Events Calendar

List of upcoming activities on campus.

What: Chemistry and biochemistry seminar speaker, Andrew Karplus, a professor in the department of biochemistry and biophysics at Oregon State University. Convallos, will lecture on the evolution of floodgate control of peroxide signaling.

Where: Bldg. 53, Room 215

When: Thursday, 11 a.m.

More Info: Call Makell Smith at 756-2694

What: Mathematics Colloquium Series

Where: Friday, 4 p.m.

More Info: Call Francesca Fairbrother at 756-6535

What: Dia De Los Muertos, Mass, shan, food and poetry to remember the dead.

When: Saturday, 4 p.m.

More Info: Call Newman Catholic Center

Where: Call Juan Uribe at 748-4667

What: Buena Vista Social Club Returning with vocalist Omara Portuondo at the helm, the 17-piece Cuban big band.

When: Sunday, 7 p.m.

More Info: Call Performing Arts Center

Where: Call the ticket office at 756-2787

What: The Passionate Life and Art of Camille Claudel (1864-1943). Women's studies and Writing Skills Center hosts a lecture by Professor Odile Ayral-Clause.

When: Tuesday, 11 a.m.

Where: Chumash Auditorium

More Info: Call Carol Pendergast at 756-5786

What: "Human Genome Project: Intellectual Property and Indigenous Communities." Talk by San Francisco State University women's studies professor who will speak on the ethical and racial implications of the human genome project.

More Info: See EVENTS, page 2

Countdown to GRADUATION

Winter registration has already begun. Seniors hoping to graduate are encouraged to visit their adviser to ensure they will meet all requirements.

By Michal Paulson

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Descrip near what classes to take toward the end of the college experience to receive a degree can be as difficult as pulling teeth from a living, breathing alligator.

As college life closes, the four day a week, sleeping until noon class schedule of a freshman or sophomore becomes impossible. Between the classes necessary to complete a major, a possible minor, general education courses and upper division electives the process can be difficult.

"The system is OK, they just need people to be more informed," Courtney Dahl, social science senior said. "They need a better way to inform students about going to an adviser. Some students don't even know they have the option."

Soon the curriculum sheets used to track degree progress will no longer be used. A computerized advising and tracking system, called "Poly Progress," will show what units students have completed, and give recommendations to reach individual degree requirements.

"Poly Progress is going to be wonderful once it is up and running," said Wendy Spradlin, academic adviser for the College of Liberal Arts. "It will be the answer that everyone is looking for."

A "Poly Progress" assessment will be sent to students in a PDF file, via e-mail. It will require students to earn 100 spirit points for their class. A maximum of 300 points could be earned, however 10 points were added for additional donors.

Word Street

Students speak on campus issues

Do you feel prepared for graduation?

"I'm prepared if there is a job out there for me."

— Alex Siegel, marketing and management senior

"No, because I'm not sure if I'll be able to get all my classes."

— Jeff Coach, ecology and systematic biology senior

"I feel like I was a freshman I've been taking classes that will prepare me."

— Anne Spence, liberal studies senior

Fires close down campuses

By Nancy Su

Daily Bruin (University of California, Los Angeles)

LOS ANGELES — A fire in California history, both in loss of property and the cost of fighting it," Dallas Jones, director of the state Office of Emergency Services, said in a telephone news conference Monday.

Managers of California's power grid estimated that 70,000 to 85,000 Southern California customers were without electricity because fires had damaged transmission lines.

The Tri-counties Blood Bank van was parked outside Mott Gym on Wednesday. Donors signed up for a time slot to earn 100 spirit points for their organizations. A maximum of 300 points could be earned, however 10 points were added for additional donors.

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When: Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Where: Cuesta Grade Residence Hall
More Info: Call Colleen O'Neill at 756-6442

What: Jay Leno, Comedian coming to Cal Poly to raise money for Easter Seals.
Where: Wednesday, 8 p.m.

When: Performing Arts Center
More Info: Call the ticket office at 756-2787

What: "Rubber Meets the Road" tour. ASI fall concert featuring the bands Pseudopod, An Hest and The Clarks.
Where: Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Chumash Auditorium
More Info: Call Nicole Luckwood at 756-1112

What: Graduate and Professional School Day. Opportunity to explore post-graduation options with more than 70 graduate and professional school representatives.
Where: Nov. 7, 10 a.m.

Where: Chumash Auditorium
More Info: Call Shell Burrell at 756-3974

What: "Predic f" Greek playwright.
Where: Nov. 13 10 11, 20 to 22 all shows at 8 p.m.

Where: Cal Poly Theatre
More Info: Call the ticket office at 756-2787

Where: Nov. 15, 8 p.m.

Where: Performing Arts Center
More Info: Call the ticket office at 756-2787

Evacuees travel north to escape Southland fires

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — Some southern California residents seeking to flee the smoke, traffic and uncertainty caused by days of raging wildfires are traveling north.

The fires have created an unlikely boost to tourism in the Santa Barbara area.

Anne Marie Rogers, director of the Chamber of Commerce Garden Street Visitors Center, said people are calling to ask what the air quality is like.

"A lot of people are calling from L.A. We have been really busy because people were trying to get away from the fires, the traffic jams."

