Poly student dies in car accident

By Emily Wong
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

A Cal Poly student died in a car accident Friday afternoon on Highway 101.

Architectural junior Emily Nicole Alstot was pronounced dead at the scene, near Cayucos. She was on her way home, driving the brabus the day of her one-year-anniversary of marriage.

"The car accident was not anyone's fault," said Kathy Alstot, Alstot's mother and fellow architecture junior. "Her car hydroplaned, and she just couldn't control it."

Friends and family members said they believe Alstot began to brake while approaching a turn in the road when she slid across the freeway, crossing the center divide. A car traveling northbound on Highway 101 allegedly struck Alstot's vehicle.

The 63-year-old male driver is said to be in fair condition. Alstot was traveling alone. She is survived by her parents, Creighton and Kathy Alstot; older sister, Erics; and many extended relatives.

Ojai is approximately 145 miles from San Luis Obispo, a two and a half hour drive. Emily Alstot left San Luis Obispo around 1:50 p.m., and when she didn't arrive by 3:30 p.m. her mother, Kathy Alstot, called Walsh to inquire about her daughter's whereabouts. Soon thereafter, Kathy heard from the California Highway Patrol that Emily's car had been involved in an accident, but they could not confirm that Emily had been killed until she was properly identified at 6:30 p.m.

"We figured it was a mistake, and it was someone else that died," Walsh said. "I wanted to go down and look for her, as silly as that sounds."

Walsh began distributing fliers to students on campus Monday, relaying the news. The architecture department, in which Emily was heavily involved, was in shock. Some professors even cancelled classes.

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Research includes students

By Micah Paulson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For years, Cal Poly psychology professors have been exploring the human psyche by delving into the often disturbed minds of Cal Poly students.

Everything from religion, to adolescent stupidity is fair game for faculty looking to get a deeper understanding of what makes human beings act the way they do.

Three professors from the psychology and human development depart­ment, Charles Slem, Shawn Burn­er and Gary Laver, recently completed a study about the role of the home video cam­era and its effect on behavior.

An equal sample of 210 men and women, enrolled in intro­ductory psychology courses at Cal Poly, completed an anonymous sur­vey about previous experiences that involved video cameras.

"I did stupid things when I was young, too, but we didn't have a video camera," Slem said. "The camera adds to the problem. People exaggerate for the camera and are more likely to get hurt."

Slem came up with the idea for the study after finding a video recording of one of his sons throwing a friend onto a bongo drum.

The survey asked questions about the videotaping of activities like extreme sports and physical activi­ties, reckless operation of a motor­ized vehicle, excessive drinking and public nudity.

The results found that males were more likely to be involved in dan­gerous activities while running with cars, a practice known as "streaking." Both men and women were almost equal when it came to exces­sive drinking in front of a camera.

"It is what is called de-individual­ization. Where people who normal­ly act good get put in a group and are either no longer guided by rules or are guided by a new set of rules," Slem said.

Cal Poly faculty is required to undertake professional develop­ment. Psychology professors mostly do research, though every Cal Poly college differs in what they require from their faculty.

Gary Laver, a Cal Poly psycholo­gy and child development professor, does not have to teach as many classes and is able to concentrate more on his research because of a $100,000 federal grant.

Laver is studying the effects of whether a person loses what he called the "automatic memory switch." In other terms, he's investi­gating whether people learn new concepts at the same rate as when they are young and if the concepts they are already familiar with become deeper, or are slowly lost.
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Sacramento, told the Associated Press that this is a wonderful program. "Whatever challenges face California, we have to fund this program, and we don't want to leave money on the table," she said. Ortiz authored the legislation in 2003 that guaranteed students who qualify for the Cal Grant program would receive money for school.

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Grant is available to middle income undergraduates. It is a new award for students who will be freshmen, sophomores or juniors. The grant covers portions of the student's registration fees.

Cal Grant B is designated to low income undergrads. The grant provides a living allowance or stipend for the duration of the year. First-year recipients only receive a stipend, but renewal recipients receive a stipend plus portions of registration fees. The grant can be renewed up to four years if eligibility requirements are met.

The Associated Press also reported that Karen Hanretty, spokeswoman for Gov-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger, said the incoming governor's staff is "looking at the budget and ways to streamline the budget, but education and higher education remain a top priority."
CASA GRANDE, Ariz. — Four people were found shot to death along a highway Tuesday and four others were wounded in a dispute that apparently involved immigrant smugglers, officials said. Four suspects were later arrested in the desert.

