Sisters’ event raises awareness

By Christen Wenger

An estimated 203,500 women and 1,500 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States this year.

Roughly 43,300 women and 400 men will die from breast cancer this year, according to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

On average, these statistics mean one in every eight women will be diagnosed.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the sisters of Alpha Kappa Delta Phi, an Asian-interest sorority, are doing their part to spread the word about this deadly disease.

"Every year, our sorority takes part in a nationwide breast cancer awareness campaign to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation," said Amy Hursttanussen, aerospace engineering senior and vice president of community service for Alpha Kappa Delta Phi.

This year’s theme is "Know the Pink," and for the next few weeks the sorority will be holding events to raise money and create awareness.

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Green Party increases numbers

Editor’s Note: This is the first in a series of profiles on active third parties in San Luis Obispo County and ballot propositions.

By Olga Berdial

As many people have become frustrated with the status quo of the parties, there has been growing momentum.

"The Green Party is the only party whose registration is increasing," said Cris Olsman, member of the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission and Green Party member. "Both the Republican and Democratic parties have decreasing registration."

The Green Party is the third-largest party in the county with 2,500 registered voters, and there are 145,000 Green Party registered voters statewide.

The Green Party’s ideology focuses on its 10 key values of environmental wisdom, grassroots democracy, social justice, non-violence, community-based economics, feminism and gender equality, respect for diversity, personal and global responsibility, decentralization and sustainability.

A major distinguishing factor is the Green Party’s platform.

The Green Party Platform

Ecological Wisdom - Building a society that works in harmony, not apart, from nature.

Grassroots Democracy - Encouraging individuals and communities to increase their participation in the decisions which affect their lives. Participatory, not passive democracy.

Social Justice - Promoting policies that respect the dignity of each individual and encourage self-determination and responsibility.

Nonviolence - Developing effective alternatives to society’s current patterns of violence. Working to demilitarize and eliminate weapons of mass destruction.

Decentralization - Focusing on problem solving at the local level.

Respect for Diversity - Representing the many diverse elements of society, and of the biological world, in our organizations and decision-making processes.

Personal and Global Responsibility - Encouraging individuals to act to improve their personal well-being while enhancing global ecological and social harmony.

Sustainability - Developing an ecological, energy-efficient, non-nuclear economy using renewable sources of energy and materials. Supporting an organic agricultural model that preserves and improves the soil.
**Weather Watch**

**5-Day Forecast**

**FRIDAY**
High: 72° / Low: 49°

**SATURDAY**
High: 72° / Low: 49°

**SUNDAY**
High: 73° / Low: 50°

**MONDAY**
High: 74° / Low: 50°

**TUESDAY**
High: 47° / Low: 49°

Today's Sun
Rises: 7:11 a.m. / Sets: 6:25 p.m.

Today’s Moon
Rises: 5:10 p.m. / Sets: 3:46 a.m.

Today's Tides
Low: 6:51 a.m. / 2.1 feet
High: 1:59 a.m. / 3.8 feet
Low: 8:42 p.m. / 0 feet
High: 1:13 p.m. / 5.6 feet

**Crime Round-Up**

Oct. 14 - At 11 p.m. a narcotics violation occurred at the Sierra Madre residence hall after a man was caught smoking marijuana. He was seated and must now appear in court.

Oct. 14 - A 21-year-old Cal Poly student fled police while riding his bike Monday afternoon. A police officer tried to give him a warning ticket after he rode his bike through a stop sign at the intersection of Hathaway and Kentucky. He was apprehended at the 100 block of Casa after a five-minute chase. He was charged for failing to yield to emergency vehicles and resisting arrest. The student was later booked at the San Luis Obispo County jail and must now appear in court.

**Crime Round-Up continued from page 1**

old track.

Ralph Gorton, owner of Just Looking, said that the painting would be displayed until it is sold.

“It really depicts the Salinas Valley during the turn of the century,” Gorton added.

The Salinas Valley is where Steinbeck grew up and it is also the setting for his well-renowned book “The Grapes of Wrath.”

Steinbeck’s simple yet dramatic writing cuts across every subject, from agriculture to women’s studies, to natural and marine sciences, Pendergast said. She pointed out that not just English students could benefit from this event.

“Steinbeck is a classic American author,” Pendergast said. “We invite all students to attend and listen.”

For more information about the activities for the Steinbeck centennial, visit www.lib.calpoly.edu.