McPherson will not run

SANTA CRUZ (AP) — Sen. Bruce McPherson, R-Santa Cruz, has ended speculation about his future, declaring that he will not seek elective office next year.

"I'm not ready to retire and plan on being actively involved in politics and policy, but it won't be as a member of the California State Assembly or the United States Congress in 2004," McPherson said Tuesday during an announcement. McPherson was rumored to be considering a run for Congress, where he would have challenged Rep. Sam Farr, D-Carmel.

Mustang Corrections

Mustang Daily is committed to correcting errors found in the newspaper. If you believe an error has been made please contact Mustang Daily via e-mail at mustangdaily@calpoly.edu.

The "Word on the Street" on page 7 of the Oct. 28 issue misidentified agricultural business senior Dustin Espindola. He was pictured on the right side.

In a front page news article in the Oct. 29 issue wrongly stated when the Cuesta Grade fire was contained. CDF fully contained the blaze by 6 p.m. Tuesday.

In the Spirit Point tally on page 2 of the Oct. 28 issue provided an inaccurate total for the Cal Poly Rose Float organization. The currently have 700 points.

Is Graduate or Professional School in your future?

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**National Roundup**

**KENT, Wash.** — A man accused of raping his infant daughter has pleaded guilty in a deal that could spare him years in prison.

Joseph Lehman Jr., 38, whose father heads the state Corrections Department, pleaded guilty to child rape charges Tuesday in King County Superior Court.

If a judge concurs with the agreement, Lehman Jr. would serve six months in jail, receive at least three years of treatment for sexual deviancy and he would later face Corrections supervision.

**BALTIMORE** — A 61-year-old man who stockpiled ammunition and told police a race war was coming pleaded guilty Wednesday to misdemeanor weapons charges, saying he had been demonized by the media and could never expect a fair trial.

Lovell Wheeler spent nearly four months in jail after police seized gunpowder, guns and ammunition from his home. He was acquitted Wednesday, telling Judge Lyrin K. Sfervirt that he had been arrested on a warrant "boyus as a $2 bill" by "jnk-booted thugs."

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**World Roundup**

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Insurgents destroyed an American tank north of Baghdad, killing two U.S. soldiers, and wounded seven Ukrainians in the first ambush against the multinational force patrolling central Iraq, officials said Wednesday. The attacks were part of a dramatic spurt in recent days.

The U.S. policy in Iraq suffered another setback when the international Red Cross announced it was reducing its international staff in the country, two days after a deadly suicide car bombing at its Baghdad headquarters.

If the Red Cross pulls out of Iraq, many military and civilian workers could follow. The country is already short of police, schools and other facilities.

Without Borders, also announced it had pulled out workers.

**LONDON** — A special commission on Wednesday backed controversial British anti-terror laws passed after the Sept. 11 attacks, rejecting the appeals of 10 suspected terrorists who argued there was not enough evidence to detain them without trial.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's government welcomed the decision as an affirmation of its legislation.

But defense attorney Gerth Peirse said the decision "marks the entry of this country into a new dark age of injustice. Security has been chosen over due process."

**BOGOTA, Colombia** — Colombia's new air force commander said Wednesday he would not hesitate to order suspected drug flights shot down if they are tracked by U.S. and Colombian authorities and ignore warnings to land.

President Bush in August authorized the resumption of drug surveillance flights over Colombia, suspended 2 1/2 years ago after a U.S. mission plane was mistakenly shot down over Peru.

Under new guidelines, the commander of the Colombian air force must give the order to shoot down a suspicious plane if it has ignored radio warnings and warning shots from Colombian warplanes.

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**College Roundup**

**COLLEGE PARK, Md.** — A 21-year-old female University of Maryland student was robbed at knifepoint early Tuesday morning.

The incident is the latest violent crime in a series of robberies, attempted robberies and assaults that have plagued the city of College Park, Md., and the UM campus this semester.

Prince George's County Police are still wary of the recent and are not ruling out the possibility of a string of crimes because she is a victim and witness to the crime, according to a UM press release.

County police are now working with University Police to determine if the street is secure for more than one change of direction yes.

**KINGSTON, R.I.** — Another University of Rhode Island student has been arrested as a result of the student riots during the Boston Red Sox playoff series with the New York Yankees, according to the URI News Bureau.

Gerald Levy, a freshman, was arrested in a campus residence hall on a District Court warrant. He was arraigned Tuesday in Fourth District Court and pleaded not guilty, according to the news bureau.

Roundup

The Truth About Sexual Assault...

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dents to inform the Office of Academic Records on information such as concentrations, minors and adviser approved electives so it can provide accurate course selection advice.

Even though Poly Progress sounds less awkward than the system now in place, some are hesitant to embrace the change. “I’ve heard mixed reviews about ‘Poly Progress,’” said John Hampsey, English professor and student adviser. “In terms of being able to decipher the information, some of it could be confusing.”

Some students, like Dahl, do have their own research to figure out what classes they need to take to get their degree.

Though every department is different, the English department requires incoming freshmen and first year transfer students to meet with an adviser prior to their second quarter at Cal Poly.

“Students receive a personal letter that welcomes them and says we would like to see them by such a date,” Hampsey said. “If they don’t show, we put their registration on hold. It’s a strong arm approach, but it works.”

Besides going to the adviser, there is one staff member at each Cal Poly college that concentrates on advising rather than teaching.

