive despite 2-8 start
By Olga Berdial

The Cal Poly men's soccer team (2-8 overall, 0-1 Big West), is confident in its ability, despite its first league loss to UC Riverside Saturday.

"I think we are capable of beating any team in our league right now," Cal Poly defender Brad Hallock said.

"The Mustangs host Fullerton in Mustang Stadium tonight at 7 p.m."

Although few teams can afford to lose two ACC games, Coach Wolfgang Gartner is positive about the mustangs.