Highway patrol officers first got calls about an accident along Interstate 10 outside Casa Grande, about 50 miles south of Phoenix, and later received calls about a shooting. When officers arrived, they found four people shot to death.

People in a van opened fire on a pickup and SUV believed to be transporting illegal immigrants, said Pinal County Sheriff Roger Vanderpool. The motive was unclear, but authorities suspect migrant smugglers, also known as "coyotes," were responsible for the shootings.

WASHINGTON — The government is conducting a broad sweep of the mutual fund industry and more charges are likely in the growing scandal in the $7 trillion business, a top enforcement official said Wednesday.

Stephen Cutler, head of the Securities and Exchange Commission's enforcement division, told Congress that the SEC plans to send notices to some 1,200 mutual fund executives this week that investigators intend to interview.

The notices allege that the brokers used several metrics, including fund performance, to disguise rapid in-and-out trading to enrich themselves and the brokers whose money they were investing.

WASHINGTON — The World Bank agreed Tuesday to provide $250 million in financing for a $3.6 billion pipeline that would bring oil from the Caspian Sea region through Turkey to Western markets.

While the loan is only a small fraction of the cost of the planned Baku-Ceyhan pipeline, the financing has been viewed as crucial for the project as a means of securing financing for the project.

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Campfire Girls create nostalgic warmth

By John Seaborn Gray

HOUSTON — "Now they don't write the songs like the way that they used to," proclaims the Campfire Girls' lead singer Christian Stone during "Make It," the third track on the band's new album "Tell Them Hi."

It's hardly empty criticism: Campfire Girls seem determined to show us why we loved the songs of 10 years ago.

Stone, who also plays guitar, and his bandmates dish out some thickly distorted music which, at its heart, is good old-fashioned 1990s-style grunge. Drawing from influences as diverse as Dinosaur Jr., School of Alice in Chains, and The Smashing Pumpkins, Campfire Girls put a modern sheen on the familiar grunge formula and come up with something new yet oddly familiar — even comfortable.

From its first beat, the album is strong. "Junkman" pulls you in with its low, growling melody and keeps you riveted with the crashing choruses. The next track, "Somewhere," is only slightly above average until you get to the bridge, which ties everything together nicely. "Make It" smokes along at a rapid pace, tuneful and aggressive.

The high point of the record, "Pedestal," is easily the catchiest song on the album and will have listeners singing along before it's finished playing.

The album drags toward the middle. "Post-Coital," "Day Before" and "Incomplete" blend together, but the bittersweet lyrics and razor-sharp hook of "Fancy Shirt" will snap you back in. The track-along beat of "Homework" brings a sense of upbeat tension to the mix.

"Broken Tooth" is rather negligible: the toned-down, tambourine-punctuated "Trash Dog" is anything but, providing a nice break from the smoldering electric guitars and proving the band has real heart behind all the noise. And if you weren't convinced Campfire Girls were trying to take you back to 1995, there's even a hidden track.

Briefing with the kinetic energy of modern emo, yet carrying the form and fuzz-soaked chords of pure grunge, Campfire Girls just plain rock. Someone does write the songs the way they used to, and if you've been looking for a hint of Weezer, Campfire Girls put a bit of mid-1990s nostalgia, look no further.

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"Rubber’ meets Cal Poly with up-and-coming bands

By Thomas Atkins

The "Rubber Meets the Road Tour" will stop at Cal Poly this Thursday as part of its two-month journey across the United States. The tour consists of three up-and-coming bands that will perform in the Chumash Auditorium in the University Union. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the opening band will start at 7:30 p.m.

The Clarks will kick off the concert, followed by acoustic rock-funk singer/songwriter Ari Hest. Others had different reasons for checking out the concert. "I would go to the concert because Ari Hest looks hot," recreation and administration freshman Julie Plum said after looking at a flyer that touted a picture of the singer. "I usually don't like to broaden my horizons in the music industry, and I usually don't have the opportunity to see bands play for free," Ally Whiting, nutrition junior.

The show will close with the funky, jazzy classic rock sounds of Pseudopod.

Because some of the bands are a long way from home, not many Cal Poly students have heard of them or have had the opportunity to experience their music. However, many students seemed interested in checking out the event. "I am interested in going because I enjoy music, and every time I have the opportunity to see new bands I try to take advantage of it," nutrition junior Ally Whiting said. "I like to broaden my horizons in the music industry, and I usually don't have the opportunity to see bands play for free."