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**What’s Going On**

Coming up this week

**Tom Sgouros and robot presentation** - A presentation about artificial intelligence and freewill will be hosted on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

**Paso Robles harvest festival** - Friday and Saturday, Paso Robles’ wineries will host a wine tour. For information, call 234-8463.

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National/International News

Thursday, October 17, 2002

National Briefs

Don't have a prayer? Prayer lines mean you can always call for one

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Out of a job, "Snookey" from Maryland turns to prayer. "I don't have a prayer? Prayer line," he says. "I'm joining the woman's prayer request and asking God to help me get a job." The call reaches the home of an 89-year-old woman - one of a legion of volunteers - who writes down the woman's prayer request and asks God to help. The Nashville-based Upper Room Living Prayer Center, an ecumenical ministry funded by United Methodists, receives more than 25,000 telephone prayer requests each month and an additional 5,000 by e-mail, fax and regular mail. It is one of many telephone lines and Web sites across the nation trying to connect people with God.

From the Assemblies of God's "1-800-4-PRAYER" line in Springfield, Mo., to the Peace Center for Christian Living prayer center in Pawling, N.Y., volunteers take prayer requests around the clock.

Mary O. Benedict, manager of the Upper Room prayer line, said callers like the anonymity the ministry offers. Volunteers ask only for first names and home state or country, but providing even that information is optional.

The telephone requests are forwarded around the world to 350 prayer groups who recite the prayer for 30 days.

Bush signs Iraq war resolution urges action by United Nations

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Wednesday signed Congress' war resolution on Iraq, bringing the president's war effort closer to a formal declaration of war. The president's signature on the resolution also puts in place the 60-day moratorium on U.S. military action before coming to Dr. Tahir Javed's clinic was closed as of July 1.

Fremont is about 30 miles west of Omaha.

International Briefs

Parties in dead heat as Jamaicans vote amid hopes of boosting economy

KINGSTON, Jamaica - Jamaicans formed long lines to vote Wednesday in a tightly contested election fought with fear of political violence and revolving around issues of a sluggish economy and rampant crime.

Prime Minister PJ Patterson, whose People's National Party holds a slight edge in polls, was aiming to become the first leader elected to three consecutive terms in the Caribbean nation.

His opponent, former Prime Minister Edward Seaga, says his Jamaica Labor Party aims to rescue the moribund tourism industry, create jobs and curb a high murder rate blamed largely on drug traffickers.

"The election means progress for the country, and the PNP is for poor people," said 45-year-old painter Newton Douze, who cast his ballot just after polls opened.

Both parties were trying to win a majority of the 60 parliamentary seats, which will determine who runs the government for the next five years.

The general elections, being observed by former President Jimmy Carter and 59 international observers, have stirred anxiety as party supporters have traded insults and some gunfire. But there were no immediate reports of violence on Wednesday.

Carter, who won the Nobel Peace Prize last week partly for his efforts to further democracy, noted that few of the nearly 50 killings in the weeks leading up to the vote were politically motivated.

Indonesia pledges terror crackdown following Bali bombing

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Criticized internationally for ignoring demands that it crack down on terrorism, Indonesia pledged Wednesday to press ahead with tough new anti-terror laws and formed an international investigative team to hunt for the culprits in the Bali nightclub bombing.

Police in Bali said they had detained two Indonesian men for further questioning after an initial round of interrogation following Saturday's blast. The men are a security guard and the brother of a man whose identification card was found at the bomb scene.

U.S. Ambassador Ralph Boyce disclosed that in the month before the Bali attack, he and other American envoys had discussed with Indonesian officials possible attacks against U.S. targets.

But Boyce said that the warnings were not specific to Indonesia. They coincided with a temporary closure of embassies in Jakarta and other regional capitals because of terrorist threats during the Sept. 11 anniversary.

Boyce also said that a man who allegedly attempted to hurl a small bomb at the office of the honorary U.S. consul in Denpasar on Saturday had been injured when the device exploded prematurely. He said it was his understanding that the man was then apprehended, but police spokesmen denied that anyone was detained after that explosion.

Volkswagen enters luxury car business

WOOLFSBURG, Germany - Volkswagen may mean People's Car in German, but the masses will not be driving the company's new luxury model, Phaeton, which costs $90,000.