“Not all faculty fully understand all the requirements,” said Kathryn Rummell, assistant chair of the English department.

“Students get good advice for their specific majors, but not necessarily for general education courses. That’s where college advisers are hands.”

The general consensus among students and staff is that seeking guidance is important.

Along with visiting advisers and faculty, it is helpful to know the course catalog, submit a graduation evaluation at least one year before graduating and make sure upper division support courses are appreciated.

“Sometimes students meet the requirements for their degree and end up without enough upper division electives completed to graduate,” Sayrull said.

CAMPUS SURVEY: Graduation is approaching quickly

Results from 50 students randomly surveyed reveal that while students have mixed feelings about the effectiveness of their adviser, a handful are confident they will graduate on time.

Q: Has your adviser helped you prepare for graduation?

Strongly Agree, 14 percent
Agree, 16 percent
Neutral, 14 percent
Disagree, 28 percent

Q: How positive are you that you will graduate on time/when you anticipate?

Strongly Agree, 14 percent
Agree, 36 percent
Neutral, 16 percent
Disagree, 16 percent
Strongly Disagree, 18 percent

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work with my brothers and be my boss,” Gallagher said. “By working with a medium-sized contracting firm it will open up some doors and help with networking, so I will be able to hopefully build relationships with industry professionals.”

The rate of employment for Cal Poly students is higher than other universities around the nation. In the 2002-03 academic year, 66 percent of graduates were employed full-time according to the Graduate Status Report and 24 percent went on to graduate school.

Industrial technology senior Jordan Thomas will begin the IT graduate program at Cal Poly as soon as he gets his bachelor of science degree.

“I think some students need some extra time to find their direction and I think that obtaining a graduate degree shows prospective employers that you are willing to put in more work than other applicants,” Thomas said.

Thomas’s ultimate goal is to get involved in technical consulting. After breaking into the industry, it is important to find a niche and know it inside and out. Thomas said. The median salary of Cal Poly industrial technology graduates is $44,000.

“If you are having a hard time finding a jumping off point, it is beneficial to speak with a career counselor at the Cal Poly Career Center,” Shed Burrell, interim director of Career Services, said. “There are counselors that specialize in each college and have a great expertise in the industry that are familiar with employers and can instruct you on applying to graduate schools.”

Career counselors can show students how to contact perspective employers, find information of graduate programs and help with resumes. Students can schedule an appointment or drop in everyday between 1 to 4 p.m. for advice, Burrell said.

“Those without a plan shouldn’t panic yet. Mustang Jobs, on the Career Services Web site, is one of many resources available to job hunters. Forty percent of Cal Poly students who graduated last year used the site online, this was second to personal referrals, which came in at 41 percent.”

Career Services often offers numerous workshops, career fairs and will set up interviews with some of the most prestigious corporations in the nation throughout the year. For more information visit www.careerservices.calpoly.edu.

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SARS study looks to ferrets and house cats

By Chris Kahn

House cats and ferrets can get the SARS virus and pass it to other animals, a new study shows, raising the obvious question: Can they give it to people?

"You might want to quarantine the pets as well as the people," suggested Dr. Robert Shope, an expert on emerging diseases at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

"If it's been shown that the virus can transmit from cat to cat, it doesn't take much of a leap of faith that it will transmit to humans."

Other scientists who have studied SARS say pet owners shouldn't overreact, however.

"These animals in all likelihood did not play a significant role in spread of (SARS) to humans," said Dr. Klaus Stohr, the World Health Organization's chief SARS scientist.

Besides, said Jeffrey Koplan, the former head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "we still don't know if they can pass the virus to people."

Researchers discovered the vulnerability of cats and ferrets to SARS while searching for animals to test potential vaccines.

Their study, which will appear in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, also notes a separate report that cats were found infected with the virus in a Hong Kong apartment complex where residents contracted SARS last year.

Cats and ferrets are the first pets included on an exotic list of animals scientists think may be able to harbor the virus. However, the virus seems to be so versatile that it could jump to humans from a variety of animals, co-author Albert D.M.E. Osterhaus said.

"Cats and ferrets are only diversely related," he said. "So this demonstrates the promiscuous nature of the virus."

The origin of the virus that killed 774 people remains unknown. Scientists believe people may have gotten the virus from animals that were infected by another source.

In China, where SARS flourished for months before it grew into a worldwide menace this year, exotic raccoon-dogs, ferret badgers and civets imported into markets have been found harboring a germ that's almost identical to the SARS virus.

The exotic animals were taken off the market for several months, but some markets have begun selling them again, said Dr. Henk Bodelam, the WHO's representative in Beijing.

Because of the possibility that animals can spread the respiratory virus, WHO has suggested that animals in China and elsewhere be tested for SARS and other diseases before they are eaten.

"We should stay away from animals who are known or likely to transmit the SARS coronavirus," Stohr said.

A SARS infection can cause flu-like symptoms, including a high fever, headache and body aches, congestion and breathing trouble. About 8,100 people have been thought to have been infected by the virus between November 2002 and July, according to the WHO.

For the Nature study, researchers inoculated six cats and six ferrets with the two agencies.

Scientists also placed two healthy dogs, who are known or likely to transmit the SARS coronavirus, into their tracheas, eyes and nose.