History sophomore Kiara Hunter agreed. "I would like to go because I enjoy listening to small bands trying to make it into the music world," she said.

The fans of these bands disagree, as they continue to flock to shows, especially in the bands' hometowns. The Clarks regularly perform for crowds of 8,000 or more in their hometown of Pittsburgh, Penn., and their last record outsold many of today's biggest acts. The band has headlined at shows with audiences of up to 18,000 and has shared the stage with bands such as Three Doors Down, The Juliana Theory, Train, Wilco and John Mayer.

Pseudopod brings their mesh of funk and classic rock to Chumash Auditorium with The Clarks and Ari Hest in tow.

Aliy Whiting, a 24-year-old New York City native who cites his musical influences as Jeff Buckley, Radiohead, Dave Matthews Band and Ben Folds Five, also has a large following. Since the fall of 2001, he has played more than 600 shows at clubs and campuses across the United States and recorded his third LP, entitled "Story after Story." Pseudopod has been together since 1998 and by playing more than 100 shows a year, the band has greatly increased their fan base. It was their large number of fans that helped them win the Best College Band in America contest sponsored by RollingStone.com and nntum.com, in which fans voted for their favorite songs online.

The four UCLA alumni have opened for bands such as Blues Traveler and Ozzomati.

The show is free for Cal Poly students and $6 for general public admission.
Prescription drugs are equally harmful

Sudden exposure

Opinion

Prescription drug addiction is seen as a more politically correct way to get high than lesser substances.

It is only when somebody famous, like Rush Limbaugh, is fingered for over-indulging in prescription drugs that the issue seems to surface.

The problem is not drug which a person uses to resolve whatever physical or psychological problems they have. The real distinction between responsibility and delinquency.

When an addict allows their craving to spill over into other people’s lives, inflicting physical or emotional damage, that person becomes a problem.

Some people do not realize how easy it is to obtain prescription drugs and how quickly the number of addicts is growing.

A survey released in September found that 6.2 million Americans abused pain killers, sedatives, tranquilizers and stimulants in 2002, making non-medical use of prescription drugs the second most popular illegal drug use after marijuana, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The most commonly abused prescription drugs are: epiphanes, which are generally used to control pain; depressants, which are used to manipulate anxiety; and stimulants, which give energy and increase alertness.

Both men and women abuse prescription drugs at the same rate. However, women are twice as likely to become addicted as men. Female ages 12 to 17 and 18 to 25 have shown the largest increase in prescription drug abuse in the past two decades, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Prescription drug use also adds to the teens and young adults’ image problems that they may already have.

The blame is usually placed on doctors who either pass out drugs like they are working a street corner or are too busy to properly diagnose their patients and take them on their word that they genuinely need medication.

Other culprits satisfying pill-happy Americans are large prescription drug companies that sell over the Internet.

Letters to the editor

Writing CP on money could earn respect

Editor,

A couple of weeks ago, Mustang Daily printed an article depicting student’s forgeries CP (Cal Poly) and CC (Cuesta College) on their dollar bills. I thought this was a great idea to at least show the community that the students have most of the buying power, even though they might the latter, but not the former.

The women are invariably swaggering by the end of the night just from the freedom accompanying baggy pants. “This is awesome,” one woman claimed.

For the guys, it’s a whole different can of shave gel. They were boasting about their pockets and showing off the threat of sudden exposure.

Meanwhile, for women, a mere centimeter shift could mean introducing your entire PSY 202 class to your neon THONG, DIVA THONG, DIVA THONG! Even the guy who’s ever cross-dressetl can watch for that. The women are

Letters to the editor

Don’t make me pay to listen to your roar!

This probably doesn’t happen much in engineering classes, as it might be hard to interject personal opinion when presenting mathematical formulas, but I have yet to take a political science class that hasn’t been dripping with extreme personal bias. The most recent

Mike Mullen is a business senior.

Political science classes demonstrate bias

Editor,

So why am I paying more than $1,000 a quarter come to school? Is it just to earn a little piece of paper known as a diploma, or is it to receive a greater understanding of the world around me? Maybe as a disillusioned young freshman I would have thought the latter, but now I’m not so sure. Objectivity seems more and more to me to be a lost cause with some of the professors at Cal Poly. Granted that I have had many outstanding professors who present material without their personal biases, but with some “teachers,” the lecture experience is the same as attending a happy high on the 1960s scene. Nueral presentation of facts or drawing both sides to an argument, simply stating a personal opinion.