The Phaeton, a 16-seat limousine bearing the same VW badge as the proliferation Beetle of the 1960s and '70s, is spearheading the company's attempt to push its image upscale - and take a slice of the lucrative, recession-proof market for expensive cars from competitors such as BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

Many analysts are skeptical, citing VW's established image as a mass-market automaker selling millions of compact cars, such as the tiny, $15,000 Lupo offered in Europe.

Analysts say the Phaeton may wow people with its monstrous engine and seats that massage the driver's lower back, but it is too pricey for the company's image and might drain business from VW's existing luxury brand, Audi.

VW's marketing chief, Robert Burchfelder, says the car's critics are living in the past.

The Phaeton - and the Touareg, a sport-utility vehicle going on sale in Europe next month - will expand people's minds about the company's brand name, he said.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press by Mustang Daily news editor Andrea Coberly.

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No such thing as an 'all-in-one' romance


For spending 22 years on this planet, I have decided that people are flat out rude. However, what I can't figure out is whether the rudeness comes from their parents' lack of guidance or the fact that so many people are just so deep-down evil that they simply don't care about anybody but themselves.

I think it is the latter. People. For no particular reason, do really mean things.

For instance, do you ever wonder why, when you're walking toward a group of people, everyone seems to walk with their arms on their hips? It's like they're purposely trying to take up as much room as possible.

Most of the time, you find yourself practically walking sideways as to not be elbowed in the chest. Now, it may seem like I'm whining, but tell me that's not rude.

Commentary

Unsullied - the base of our existence - are another example. Yes, they do serve a good purpose when used correctly, but most people do not know how to use them. I can't count how many times I have been poked in the eye with someone's little metal tip. Unsullied and crowds definitely do not mix.

I now dread the rainy season so much that I probably do not attend classes during a downpour, because I know there's a chance I might never be able to see again.

And, to those of you who haven't learned how to properly steer a stroller or shopping cart, come on over to the Mustang Daily newsroom so I can smack you silly. Once is okay and twice is accidental, but three or more times getting clipped in the back of your heels is not only ridiculous, but also painful.

Shoppers basically have to carry insurance to go shopping. I have had shoes ruined because I received such a bad flat-tire that it tore the sole completely off.

Letters to the editor

Brown best choice for SLO city council

Editor,

As the former student body president at Cal Poly who has dealt with the city council (March 4, Alcohol: Consumption at an Event Ordinance, Neighborhood Parking Zones), I understand the importance of having a voice in the council chambers that can vote on the issues at hand.

It is important that we bring real individu­als to the council as well, individuals that understand how to make real action and not just talk. We need someone who won't listen to just one side, and young adults in San Luis Obispo as vital to its success and not as blight.

That is why I encourage you to not only to register to vote, but to vote on Nov. 5 for Paul Brown.

We need leadership from Paul that will provide a roadmap for the future, not the dusty old NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) approach that is present in the city council.

Cal Poly students paid more for parking to cover budgeting, and what did the city council do? It's nuts.

This is one of many examples that the city council engages in that ignores your input.

This community is not represented by the council today. Support Paul Brown and elect a council member who will represent us in the future.

Sam Ahome is a Cal Poly industrial engineering alumnus.

California Governor choice unappealing

Editor,

So who am I supposed to vote for in California's gubernatorial race? I really didn't give much of an option with Bill Simon.

The Democrats, well don't even get me started on how Gray Davis messed up that whole energy thing, or doesn't anybody really remember that?

Please tell this concerned citizen that Davis and Simon are not the only two options I have. I might just write in "Yogi, or maybe Boo Bear". I could never really tell who was in charge between the two.

So Simon is a Republican that is losing, and badly, and Davis is the Democrat who has already screwed up this state enough.

Whatever happened to Richard Riordan? For some reason the Republicans decided to just throw him aside. At least he was a nice guy. I heard yesterday that some students were actually going to try to have a write-in campaign for Riordan. They have my vote.

Eric Goltry is a political science senior and concerned citizen.

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Opinion
A little manners go a long way

Shoppers basically have to carry insurance to go shopping.

And then, of course, there is the issue of personal space. I have this little pet peeve about people who can't respect someone's personal space. I am someone who only allows certain people into my territorial bubble. People standing behind me in line that I don't know are not worth coming up into that bubble.

You know those people I'm talking about. The ones that find it necessary to stand two centimeters away from you. If you can't keep the closer they get the quicker they will be at the front of the line.