The cats and ferrets began to show their infection two days later in excreta from the throat, and researchers found they produced antibodies with which the cultured virus was simply rubbed onto healthy animals were infected so two days. The ferrets became lethargic, and one of them died four days after it was inoculated.

Scientists also placed two healthy cats and two healthy ferrets with the infected animals. The healthy ferrets showed signs of SARS infection after two days. The ferrets became enfeebled and eventually died about two weeks later, though Osterhaus said he is uncertain whether this was due to the virus.

Stohr and Koplan both questioned the results of the study. Stohr said the healthy animals were infected so quickly that he wondered whether the cultured virus was simply rubbed onto them from close contact with their recently inoculated cage mates.

Koplan said too few animals were used to reach a firm conclusion about how cats and ferrets become infected.

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Agency improves detection with technology

By Randolph E. Schmid

WASHINGTON — With public health threats seeming to pop up more often, responding will require faster detection, faster science and faster communications, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

"Preparedness is not an event, it's a continuous process," Julie L. Gerberding told the annual meeting of the Institute of Medicine.

"We're more prepared than we were yesterday ... we'll be more prepared in the future."

Citing the anthrax attacks, West Nile virus, SARS, monkeypox and the smallpox vaccination program, Gerberding said a main lesson that stands out is the need for consistent, fast and credible communications.

Gerberding said experts are unsure if there will be another SARS outbreak this winter, but added she is optimistic that if it does come back health authorities are prepared to move more quickly.

Besides faster detection she said a focus is on faster science to deal with emerging threats.

She cited development of a blood test for the West Nile virus to prevent it from being spread in transfusions. Using the newly developed test, she said, 4.2 million units of blood have been screened and 900 carriers of the virus identified, preventing the disease being spread.

Gerberding also said she is working with Elias Zerhouni, head of the National Institutes of Health, on integrating some of the research of the two agencies.
Prescription drugs abused at many colleges

By Sherrie-Anne Stacy

LA TIMES (UNIVERSITY SOVEREIGN CALIFORNIA)

LOS ANGELES — The abuse of prescription drugs is common among college students.

Even with prevention programs and warning labels on bottles of prescription drugs, the pressure of college sometimes be too much. Students have so many things to juggle — from doing well in school to maintaining a social life — they often look for ways to help them cope, said Dr. Fred Weissman, associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy.

Students will take prescription drugs because the drugs help them temporarily stay awake, increase awareness and concentration, and give an overall feeling of elation. Weissman says that many students don't stop to think about what taking medication they don't need can do to their body.

Prescription drug abuse can happen when a person takes more than the prescribed dosage of a medicine or illegally obtains medication he or she does not need.

In 2001, the National Institution for Drug Abuse estimated that 9 million people 12 years or older used prescription drugs for non-medical reasons.

The 16- to 25-year-old age group was the most likely to abuse the drugs. Students may be trying to "remove themselves from the tension and pace of daily life, placing themselves in a fiction of happiness," Weissman said.

The problem comes when people try to achieve that feeling of euphoria all the time.

"People think that if they feel good, they must do what they can to continue to feel good," Weissman said. "It's very much a physiological problem. The body will, however, eventually demand more medication to achieve the same effects."

After an incident at another university in the early 1990s when prescription drugs were dispensed to student athletes on the field without a doctor's consent, the student athlete program at USC implemented safety precautions, said Russell Romano, head athletic trainer for intercollegiate athletes.

"At other institutions, there may be problems," Romano said, "but not on this campus."

Physicians and orthopedic doctors regularly see student athletes. They often prescribe a variety of anti-inflammatory drugs and antibiotics. All the medications at USC are kept locked up and separated from each other as they should be, he adds. There are very specific records that give how much medicine to whom.

Since 2001, every prescribed medication has been accounted for and everything has come in and gone out balanced, he said.

FDA may reintroduce silicone breast implants despite safety concerns

By Jonathan Talbot

BOSTON — Women in the United States may soon be able to buy silicone breast implants — the tissue-to-life alternative to the saline implants currently available in the states — a decade after the implants were banned amid concerns of negative long-term health effects such as cancer and connective tissue disease.

An advisory panel to the Food and Drug Administration split 9-6 on Oct. 15, recommending the FDA approve the marketing of a particular implant for breast reconstruction or enlargement, provided that its manufacturer agrees to additional conditions. The FDA follows the recommendations of such panels in nearly all cases.

The advisory panel considered information from various sources in making its decision, including the results of a short multi-year clinical trial run by INAMED (a California-based company seeking approval for silicone implants) of about 500 women who received the implants.

That study suggested silicone implants have comparable or slightly fewer risks of complications than do saline implants, which have been on the market for decades on the grounds that saline was safer.

The most common breast implant complication is the need for additional surgery. This problem occurred with both saline and silicone implants in nearly a quarter of breast

enlargement patients and nearly half of reconstruction patients within five years, according to the study. Other less frequent complications with both forms of implants include hardening of tissue, pain and loss or increase of sensation.

In order to reintroduce silicone implants into the market, the FDA panel recommended several conditions, including explicit warnings of potential complications, annual medical examinations of women with implants and the creation of a patient registry. The panel also will require MRI, or magnetic resonance imaging scans to watch for "silent ruptures," which occur when silicone implants leak without patients or doctor detection.