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UC admits minorities at similar rate

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hispanics who are traditionally underrepresented on UC campuses — blacks, Hispanics and American Indians — are no more likely to be admitted than whites or Asians.

Students who are traditionally underrepresented on UC campuses — blacks, Hispanics and American Indians — are no more likely to be admitted than whites or Asians. The findings by the Los Angeles Times help deflect allegations that a disproportionately large number of Hispanic minority students are admitted despite the university's ban on affirmative action.

Forty-eight percent of low-scoring black students were admitted to at least one of the UC's eight campuses, compared to 67 percent of Hispanics, 65 percent of Asians and 50 percent of white students, the newspaper said.

At the university's two more exclusive campuses — UC Berkeley and UCLA — low-scoring black and Hispanic students were more likely to gain admission than other students with similar scores.

Overall, members of minority groups who are traditionally underrepresented on UC campuses — blacks, Hispanics and American Indians — are no more likely to be admitted than whites or Asians. The findings by the Los Angeles Times help deflect allegations that a disproportionately large number of Hispanic minority students are admitted despite the university's ban on affirmative action.

The analysis reveals a complex admissions process at the university, which has come under scrutiny in recent weeks after a report showed it admitted 402 students to UC Berkeley last year with scores of 1000 or below on the SAT.

The national average on the widely used college entrance exam is about 1020 of a possible 1600. The average for students admitted in 2002 at UC Berkeley was 1337.

Andrew Arduin, a budget analyst known for cutting billions in social ser­

Voters to decide lap dance ban

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Opponents of a city ordinance ban­ning lap dancing at strip clubs, biki­ni bars and adult bookstores have a chance to take their grip to the ballot box.

The city clerk certified Monday that activists have collected enough signatures to force a referendum before the “no-touch” rule can go into effect.

The City Council must now decide whether to rescind it, place a referendum on the next citywide ballot in 2005 or add a question to the December presidential election.

They have 20 days to decide what to do.

Short of a vote, the proposal was introduced in September to require dancers remain at least six feet from customers and put in place restric­

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By Tom Chorneau

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**Sports**

**Mustang soccer’s saving graces**

By Kimberly Masculine

The Cal Poly women’s soccer team is undefeated and backed by not one but two starting goalies. Junior Liz Hill and senior Greta Shirdon split field time as the team’s goalkeepers.

Head coach Alex Crozier said the decision to have both athletes start was made early in the season because they were playing really well.

“They are both very good players and that is why they are both starting,” Crozier said. “They push each other.”

Shirdon has been the starting goalie for three of the four years she has played for Cal Poly. This will be her last season.

“I am really proud of our team,” she said. “And I am really sad I am leaving.”

For Shirdon, who is playing with a broken back, sharing goalie responsibilities with Hill is the only way she can complete the season. By playing only one game a week, she is able to maintain her health and participate in practices during the week, something she said was unable to do during the previous year.

Hill played goalie in three games last year. She said she planned on working hard but didn’t know what role she would be playing until the first game.

“I didn’t really know what to think because of Greta’s injuries,” she said.

Both women bring different strengths to the team. Crawer said Hill is very good technically and Shirdon has a strong presence.

“ ‘One of the things (Greta) brings is sprint,’ Hill said. ‘She is always positive and it doesn’t seem like anything can bring her down.’ ”

The two women split games so each has time in the goal. For example, during weekend tournaments, one will play the first game and the other will play the second. Crozier said they have each played eight or nine games.

Shirdon said she had a little trouble getting used to splitting time until she saw that it actually allowed both women to support each other.

Shirdon said she thinks splitting the pressure of goal keeping has also given Hill a chance to get used to the weight that rests on a goalie’s shoulders.

“You kind of ease me into it,” Hill said.

Crozier and Hill said the team is lucky to have a choice of two solid keepers. If one of them gets hurt the team knows there is another strong person there to play.

The women said working together and give one another advice during practices and games.

“You can’t sit back just because you’re undefeated,” Hill said. “You need to work on something and get better everyday.”

Crozier said that being undefeated in the Big West Conference feels like the hard work of the team as a whole has paid off.

“Greta and I have been getting a lot of credit,” Hill said. “And it shouldn’t really reside with us. The team collectively has come together and produced some great wins.”

Crozier said the pair has contributed much to Cal Poly soccer.

“They are both great athletes, great people,” Crozier said. “They will leave their legacies with the program.”