It won't make a difference, so step back.

Which brings me to my next horrendous item. Curting people off. You're not supposed to do it in a car, so what makes you think it is okay to do while walking?

But I think the worst and most frequent violation of walking etiquette is spitting; I just love stepping in big piles of salsify as I walk down the street.

Come on, common courtesy is all I ask for. With the number of people cruising this planet, foot traffic would be more enjoyable if everyone would have a little consideration for each other.

Christen Wegner is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Brett Heliker
Letters to the editor

Unconvinced about reasons for war

Editor,

Despite peace marches around the country, tens of thousands of letters, faxes, phone calls and e-mails to congressional leaders overwhelmingly call for the firm halt to Bush's war plans. Congress has given the Bush administration a $40 billion check for the invasion of Iraq. Our country is going to war. I ask why?

Jason Starkey wrote that he is afraid that Saddam Hussein is building a nuclear bomb and Hussein "could weak and badmail the entire world." (Reason for Iraq attack not just because of oil," Oct. 11). Despite Bush's rhetoric, the fact is that Iraq's military has diminished by two-thirds since 1991 and nuclear, chemical and biological weapons facilities, as well as long-range missiles, were bombed by the United States and further dismantled by the United Nations. According to ex-marine and former weapons inspector Scott Ritter, Iraq presents "absolutely nothing" of a military threat.

If you are like Christopher Arthur ("Letter writer makes incorrect assumptions about world politics," Oct. 9), you need to educated yourself about world politics. Check out your alternative news website sites like www.democracynow.org, www.globalalechange.org and www.swnet.com, pick up a few Hope Dance magazine in San Luis Obispo County. Even The Tribune reported that the CIA is feeling less pressure from Bush to fabricate reasons Iraq's people deserve death and destruction.

To Arthur, Starkey and others who believe that following the Bush administration into unprovoked war in the Middle East is the right thing to do, I say look at what the true motivations for this war are, and what the result of this war will be. Power and oil will be gained by us. More anti-American sentiment and terrorism will be spawned.

Cody Reinheimer is a speech communication senior.

Propositions help SLO community

Editor,

"Yes" votes on Proposotions 46 and 47 will help relieve overcrowded schools and provide affordable housing for the state's neediest residents. Since the state's last housing bond 12 years ago, San Luis Obispo County and most of the nation's 12 least affordable regions are in California. San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties are the fourth and 11th least affordable out of 199 regions nationwide.

Proposition 46 would provide $2.1 billion, the largest allocation for housing production in state history, to create or preserve 131,000 homes for low-income families earning less than 80 percent of the median income. Almost half the money would provide low-interest loans to local governments and nonprofit agencies to build low-income apartments, and $400 million would go for the acquisition of land.

Our school systems also need help. One-third of all classrooms in California are overcrowded. One-third of all school children in buildings with leaking roofs or inadequate plumbing. California needs another 46,000 classrooms. The $13 billion Proposition 47 bond measure would pay to build and repair the existing 275,000 outdated, worn out classrooms. Nearly 90 percent of the bond would help elementary, middle and high schools.

Please look to our future and vote "yes" on both ballot measures.

John Campanella is the president of the Home Builders Association of the Central Coast and Jerry Bunin is the government relations counselor.

Affirmative action debate unfortunate editor

It is unfortunate that in the place of an active debate over the veracity of affirmative action programs, columns with otherwise laudable ideas should muddy the waters. In her piece on the need to reinstate affirmative action programs ("Politics," Oct. 15), Susanna Farber ably argues that equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups is a policy we should demand from our government.

But what we see the world in black and white have brought the battle, and the response must be framed as not simply entitlement (that $10 word), but rather as a question of the function of government in the first place. The words of Thomas Jefferson make it plain. Americans have "inherent and inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The minor correction was by the Supreme Court in 2003. Congress and judges on the way Jefferson viewed the three edifices of our modern society.

The country created by the elite white males that Mrs. Farber argues for (owing to the Civil Rights Movement) contains "inherent" protections for the people who came to its borders and shores.

The task that is set for policy makers today is one of guaranteeing that elite consensus does not remove these protections. It may be true to quote Jefferson, when he was a member of that elite, "But it is to avoid African Americans their freedom. They may be championed liberty above all else, and would find fault with affirmative action not because of racism but because he believed himself to be limited government.

