Clubs can boost post-grad opportunities

The Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers received four national awards at the national conference Oct. 11.

By Kimberly Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Society of Women Engineers at Cal Poly received four national honors, including best large, outstanding student organization with BHT — Boeing Team Tech competition.

Cal Poly’s SWE was also recognized for having the best Audio-Visual Presentation and Membership award at the society’s annual conference in Birmingham, Ala. Oct. 9 to 11.

“We’re competing against all the best schools in the country — like Stanford, MIT Michigan, Purdue, Illinois and Georgia Tech — so winning four awards is an unprecedented honor,” said Helene Finger, faculty adviser for Cal Poly’s SWE chapter.

SWE takes top honors

By Kendra Hodges
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The art project is making a social statement about student cell phone use.

By Jonathan D. Salant
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Washington — Federal regulators are letting people keep their cell phone numbers when they switch wireless companies after Nov. 24, and probably will do the same for home phone customers.

The government is responding to a plea by customers reluctant to make a change because doing so has meant the loss of phone numbers known by friends, relatives and business associates.

But people moving from one city to another — Los Angeles to New York, for example — cannot keep the same local number.

Also, industry officials say customers who want to switch cell carriers probably will have to buy new cell phones because wireless companies use different technologies, so some companies are offering free phones to get customers to switch.

Cell phone users who have long-term contracts will have to pay early termination fees if they want to switch before their agreement expires.

“This is potentially very significant to the wireless industry,” Verizon Wireless spokesman Howard Waterman said. “Wireless carriers will have to compete even more fiercely in a very competitive environment.”

For consumers switching cell phone companies, the new regulations from the Federal Communications Commission will first cover customers in the 120 most populous metropolitan areas, who account for about 80 percent of the nation’s cell phone users. By May 24, the rules will apply to everyone.

Consumer groups like the change.

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Ag Ambassadors benefits members by helping students’ public presence and ability to be comfortable in interviews. “These are skills that no matter what they do they will help you rise to the top,” Berman said. “It is freeing with what we do, building, developing and growing leaders.”

Orfalea College of Business

The American Marketing Association is the second largest club in the Orfalea College of Business with about 150 students. “I think there is a dual function to this club,” said department chair of marketing Norm Botin, who also has a hard in the AMA. “Part of it is professional and part of it is social.” Every week they have guest speakers who talk about what they do with a marketing concentration, giving them career path ideas.

The club had the opportunity to visit an advertising company in San Francisco to experience first-hand what professionals do in an advertising agency. Opportunities like this help students build a strong base of knowledge and direction after graduation, like it is very favorable on involvement in these kinds of clubs,” Botin said.

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"When we reduce the switching costs of going from one carrier to another, you’re making the market more competitive,” said Chris Murray, legislative counsel for Consumer Publications. “There’s both the economic cost of a new phone number — having to print new business cards, having to potentially contact everyone who might have your phone number and massive inconvenience.”

The wireless industry is ready for the change. Consumers who want to switch companies can now do so as quickly as 2 1/2 hours after the new carrier has contacted the old provider.

Lecturer accused of espionage

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranian authorities freed an American university lecturer jailed since July on suspicion of espionage, a prosecutor’s office spokesman said.

Daniel Levin, a 47-year- old American citizen who lectures at University of California-Berkeley, was freed after his relatives posted bail of $250,000, Mohammad Rezaei told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

A close friend of Zehedi, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the AP that the lecturer was free to leave Iran but was required to remain in the capital. He said Zehedi appeared healthy and fine after being released.

Zehedi was taken to Evin prison, north of Tehran, on July 10 on suspicion of espionage activities while visiting relatives in Iran.

Mohsen Mirdamadi, who heads the Iranian parliament’s National Security and Foreign Policy Committee, charge that hard-line judiciary officials had refused to release Zehedi despite requests from Iran’s Intelligence Ministry.

A study by the Management Network Group, an Overland Park, Kan.-based communications consulting firm, found that about 18 million of the cell industry’s 152 million customers, or 12 percent, are wireless providers in the first year as a result of the new rules.