The main advantage of the silicone implants — that the sticky substance tends to hold its shape — also makes detecting leaks more difficult than in saline implants, which deflate when ruptured.

Silicone is considered benign when it leaks into human tissue, while silicone, though generally considered inert, was blamed for various illnesses in scores of successful lawsuits in the 1990s.

The inclusion of MRI scans, which will ensure patient safety in a new era of implants, helped Phyllis Chang, a professor of plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Iowa, and a member of the advisory panel, vote to recommend the FDA approve.

She explained that silent ruptures were one of her biggest concerns, citing INAMED's study — which found that nearly three percent of women with silicone implants had silent ruptures within three years.

Other experts on the panel, who voted against reintroduction of the silicone implants, said the data was insufficiently analyzed.

Brent Blumentstein, a statistics expert who sat on the panel, voted against the recommendation.

"I think those of us who voted against were all concerned with the risk characterization," he said, referring to the way the risks were described in the study. "I think that the study was about as good as it could be, but I thought the data was not analyzed sufficiently."

Four plastic surgeons on the panel, including Chang, voted as all blank to approve, with conditions. No member of the panel voted to recommend approval without additional conditions on the manufacturer.

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Jack-o'-lanterns embody true Halloween spirit

By Deanna Gallen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Nothing conjures up the spirits of Halloween past like taking a nico
tic pumpkin, cutting a hole in it, scrap ing out its insides and carving it
into a masterpiece jack-o'-lantern.

For hundreds of years, carving the jack-o'-lantern has been a part of
Halloween tradition.

The jack-o'-lantern originates from Irish folklore. The legend is used
to explain a mysterious light seen over marshes at night, an eerie
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The tradition was passed down through the generations. Americans
have been carving jack-o'-lanterns out of pumpkins for over 200 years. It
is such a part of the Halloween spirit that it sparks pumpkin carving
contests, where people will talk for hours and hours to come about the
craziest costumes and the coolest jack-o'-lanterns of the night.

"The one I can remember was a
carving of little monsters etched
onto the sides of a pumpkin," said.
"A small snake light flickered inside.""Doe offered an artist's tip on
pumpkin carving.

"Don't use a big chef's knife but an
exact knife to get in and detail the
back of the sucker," Doe said.
"He also said small, intricately
carved pumpkins get more attention
than huge, overstuffed jack-o'
lanterns.

Some have neither the time nor
the ability to create a Van Gogh, but
there is hope.

The Internet offers free printable
templates, or, if you like me, you
can keep it simple and freehand a
to a face with a few geometric shapes.

There are plenty of new products
to enhance your sculpture. Shawn
Callaway, owner of Sierra's Pumpkin
Farm on Tank Farm Road, said. He
recommends waiting two days before
Halloween to carve and storing
them in a cool place.

"They do start to break down," Callaway said. "The heat has really
told a toll this year."

My mom also offered me
some valuable advice.

"It's much easier if you punch
two holes to outline your pattern before
you start cutting," she said.

Thanks Mom. I didn't even have
to ask — parents are a great
Halloween resource. They've
got more than 20 years of pumpkin carv-
ing under their belts and costume
materials abound in their closets.

Whether or not one dresses up, it
is the jack-o'-lantern that symbolizes
Halloween. It's a messy job, so this last
to a few years is what I tell myself while
I'm up to my forearms in seedy, slimy
pumpkin innards. I'm starting to feel more like a
mad scientist than an artist, and the
sickening sweet smell of the pump-
kin flesh starts getting to me when I
remind myself that Halloween is fast
approaching. I've got to finish my
jack-o'-lantern to keep all the evil
souls away from my candy.

Now that's the spirit.
TRICK-OR-CHEATERS?

While some residents welcome college aged trick or treaters, others cry foul when older kids try to score some candy.

Story by Meghan Reeslev
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Children look forward to Halloween. The holiday brings haunted houses, jack-o-lanterns, ghosts and goblins, funny costumes and trick-or-treating.

Most Cal Poly students have long forgotten the days of dressing-up for candy, but some still eagerly await it if Halloween treats are available.

“My roommates and I plan on handing out candy to trick-or-treaters,” biology junior Mia White said. “College students aren’t too old to have fun doing this.”

“I didn’t have much interest in the days of trick-or-treating, but some still enjoy it,” San Luis Obispo resident Barbara Becklund said. “I think that it is more of a time for the little guys to have some fun.”

Along with taking the spotlight from the children, another common impression is that college students are too mature for dressing-up and trick-or-treating.

“My first reaction is that college students would be competing with the little ones for the candy,” San Luis Obispo resident Clara Becklund said. “I think that it is more of a time for the little guys to have some fun.”

By Joel Moore

Kids vs. older ‘kids’: the trick-or-treating dilemma

OXFORD, Miss. — Halloween is just around the corner and, as a personal favorite of mine, I’ve compiled a list of horror movies you may have never seen, but should.

This year I’ve watched more than 100 movies; some are cool in the artiness, some in their campiness and some are incredibly disturbing.

Filmed on digital video with an almost non-existent budget by “Transporting” helmsman Danny Boyle, “28 Days Later” is the story of a viral epidemic that wipes out the population of England by turning them into brain-sucking zombies.