Obviously, we live in a very different world than that of Franklin and Jefferson. The fact that 70 percent of minorities and 88 percent of Hispanics demonstrate that government must address inequality, but the argument must be made in terms that do not mistake personal characteristics for oppression. Thus, we engage in reductionism and write off the entire American dream.

The current debate is not a push and pull. It is a call to arms for life and liberty.

Kayla Eyster is a history senior.

Police state needs to be eliminated

Editor,

The other night, a campus police officer told me to get a light for my bike and said I should be grateful that I didn't get a ticket. It's good to know that San Luis Obispo government cares so much about our safety that it is willing to fine us in case we put ourselves in danger.

Give someone the power to make laws, and they will. The bigger the minor, the better the problem that is fundamental! When are we going to accept the wisdom behind "life and let live"? When are we going to do something about these unconstitutional laws?

This is not a police state! This is not a dictatorship! Liberty is the only thing worth fighting for. To those libertarians reading the Mustang Daily, NOW is the time to make a difference!

Don't just sit back while politicians legislate away your rights. You're an adult, and should be allowed to do whatever you choose as long as you don't physically harm others or their property. Don't take liberty for granted. Daniel Brownell is a computer science sophomore.

Save babies with education, not laws

Editor,

I would like to respond to Lauren Chase's article from Oct 10, "New Laws Aid to Abandon Babies Protect Lives.", Ms. Chase writes, "Some skeptics say this law is not a police state! This is not a theocracy! Liberty is the only thing worth fighting for. To those libertarians reading the Mustang Daily, NOW is the time to make a difference! I would like to introduce another perspective of why baby abandonment laws are not the best solution for protecting baby 'lives'.

None of the states that have enacted the baby abandonment laws encourage birthmothers to provide any background information, such as nationality and/or medical information, nor may they volunteer this information at a later date.

Therefore, as the child grows into an adult and begins making his or her own family, there will be no family history beyond the self as a point of reference. While proponents of the law may argue that life itself is more important than medical facts, I would respond that it is every human's birthright to have knowledge of their family history.

Possibly most importantly, these laws do not seem to be working. Just three months ago the San Francisco Chronicle published a story "Abandoned Oakland Baby Shows Need for Publicity," because many babies were still being abandoned and left to die. The Rocky Mountain News echoed that statement this past month and berated the law in its many gray legal areas, such as whether a birthmother can reclaim the baby.

I am in favor of the position taken by the American Adoption Congress that our nation could "save far more babies by increasing efforts to educate young people about the constructive options available and...ensuring that counseling and other services are available to women with unwanted pregnancies."

These preventative strategies would allow young women to make more informed decisions and quite possibly reduce the amount of fear and anguish that predominates the crisis of an unwanted pregnancy.

Stacey Park is an adoptee advocate from University of Kansas.
By Meredith Corbin

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

At an "Evening in Greece," Sheean said, adding that the popularity of the food is the main reason the event has lasted for so long.

Brumbies restaurant in Cambria serves the food every year. Owner Nick Kaperonis said that he enjoys watching church volunteers receive praise for preparing the food.

Kaperonis and members of the church serve appetizers like "stipetisa," a cheese-stuffed bread, to start out the evening. Rice pilaf and barbecued lamb are the main courses, while desserts like "baklava," a doughy pastry with walnuts, syrup and honey, finish off the meal.

"The food gets better and better every year," Kaperonis said. "The ladies and gentlemen who prepare the food have had 15 years of practice to perfect it."

Live entertainment has also been a big part of the event since it began. Dr. Paul Geogheon, emergency room doctor at Sierra Vista Medical Center and entertainment coordinator, said that the most important goal for him is making sure he is a good host for the evening.

"If I am being a good host, then I am enjoying myself," he said. "If I am happy, my guests are as well."

Geogheon said award-winning Greek Village dancers from Modesto will teach guests traditional dances.

"My ambition every year is to teach as many people as I can how to learn Greek dancing, because it preserves our culture," he said.

Green party

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between the Green Party and other parties is its stance on business.

"One key difference is that we think corporations have too much power and are a corrupting influence on our government," Osbome said.

Some of the main issues the party is focused on this year include issues-proportional representation and instant runoff voting.

Issues-proportional representation is a method of voting for representatives from each district based on the percentage of voters who vote for specific parties, Osbome said. For example, a party that received 10 percent of the votes would acquire 10 percent of the seats in the House of Representatives.