Abigail McConnell, 10, a college fund raiser from Chapel Hill, N.C., likes the changes.

"We can use the number for any reason — keep the same number for life,” she said. “People are becoming more mobile and global.

Regulators are writing the final chapter of the regulations: how to switch a number from a home phone to a cell phone. An FCC official’s statement could come any day.

“Everything we’re hearing is consumers really want it,” Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy said. “We’re going to head in that direction.”


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Not over, but on for another round with the corporate music-industry machine, Napster is back. Or so they say.

Arguably the greatest peer-to-peer file-sharing service on the Internet, Napster was shut down years ago when it outrageously used its underground status and attracted the attention of the Recording Industry Association and the Justice Department. The new Napster machine that we are seeing today is not the Napster of old; it is a sell-out that the music-industry machine will use to maintain its control over the music industry.

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Big elf gets big laughs; Ferrell delivers in new flick

By Michael Marquez

Ferrell is a comic genius in "Elf." He had me laughing hysterically throughout the entire movie. Compared to his "Saturday Night Live" performances as popular personas of George W. Bush, musical middle school teacher Marty McFly, and Ed Asner and Alex Trebek, Ferrell adds another hilarious persona (Buddy the Elf) to his repertoire and uses the same old Ferrell humor we have come to love. The storyline opens on Christmas Eve, when a small baby crawls into Santa's bag at an orphanage and is brought back to the North Pole without Santa's knowledge. The elves soon discover the baby, and Papa Elf (Bob Newhart) volunteers to raise Buddy.

Buddy decides to leave the North Pole in search of his real father Santa (Bob Newhart) and his love interest Jovie (Zuleikha Robinson) and makes his way to New York City. Buddy's main objective is to win the hearts of his family and ultimately save Christmas. He keeps the audience laughing with his variety of jokes, physical humor and facial expressions. "Elf" is a great way to start the holiday season and spread the Christmas spirit, and you may even be lucky enough to see me dressed in full elf garb.

Will Ferrell and Ed Asner take a ride as Buddy, an orphaned elf, and Santa Claus in the new comedy "Elf."
Cash inspired music rockers and twanglers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The lineup for Monday's Johnny Cash tribute concert includes a host of the late singer's picks in popular music.

He inspired rockers Kid Rock, Sheryl Crow and John Mellencamp as well as twangers George Jones, Willie Nelson and Brooks & Dunn.

"I think the Democrats can be fairly charged with chronic whining, and they ought to look at themselves first and foremost," Nader said.

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LOS ANGELES — Pink's favorite song on her new album salutes a rebellious rocker of years past: Janis Joplin.

Lyrics on the track, "Unwind," are a nod to the late 1960s singer, for whom Pink says she has great affection.

"The song's about being tough on the outside and vulnerable on the inside, and I see now that I am also talking about myself," Pink said. "I was a very defensive kid because I was really sensitive underneath and didn't want people to know.

The album, set for release Tuesday, is expected be another top seller from a singer who has mastered back-buck music industry trends.

"Everything in this business is designed to encourage you to play along," Pink says. "They know people are so hungry for something that they'll just follow the record industry game."

"Idol" runner-up sued for more than $100,000

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Pink isn't afraid to buck music industry trends

LOS ANGELES — Pink's favorite song on her new album salutes a rebellious rocker of years past: Janis Joplin.

Lyrics on the track, "Unwind," are a nod to the late 1960s singer, for whom Pink says she has great affection.

"The song's about being tough on the outside and vulnerable on the inside, and I see now that I am also talking about myself," Pink said. "I was a very defensive kid because I was really sensitive underneath and didn't want people to know.