It’s to the credit of Boyle collaborator and screenwriter Alex Garland that the movie manages to avoid the scare-flick clichés that could easily ruin this kind.

The ending is a tad weak, but the climax should be taught in film schools as a fine example of how good editing, pacing and sound can be much scarier than too much gore.

“Final Destination 2”

Out on video this past week, “28 Days Later” is one of the best major studio horror shows produced in a while.

Directed by Bernard Rose, “Final Destination 2” is a sequel to the film that will scare you to your core. The deluge of deaths are as gruesome as the grisly deaths of “Final Destination.”

There’s nothing like a good “Final Destination” and getting trapped in alternate universes, but the real fun comes from watching Bruce Campbell kick some serious butt.

It’s the prequel to the bigger-budget “Connecticut Yankee” twist, “Army of Darkness,” which you might have seen.

“Jade’s Ladder”

Finally, you might be saying, a serious movie makes it onto the list.

“Jade’s Ladder” tells the tale of Jacob Singer (Ben Stiller), a Vietnam veteran beginning to have nightmarish visions of demons and his own dead son coming to take him away.

Reality kids in on itself over and again until you’re left wondering just what it all is up to. Director Adria Lyns (“Fright Attraction”) makes good sense of the dense screenplay by Bruce Joel Rubin, producing unforgettable and terrifying otherworldly images.

Don’t be mistaken, it’s not a jump-out-of-your-seat shock film, but rather a thought-provoking discussion on mortality and the nature of hell.

Some (“Sleepaway Camp IV”) as we speak. I can’t wait.

“Exorcist”

You’ve never really been freaked out until you’ve been freaked out by a possessed 12-year-old girl manifesting with a crucifix.

Actually, I take that back. There is another way to be freaked out:

“Hell House”

Having been to an actual “Hell House” in a small town not too far away, I can honestly say that, man, those people are weird.

For the uninitiated in Southern Baptist practices, “Hell House” are haunted houses put on by churches that try to scare the bejesus out of folks by exposing them to gruesome drunk driving accidents, bloody abortions gone wrong and guy dying of AIDS all alone in their little hospital rooms. Really. The documentary follows the church that runs the nation’s largest such operation in Cedar Hill, Texas.

In fact, each year, more than 10,000 people tour this Hell House.

It’s one of the more must-seen documentaries I’ve seen, the filmmakers never go for the easy laugh, rather, actually doing a pretty good job explaining people’s justification for occasioning all this terror.

It’s alternately funny and frightening, but never less than engaging.

Just a tip: No matter how much time has passed, Hitler will never be a good Halloween costume.
Opinion

SLO Halloween: More scandalous than scary

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to-morrow is Halloween, the holiday of vice, sex, scandal and intrigue.
In other words, the greatest holiday in the history of the world. If I ever meet the guy who thought of Halloween, I’m buying him a genius a drink. Hell, two drinks! What other day besides Halloween allows us the chance to put on our favorite textbooks and generous professors for the night and commit the ultimate universe of swathbacking pirate women and leather clad transvestites? On what other day can we actually live out the deepest and darkest of our hedonistic fantasies, all under the cover of an officially sanctioned holiday?
For those of you not going to Santa Barbara this weekend, here’s how a typical Halloween goes down in SLO town.
At about 4 p.m., all the guys realize what day it is and head down to the costume shop with visions of the perfect catcher and bold costume that will leave every woman lastling after them from across the room. After a few hours fighting over the last lucy pimp coat and hat, we emerge with absolutely nothing.
So, with nigh to wear and only a few minutes before the pre-party begins, we have no choice but to make our costumes at home. Usually this involves something along the lines of putting on our collared shirts, with a superman shirt underneath and telling everybody we are Clark Kent.
Mission accomplished.
So, if hooking up on Halloween is the ultimate goal (and I’m pretty sure it is) there is really only one thing guys can do. We

Letters to the editor

Articles sent the wrong message to men

Editor,

I got a little upset while reading a letter to the editor by Justin Faustino. “Ladies should use common sense” (Oct. 23).

How can anyone in this day and age still think it’s okay to blame a victim for the acts of a criminal. But then I thought, “Now, wait, maybe there’s some reason for this young man’s complete lack of respect for women.” I decided to look back at the previous Mustang Daily with the mind-set a little more open, a little more tolerant (a man’s) mind, and I had to say that it was a little difficult to repent Mustang Daily had an article about how us women need to watch our drinks, but they never told men to stop drugging them.

They had an article with police finding girls who had too much to drink, but nothing about police finding men who have committed rape. They had an article about a victim of rapes and her battle with the tragedy, but they never mentioned the consequences men have to face for raping women (i.e. jail time or a ruined future).

They chastised women for drinking too much, but neglected to impart on the male readers the severity of this crime and the realty of the distinction that underlines this act. The sole focus was on what women must do to stay safe, so why shouldn’t someone with young impressive male assume that it is completely a woman’s responsibility?

If the Oct. 23 issue of Mustang Daily did anything, it made matters worse. It didn’t say “Hey, men, stop raping women!” It said “Hey, women, men are going to try to rape you, but here are some things you can do to better your odds.”

What kind of message did you think this would send?

Men need to start taking responsibility for their actions.