"It's a way of insuring that minority ideology is represented," Osbome said. "Instant runoff voting (IRV) is a policy that would allow voters to choose their top candidates in order of favor, Osbome said. He hopes that the policy would diminish the need for second elections. IRV would enable voters to choose their first pick without having to worry that doing so would take votes away from their second choice. It would get rid of the "Soder won the election for Bush" concept in voting, Osbome said.

Another main issue of the Green Party is its anti-war stance.

"We are definitely against a unilateral, pre-emptive strike," said Klaus Schumann, the Green Party member.

Based on this idea, the San Luis Obispo Greens have organized a Peace Walk and March on Oct. 26. The event is scheduled to begin at noon in front of the County Government Center.

Schumann urges students to register to vote and become more involved.

"The two precincts around Cal Poly, where most students live, have the lowest voter turnouts," Schumann said. "There is not very much political awareness, and that goes across party lines."

As an engineer in the U.S. Air Force, there's no telling what you'll work on. (Seriously, we can't tell you.)

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In our consumer culture, not everything for sale is cutting edge technology or high-end fashion. Low-priced items made for collecting or gift-giving spill out of container ships daily. We've all seen them: Sad-eyed dogs and angelic waifs peering up at us from dusty shelves while we shop for a third cousin's birthday. Or perhaps your crazy aunt gave you a picture frame decorated with kitties to complement your new dorm room. But while we shudder at opening a gift from our "kitty lady" aunt, shopping for a present can provide hours of retail entertainment.
Discover cheap entertainment in finding tacky gifts

By Rebecca Hawes
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Two dogs on a psychedelic mushroom high, a prostitute angel fit for Mecca for the financially challenged, the elderly, small children and those folks whose tacky meter never worked in the first place. In San Luis Obispo, consumers have a variety of places in which to buy gifts that really should have never left the slow boat from China.

**THE DOLLAR STORE AT MARIGOLD CENTER**

On foot, in the dictionary defines tacky as The Dollar Store. I trot my case, as I walked in, I was immediately assaulted by thousands of figurines. Forty-something women with shopping carts full of them, yet the shelves remain full. Little hobos or Gremlins when given water, these things must multiply overnight.

The beauty of Ross proved to be the mother lode for tacky trinkets. I tried to single out just one figurine that I deemed, "Take me home, I'm really tacky." But it was hard to single out just one voice when everything around me was screaming. I looked around with the presence of a jeweler in search of the perfect gem.

Just then, my fingers touched it. I groped through the dust and the muck and pulled out the autistic, hair-lipped leopard in a hollow-out tree figurine.

**ROSS DOWNTOWN**

Ross is the never-ending garage sale that is so messy it makes my head hurt. I'd be willing to bet that gift you never wanted to buy in the first place.

Among the devastation, there was a last little offering to the tacky gods here at Goodwill. Facedown on a shelf, a little green leprechaun had been left for dead. I turned it over and realized that the little guy was actually a candle that should have been buried in acrylic and polyester that was never marked "First Quality." These conditions make Ross the perfect store for a gift you never wanted to buy in the first place.

Dwelling with the expertise of an archaeologist, I carefully began to unearth items in the section of brick-louds, possibly named for the amount of damage they have sustained. The best finds are always buried like treasure in Egyptian catacombs.

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Boy, was I wrong. Goodwill was equipped with enough crap to furnish trailer parks from Oceano to Atascadero.

Not only was it filled with things I would throw away, not give away and certainly not sell, the store lacked any sort of ambiance and it smelled like old clothes and my mother's meatloaf. Don't ask.

**DVD of Stanley Kubrick classic won't sap precious bodily fluids**

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Shopping for the not-so-fashionable gift for the not-so-close-friend can be a bang for your buck, not to mention a few laughs. When obligation knocks at your door, and you feel like playing opossum, hit these stores instead. Once you give a present, keep it.

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Just then, my fingers touched it. I groped through the dust and the muck and pulled out the autistic, hair-lipped leopard in a hollowed-out tree figurine. I felt like the song was written just for me. I struck tacky gold; I won the tacky lottery.

True to Ross form, the figurine came equipped with a glue-like substance on top that held down what appeared to be leopard turds. At $3.99, I thought it was a little on the pricey side. Never one to haggle over prices, I swallowed my pride and paid full price.