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209 passing yards in the first half, Cal Poly went scoreless.
"We couldn't do anything in the first half, couldn't stop them, couldn't score," Petersen said.
The Mustangs failed to score three times in Davis territory. The first
failed opportunity was most souring, as the Mustangs initial drive ended
on the Aggie one-yard line with a failed fourth
down draw by Petersen at 9:56.
"That's the fine line in three turns
that someone's goal-line stood us like
that," Ellerson said.
Davis quarterback Ryan Flanigan
then went 99 yards in six minutes,
ultimately finishing wide receiver Jose
Oliva in the left corner of the end zone
at 4:10.
Three minutes into the second
quarter, Flanigan found Nolan
deGrault for a 27-yard touchdown.
The tight end had six receptions for
70 yards and may have tacked up big
ner numbers, had he not left injured.
"A lot of our game plan revolved
around deGrault and utilizing our
speed at right end," Flanigan said.
"Once he was knocked out of the
way, we had to kind of basically find
something else to move the ball. Then
they started bringing pressure," Davis
stopped scoring.
Freshman kicker Nick Cornielas, a former Cal
Poly soccer player, put the Mustangs
on the board with a 24-yard field goal
time expired in the half.
The Mustangs closed the deficit
to 14-12 with a touchdown by junior
wide receiver Jory Warren at 10:17 in
the third, capping a drive that almost
ended in a fumble. "There was an
interception that the Aggies caught
off the return, as Russell forced and
recovered a fumble," Petersen said.
Cal Poly took the lead after junior
linebacker Jordan Beck picked up a
Flanigan fumble and ran it 41 yards. A
safety a minute later at 1:49 cemented
the 18-14 final score.
Petersen, who completed 23 of 41
passes, credited his wide receivers for
the strong offensive display. Russell
and redshirt freshman Anthony
Ralphdolph caught 13 passes between
them for 166 yards.
"I've been saying it all year," Petersen said. "We don't think we face
any teams with good enough corners
to guard our receivers, and it showed
again today.
Flanigan only completed free of 13
passes for 99 yards in the second half.
Still, Davis had multiple chances
to win. A play after a touchdown by
Aggie receiver Kevin Freeman was off
by a penalty at 3:45 in the fourth.
Senior cornerback David Richardson
popped off Flanigan at the two-yard
line. "If you think about that football
game, there have got to be 50 plays
that if the physics are just a little
different, the outcome could be com­
pletely different," Ellerson said.
Players celebrated afterward, as
Ellerson described the game's impor­
tance.
"I think what I've told the guys, or
what I will tell the guys if I can ever
get them to all settle down and talk to
them at one time, is that's three of our
four (season) goals," Ellerson said.
Those goals were to win the opener
against UTDF, beat Davis and have a
winning season.
Season-ending home matchups
against Idaho State and Humboldt
State will determine if the Mustangs
achieve their final goal of making the
playoffs.
Sports

Mustangs claim Big West soccer crown

By Michael Marquez

The Cal Poly women's soccer team defeated UC Santa Barbara 2-0 on Sunday in the finals of the Big West Conference Championship in Irvine. The Mustangs (18-1-2, 7-0-2 Big West) earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament with the win. They will be at the Graduate tomorrow at 1 p.m. to watch the NCAA Selection Show to see who they will play in post-season play. See the next issue of Mustang Daily for more information on the team's post-season fate.

Poly slowed by Pilots, muddy field

By Michael Marquez

The men's soccer team lost 2-1 in a physical game against University of Portland on Sunday afternoon at Mustang Stadium before 123 fans. The wet and muddy conditions allowed the Portland offense to take control of the game by kicking the ball 40 to 50 yards and letting the game be decided in the air. The Mustangs had a difficult time dealing with Portland's game plan.

Volleyball loses to Idaho

By Michael Marquez

The Cal Poly volleyball team lost to Idaho in four games in a Big West Conference match on Saturday. The Vandals won by game scores of 20-17, 20-12, 20-16 and 20-17. The Mustangs fell to 12-14 overall and 4-11 in the conference.

Basketball exhibits new talent

By the numbers

121
Junior linebacker Jordan Beck broke the school record for tackles in a season. He has 121 tackles with two games remaining. The old record was 115, set by Brett Baker in 2000. Beck now has 307 career tackles, 19 short of the Cal Poly career record.

Trivia

What two Mustangs play for Arena Football's San Jose SaberCats?

Send answers to smartin@calpoly.edu

Today's Question

Who was the last player to win the NCAA men's money title besides Tiger Woods?

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