**Ultimate challenge: SLO Core to host tourney**

By Josh Petray

Teams from around the state will join Cal Poly’s SLO Core ultimate Frisbee team to compete and demonstrate their Frisbee-playing abilities.

Ultimate Frisbee combines athleticism, intensity and creativity in a fast-paced and exciting game. It is common to see players sacrificing their bodies in an effort to make unbelievable plays, Wexler added.

“Anyone who comes out to the tournament can expect to see non-stop action, tons of great plays, people laying out (diving) everywhere for the disc and seeing game of ultimate Frisbee,” Wexler said.

SLO Core is hosting its first tournament of the year Nov. 8 and 9 at the Lower Sports Complex Field with games from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SLO Core will divide into two teams at the tournament. They will play UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, UC Davis, San Diego State, University of San Diego and Chico State. SLO Core President-co-captain Matt Wexler, an architectural engineering senior, was excited to kick off the new year.

“We only lost two players from last year so this year’s team is going to be really experienced,” he said. “A trip to nationals is definitely within our capabilities.”

The team has about 30 to 35 members this year, but in the past the count has been as low as 20.

“This year we got a great showing of skill and quantity,” Wexler said. “We have finally grown to a size that will require an ‘A’ and ‘B’ team which will help us compete at a higher level.”

The tournament also will set them against former rival UCSB, referred to as the “Black Tide” because of their black uniforms. It’s been four years since SLO Core has taken a game from them.

“Ultimate teams across the U.S. and especially in California depend on the ‘Tide,’” Wexler said.

The tournament marks the beginning of preseasLin. Winter Quarter is the heart of the season; it ends during Spring Quarter.

Last year, SLO Core placed third in sections and fifth out of 16 teams in regionals.

The addition of rookies and the return of seasoned veterans should improve the team’s ability to make regional and national events this year, Wexler said.

Five-year veteran Bernie Knoll is the team’s most experienced player and responsible for most of the disc handling.

Jaron White is a lightning-fast player with an awesome vertical leap, Wexler said.

Rookie Noam Almog is one of many first-time SLO Core competitors who appreciates the game and the team.

“Everybody is really helpful and gives you tips in a good way,” he said. That also means sharing the Frisbee, where you get to be ready to run,” he said.

**Golf wins host match**

The Cal Poly women’s golf team needed almost all of the 12-shot lead it had built after Monday’s opening round to bring home the title in the Cal Poly Sports and Wellness Invitational at Blacklake Golf Course in Nipomo.

The Mustangs shot 334 in high winds in the final round to claim their first title of 2003. The lowest four scores of the five team members count toward the school’s total.

Their 648 total beat UC Riverside by three shots; the Mustangs shot 114 to open their large lead over the Highlanders.

Junior Gina Drago led the Mustangs on Tuesday with a 79, which was the highest score in the third round to break 80 both days.

Drago and junior Rebecca Norris tied for second with a 157 total. They were one shot behind individual champion Kyle Safford of Cal State San Marcos. Safford shot 74 and 82.

Norris was waiting for the until a bad bounce off a cart path led to an out-of-bounds tee shot and a triple bogey.

Sophomore Holly Lampa tied Norris at 77 after the first round and fell back in the pack with a 92 Tuesday.

Junior Michelle Maddux and freshman Jessica Hess tied at 72. Maddux shot rounds of 82 and 85, while Hess followed her opening 82 with a 90.

Sophomore Sarah Trenschel and junior Michelle Barth competed as individuals. Trenschel shot 89-82 and Barth shot 84 Tuesday after Monday’s 90.

**Soccer preview**

The Cal Poly men’s soccer team will travel to UC Irvine today for a Big West match at 7 p.m.

Homecoming weekend was the second time this season the Mustangs won back-to-back games; they beat both Illinois-Chicago and UC Riverside by 3-1 margins. Prior to this season, the Mustangs had not won back-to-back games since 2001. It was also the first time since 1999 the Mustangs have scored two or more goals in three consecutive games.

The Anteaters, at 6-8-2 overall, 3-1-2 in the Big West, are in sec­ond place in the conference heading into today’s match. The Anteaters are on a four-game unbeaten streak since their 1-1 double overtime tie with the Mustangs on Oct. 19.

Last year, UC Irvine defeated No. 24 UC Santa Barbara 1-0 at Harder Stadium, then came back to win it all 2-0 at Titan Stadium. They are led by Sebastian Cormier, a senior who has five goals, including the game-winner at Santa Barbara.