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The Rocky Horror 'virgin' dishes the dirt on experience

By Heather Zwaduk
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Saturday night I lost my Rocky Horror 'virginity.'
Yes, the same girl who is terrified of wearing white after Labor Day pulled on fishnet tights and black lipstick and went to "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" for the first, and probably only, time.

Of course, I was surrounded by people wearing outfits that made mine look downright angelic. And let me tell you, there is nothing angelic about "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." The following is a diary outlining my transition into this alternate universe.

9 p.m.
Go to Rite Aid to buy makeup and cape for my male friend Chris, whom I will drag (pun intended) along with me tonight. We decide on bright blue eye shadow, bright red lipstick, bright red blush and some eyeliner for good measure. At the check-stand the middle age clerk informs us that he, too, went to "Rocky Horror Picture Show" once when he was our age, and assures us that it will be quite an experience.

I'm not sure if this is a good thing.

9:30 p.m.
Back at my house, my roommate applies Chris' makeup while I work on my own. First lesson learned tonight: Black lipstick is not as easy to apply as one might assume.

10 p.m.
Time to get dressed. Pull on fishnet tights (Are these going to leave a pattern on my legs?), tight black shirt and transparent black shirt. I go to the mirror to check myself out and I'm scared of what I see, kind of a dead hooker look. I reassure myself that no one will see me and the police won't take me in for prostitution.

10:30 p.m.
Quick stop at a house party. We get in line. Try not to stare in amazement at all of the exposed flesh surrounding us. Although I knew there would be some strange outfits, I hadn't really expected this. One girl dressed in a black string bikini has painted swirl-like shapes all over her body, creating an impressionistic effect. Another girl does nothing but two star-shaped cutouts and spandex hot pants. As Chris eloquently points out, "This is just like the Runway!" And the guys are no exception to the flesh-baring rule: One man wears a long fur coat and a thong, and many wear makeup or are dressed in all-out drag attire. Chris, in his full face of makeup and long black cape, actually looks better in comparison.

11:50 p.m.
We finally make it to the doors after standing in line for what seems like forever in the cold. I wonder how some of the more scantily-clad people can stand it. I reach the front of the line and am padded down by a girl checking for who knows what, alcohol or weapons maybe. I present my ID to prove that I'm 18 and finally am standing in the warm lobby of the theatre.

12 a.m.
A group of 'virgins' selected from the audience are brought on stage and participate in a game that involves several cast members dressed in bikinis made of fake dollar bills, with the "virgins" trying to collect as many of these as possible.

I watch and thank God that I wasn't chosen.

12:15 a.m.
The movie begins.
I have a hard time following what is going on, with the audience constantly screaming things out at the actors in the movie, and the actors on the stage reacting to the scenes in the movie. There is just too much going on for me to really understand much, except for all of the sexual references and reenactments.
At one point during an especially graphic sex scene on the stage, I wonder what these actors' parents would say, and then I'm immediately ashamed of myself for being so judgmental. My favorite part of the movie is when the audience and the players stand up and perform a choreographed dance that everyone except me seems to know the motions to.

Although I enjoyed the free-spirited, sexually charged atmosphere of the production, I found myself confused during much of it. The other attendees of "Rocky Horror" were like a very large family with unique traditions, indecipherable by outsiders.

As a 'virgin,' I was unable to enjoy the production as much as the seasoned attendees. Maybe a few more shows and a visit to Costume Capers would enhance my enjoyment of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."
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Tonight at Farmers Market, the sorority will be handing out pink balloons and pamphlets, as well as selling pink ribbons to raise money for breast cancer research.

On Oct. 24, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi will have a booth in the University Union, where members will again sell pink ribbons and provide information to those interested in learning more about breast cancer.

"We want to spread the word to the students on-campus as well as the community, that breast cancer isn't something to take lightly," said Azenith Smith, journalism senior and president of Alpha Kappa Delta Phi.

Nationwide, all 33 chapters of Alpha Kappa Delta Phi will participate in this event, but the Cal Poly chapter wanted to do something different.

"Three years ago, we decided we wanted to do something bigger than selling ribbons, so we decided to start the 'Bowl for the Cure' because everyone loves bowl," Smith said.

The sorority will hold its third annual Bowl for the Cure at McPhees Downtown Sals on Oct. 29 at 8:30 p.m. Each group participating in the event will gather donations, and all donations will be accepted contributions.

"This is a year-round issue, so we will keep our booths out until mid-November in hopes that more donations will be received," Harputtasian said.