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"I’m sorry, I didn’t mean to call 911."
A holiday to remove our masks

Halloween is traditionally for adults

Halloween's just around the bend, and it's time I got my candy costume out of the closet. You know the costume I'm talking about. It's a club and some animal skin.

Oh dang, those pesky moths ate my loincloth... again. I guess I'll have to go au naturel for another year. It's okay though, because real carnies do it in the nude.

I'm not the only adult who enjoys "All Hallows Eve." Year after year, more grown-ups are dressing up and taking their holiday back!

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Those marauding Celts have been celebrating the feast of Samhain (the end of summer and beginning of a new year) for centuries. They believed that when the cyclical nature of time reverted upon itself and the past and future were inverted, the dead could supposedly come back to the land of the living for one day out of the year (I knew I wasn't really a whacko when I went to my grandmother's tomb and opened it up, leaving the way well-lit so she could come join me for supper).

These traditions associated with the Feast of the Dead have moved into the new millennium as just another day of candy and parading in a mask. In fact, dressing up in Halloween costumes goes back to those feisty British islanders, as well. This was the day the Scots were allowed to reverse gender roles. That's right. Cross-dressing and getting drunk were the predecessors of modern Halloween trick-or-treating.

The catch: It was an adults-only game.

The Catholic Church usurped the revered feast of Samhain, much as it did nearly every other pagan holiday. As this is my second year at Cal Poly, I have had plenty of time to think of ways to improve my costume. More than anything, the University unions needs improvement. I have compiled this list of ideas for "The Amazing University Union Renovation 2004."

1. Sell all chairs on eBay and use the profits to buy beer. Everyone sleeps in the UU anyway, so we might as well make the most out of our masks. On second thought, I suppose Halloween is scary. We all once thought the holiday was about taking, but that's not it. At least embody some of his or her characteristics. It seems that most people are dressed in the same civic clothes, year after year. Pun's to joke, gender and French maid's. The truth is horrifying if this is what's lurking underneath our modern day-to-day exteriors.

2. Take down all the abstract paintings that no one can make sense of and replace them with posters of John Wayne, Luke Skywalker, Pepper Griffin and the kid from "A Christmas Story."

3. Buy cheap chinas in Chumash Auditorium with a gigantic Slip 'n Slide. Everyone will be able to live in the UU because it will be too hot to use. There will no longer be a problem, as everyone will live in the UU because it will be too hot.

4. Finally, but most importantly, we need to ban the kids, come talk in due to his failure in engineering. This failure was in due to his failure in engineering. This failure was due to point of the article is based on practical arguments, which are grounded in situations so abstract they lose any touch with the real world, and thus, their practicality.
School districts inspect defective buses

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Nevada school districts are inspecting buses for defective welds that safety officials say could lead to serious injuries if there is an accident.

"We've only allowed to repair once if the weld is not too bad," he told school trustees Tuesday. "After that, they have to be taken out of service and can only be sold as scrap."

In its advisory, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said buses with defective roof welding must be inspected for possible damage. If there is an accident, "it is absolutely safe to transport students in these buses," said Kurt Sore, the district's transportation director. "If it wasn't, we would have parked them ourselves."

In Carson City, officials are inspecting the district's 17 Carpenter buses to assess the possible damage. So far, four of six buses inspected need rewelding, said Kevin Comes, Carson City schools transportation director.

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Lake reehecked tor the recently discovered potential degradation," he said. "It's a very sensitive issue.

"Do not think that a simple process for a long-term sample is. It's easier when you have to go into an event in which, twelve or more months ago. When you have to go to an event that took place almost two years ago, it's more complicated."

Don Catlin, who heads the Olympic drug-testing laboratory at UCLA, where 200 to 300 samples from the 2002 Winter Games are stored, was on a telephone interview Wednesday that retesting is still possible for THG, a previously undetectable drug.

Catlin, whose lab performed the drug testing at the 2002 Games, developed a test for THG after an unidentified track coach sent a sample from an athlete to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

The World Anti-Doping Agency has argued retesting of all stored samples worldwide. Officials from international track and field and from swimming plan to retest hundreds of samples from their world championships meet this summer.

"Everybody around that has old samples is interested to know whether they should or should not retest for THG," Catlin said Wednesday, where these legal issues want to know if the samples are stored under chain of custody. There are a myriad of issues that arise.

The IOC's doping rules only require drug testers to keep back samples of positive tests for 90 days, while backups of negative tests must be kept for 10 years.

Catlin's lab has samples from as far back as the 1998 Winter Olympics and retested them last year for testosterone levels. Such testing is done once every six months.

Bryant was not in uniform Tuesday night, Bryant thought to have surgically repaired his knee was strong enough to withstand the rigors of a 45-minute game. The Lakers had expected him to play until hearing otherwise Monday on ESPN. Bryant said he hopes to return Saturday night in Phoenix.

Bryant's comments came a day after O'Neal had said the Lakers were "my team," adding that Bryant needed to be more of a team player — an observation based on two previous games.

"We're cool. We talked this morning. He said what he said, I said what I said. We put it behind us," Bryant said after the Lakers' victory. "I'm doing my own thing and I am going to move on, be teammates and help this team to a fourth game."

And the young woman and her family in Colorado, of course.

The legal details are pesky, but Bryant's fans don't need to wait for any trial to render their verdict. "He was just interested in celebrity, they think it's the greatest achievement in their life to be near celebrities or think they know them," said Richard Lachmann, a former Albuquerque society professor who studies popular culture.