"Everyone can make a difference in the long run." For more information on Bowl for the Cure, call Amy Harputtasian at 787-0561.

Denny's, Jamba Juice, Konov Deli, Long's Pharmacy and Supercuts will all be accepting contributions.

"We would love to exceed our goal, and we are not judges. Instead, they have asked for each community college to choose a judge. They have also asked Jim Dee, owner of the Palm Theater, to be a judge. Cuesta art sophomore Joel Every is planning on entering the upcoming contest. Every is taking an independent study class with Cocke to design the Web-site and marketing material for SASDV. He encourages everyone to come to the festival.

"Support your local art and music scene, because without support none of this would be possible," Every said. Part of the entry fees, along with donations, will be used to generate the prize. El Corral Bookstore has donated a copy of Final Cut Pro as a prize.

"It does not take long," he said. "I mean, you can do a three-minute video in a day."

For more information about contest applications, check out SASDV's Web site at www.sasdv.org.
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“The power redistribution this
year is crazy, no-name teams are all of­
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Utah State and Cal Poly. This says a
lot about the strength of our confer­
eence,” Duncan said. UC Riverside and Cal State
Fullerton, the two last place teams in the Big West, fall into the category of teams the Mustangs have to beat, Duncan said. Chances of victory this weekend for the Mustangs look strong, as both the Titans and the Highlanders recently lost to Utah State and Idaho, which were Cal Poly's most recent victories.

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Women's Tennis

Team opens season at Fullerton
CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly women's tennis team opens the fall season this weekend at the Fullerton Invitational hosted by Cal State Fullerton. The tournament will take place on Friday through Sunday. The Mustangs return five team members from last year's squad and add four newcomers.

Men's Tennis

Doubles teams advance at Fresno
CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Two Cal Poly men's doubles teams advanced to the second round of play at the Fresno State Bulldog Classic last Saturday.

Senior Gregorus Levy and junior Nick Tracy advanced with an 8-4 win over Pacific, while the tandem of freshman Adrian Mardyks and Nick Tracy advanced in the second round of play. The Mustangs will face two hurdles this weekend.

By Abbey Kingdon
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly Volleyball

'It's still a chance'

Mustangs holding on to NCAA tourney hopes with a pair of must-win games this weekend

By Abbey Kingdon
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The Cal Poly women's volleyball team is narrowing their eyes and setting their sights on the NCAA Tournament beginning in December. They face two hurdles this weekend on the way to reaching their goal.

The Mustangs (4-2 Big West) travel to face UC Riverside (1-6) Friday, and set out the next day to take on Cal State Fullerton (0-7).

This weekend is important for the Mustangs after a disappointing loss last weekend to No. 5 UC Santa Barbara (16-0 overall).

"We need to find a way to close at the end of the game," Cal Poly coach Steve Schlick said. "In game 3 against the Gauchos we got in trouble, they stretched the lead and it was tough to come back." Losing to Santa Barbara might have been a letdown, but Cal Poly is not yet out of the running. The Mustangs sit in fourth place in the Big West behind Long Beach State, Pacific and Santa Barbara, all of which are nationally ranked.

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Junior Stacy Meronoff won their doubles match when the University of San Francisco doubles team withdrew Monday and ends on Tuesday. In singles play, Levy, Meronoff and Brett Van Linge lost to the fourth seeded team of Fuller and Lien from USF, 8-3.

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Cal Poly Football

Fighting against adversity

After losing starting QB for season, Mustangs travel to Saint Mary's

By Lisa Olmo
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After winning its first game this season, hopes are high for the Cal Poly football team as it prepares for this weekend's game against Saint Mary's. The Mustangs (1-5) will travel to Moraga for the second straight year to meet the Gaels (3-4) at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Coach Rich Ellerson said it will be a tough road for the Mustangs. Ellerson said the Gaels are a tough team to play against.

"Both teams are spirited and believe they can win," he said. "The game will ultimately come down to the line and how each team plays."

Last year, the Mustangs shutout the Gaels in route to a 10-0 victory. This will be the 29th meeting between the two teams, with Cal Poly winning 10 out of the previous 11 games, according to gobobycos.com.

Despite Cal Poly's winning record against Saint Mary's, this game will not be an easy victory for the Mustangs.

"They're really improved," right guard Ben Cobian said. "Our teams have similar players, and the game is away."

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