"So a large degree in celebrity life is entertaining for the people, not in what they do."

Bryant might be the perfect example. For months, his name and image have been splashed across television and newspapers for reasons that have nothing to do with how he can glide down the baseline and score on a reverse dunk.

"Celebrities create aura," However you get that much national attention and your face gets beamed into millions of living rooms around the world. It lends a certain other worldliness, an aristocracy of celebrity to the person," said Robert Thompson, a Syracuse television and popular culture professor at Syracuse.

"And that is something we respond to very much in this country."
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held Saturday, with the men running at 8:30 a.m. and the women racing at 9:30 in the morning.
Head men's and women's coach Mark Conover said the team is excited to run at its home course in front of friends and family. It also affords several other advantages.
"(Fairbanks Memorial) is a challenging course, but my runners know how to run it," he said. "There are more hills here than Riverside. That can be advantageous for us though because we practice on hills a lot."
Even though Riverside's course offered different topography than Fairbanks, the Mustangs will be ready because their training does not vary much for individual courses, Conover said.
The Mustangs have experience at the conference championship's new site. It was the location of the 2003 Venue/Cald Poly Invitational. Both the men and women's teams finished third at that race. Seven of the men's top runners were in Iowa that weekend for the Pre-National Meet.
Running at home also allows the Mustangs to keep a fairly normal routine because they can sleep at home. Conover was not ready to concede his team the title though, just because they do not have to load up the van and head for the Inland Empire.
"Meets like this have a special meaning," Conover said. "Kids can get themselves to do amazing things. It will come down to who wants it the most."
Being at home will only offer more distractions since Halloween falls on the eve of the championship.
"They will have to be adults and get good rest to prepare their bodies for the race," he said. "Hopefully it won't be too loud outside and they can get a good night's rest."

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Sports

Cross country prepares for Big West

By Amanda Hippe
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's cross country teams are looking to give a strong performance at this weekend's Big West Conference meet.

"Runners are we expecting to stand out in this weekend's meet are Sean Ricketts, Mario Macias and Ryan Moortroft," Conover said. "Our standout women's runners are Amber Simmons, Kate Murphy and Kathryn Schlegel."

The men's rise is attributed to their strong performance at the Pre-National Meet in Waterloo, Iowa. Sean Ricketts' 27th-place finish in that meet helped the team place seventh overall.

Our men are ranked No. 1 in conference," Conover said. "Rickerts is definitely a big part of that placement." The roster that ran in Iowa will probably not be the one at the Big West Conference Championships. "It will be hard because I have 12 guys running well right now, and only nine can run in the race," Conover said. "At least one of the runners who ran at Pre-Nationals will be resting for regionals."

Conover said he is undecided who will make the roster at the conference meet.

Nine runners compete in the championship with seven running as part of the team. The five fastest times count for the team score. Two runners will run as unattached individuals.

West Regionals will be held Nov. 15 in Portland, Ore. One of the women's standout runners, Kathryn Schlegel, is coming off a six-week leave due to an injury. "Kathryn has been rehabilitating from an injury but will be back on Saturday," Conover said.

Hancock also mentioned that Schlegel's return will be a benefit to the team. She did, however, say that a couple of the girls have stepped up to lead the team. "Amber Simmons is doing an awesome job," Hancock said. "She has shaved off a good amount of time in her runs and has definitely stepped up to lead the team."

Big competitors for the men are UCSB and defending champion Utah State. For the women, they need to watch for UCSB, UC Irvine and Idaho, the 2002 champions.

The women's team is ranked No. 1 in the nation, according to the MONLX. "Our men are ranked No. 1 in the nation," Conover said. "I'm proud to see his men's team move up to the first spot."

The men's cross country team enters the 2003 Big West Conference Championships ranked 16th in the nation. They will look to claim their first conference championship since 2001, the last time the race was run.

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Fires prompt last-minute venue change

By Sean Martin
MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS EDITOR

The fires burning throughout Southern California have forced this weekend's Big West Championships to move to San Luis Obispo. It is believed to be the first time in more than 20 years a Big West Conference championship has been moved this close to its competition date.

The race was originally scheduled for Saturday at the UC Riverside Agricultural Operations Unit, but smoke from the blazes are making less-than-ideal running conditions. Cal Poly will now host the race at the Fairbanks Memorial Course near Cuesta College, scene of the 2003 conference championship.

Safety was the main reason for the move. "In light of the danger posed by the ongoing wildfire situation in Southern California, this was the right decision to make," Hancock said in a press release.

The competition will still be see BIG WEST, page 15.

What's the injury, Kenneth?

• Players are not the only ones aching as fall sports head into the postseason

I think when Michael Stipe, of R.E.M. crooned, "Everybody hurts," he was primarily celebrating the Commentary

The name of the football team's new, complex offense for the Homecoming game. It is a bill in the state senate that could force all California schools out of the NCAA. See tomorrow's Mustang Daily to see what Cal Poly athletes and administrators are saying about the legislation.

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This isn't the name of the football team's new, complex offense for the Homecoming game. It is the return of the Poly football team? What was the record of the 1953 Poly football team?

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How many straight road games have the Detroit Lions lost in 2020?

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