Clubs can boost post-grad opportunities

By Kimberly Thomson

SWE takes top honors

The Society of Women Engineers at Cal Poly received four national honors, including its second national award in as many years in a row, the prestigious 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 — winning four awards is an unprecedented honor,” said Helene Finger, faculty adviser for Cal Poly’s SWE chapter.

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Self defense workshop to empower women

By Amy Hessick

Most women see rape as a crime that happens to other people, but in reality one out of every six American women has been a survivor of an attempted or completed rape, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

In an effort to educate and empower, a women’s self-defense workshop is being offered on campus Nov. 17 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The Cal Poly Women’s Center is teaming up with the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center of San Luis Obispo County to host a workshop on assertiveness, awareness and physical techniques.

“The choices that are available to women right now are to walk around afraid or to make sure that someone is glued to their hip all the time, and I don’t like either of those options,” said vice chair of the board of directors at the SARP Center and political science professor Alexis Danis. “This class teaches you actual fighting skills, and it gives you the sense that you can protect yourself.”

The four-hour session includes physical training as well as awareness tactics women can use physically, as well as mentally, prepared if they need to defend themselves.

“We help people figure out if they want to go to graduate school,” Rommes said. “We also help them make contacts within the department.”

The physics club also hosts cook-offs and other activities allowing students to interact with other classmates and professors.

“These events let students get to know the professors and help them figure out whom they want to do their research project with,” Rommes said. She said the club is a good source of connections for jobs and encourages anyone to join.

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is much less than the hundreds of dollars that it would cost at a gym or other outside source. Lemm said. If there is enough interest, the SARP Center is willing to consider offering advanced classes or a regular series to Cal Poly women. Psychology junior Jula Sinclair-Palm, works with the Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource Program at the Women's Center, took a class similar to the one offered at Cal Poly and said one of the most important things that she learned was assertiveness.

"They teach you a lot of important skills, as well as simple things that you wouldn't normally think about," Sinclair-Palm said. "I think it's really important to take advantage of this opportunity because it's so cheap for such a valuable experience." Pre-registration for the workshop is required. For more information contact the Women's Center at 576-2603.

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The winning Team Tech project was co-sponsored by Boeing and Hewlett-Packard in which the team created an activity monitoring system for restaurant managers. The project is now being reviewed by Procter and Gamble, SWE members said.

The intention of Team Tech is to facilitate students from all disciplines and level of engineering to gain "learn-by-doing" experience, which highlights the key role of teamwork and interface with industry.

The Membership Award recognized the success and well-organized efforts to recruit and retain members. The 524 members of the Cal Poly group boast the largest membership of all SWE chapters nationwide.

The society plans several organized events and opportunities annually, such as shadowing an engineer, the student-professional dinner, Evening with Industry, and Team Tech as well as give scholarships and awards to encourage students to reach their fullest potential.

SWE receives support from the College of Engineering and their branch club activities and projects keeps members active and interested, said computer engineering senior Joanna Ignacio.

"The Dean of Engineering, Peter Beming, has really been the driving force in this," said Ignacio. "We are rewarded by the college when we meet our goals in terms of recruitment and member participation. SWE welcomes any engineering student interested in participating on the Cal Poly team and to join SWE, to attend their next meeting on Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Bldg. 41-111.

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National Roundup

KIRKWOOD, Mo. — A man who received two legs and an arm by prosthesis mail apparently broke no laws, police said in this St. Louis suburb.

The body parts shipped via Fedex, which has such packages, were sent from a Las Vegas research company to the man, who acts as a broker for doctors needing body parts for research projects, Kirkwood police spokeswoman Diane Scanga said.

The shipment was discovered Wednesday when one of the boxes was found looking at a Federal Express depot in St. Louis.

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Rapper Tyre Dee, a member of the hip-hop group The Earthdzitz, was in custody Saturday after being arrested for allegedly shooting at people outside of a business, police said.

No one was injured and the 37-year-old rapper, whose given name is Troy Muhammad, was arrested at his Fontana home Friday several hours after the alleged shooting, said Officer Jana Blair of the Long Beach Police Department. He was booked for shooting with a deadly weapon and is being held in the city jail with bail set at $50,000.

LOS ANGELES — A teenage girl was sentenced to a seven-year term for her admitted role in a fatal attack on a Glendale teen, just moments after in a separate proceedings declared a mistrial in the gang-fight murder case.

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RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudis blamed al-Qaida militants Sunday for the suicide car bombing of a Riyadh housing complex, declaring it proof of the terror network's willingness to shed Muslim blood in its zeal to bring down the U.S.-linked Saudi monarchy.

The attack late Saturday at an upscale compound for foreign workers — where mostly Arabs lived — killed 11 people and wounded more than 120.

The blast, not far from diplomatic quarters and the king's main palace, left piles of rubble, hunks of twisted metal, broken glass and a large crater.

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World Roundup

LONDON — The Countess of Wessex, wife of the youngest son of Queen Elizabeth II, has given birth to a baby girl by emergency Caesarean section, Buckingham Palace officials said Sunday.

The spokesperson said the baby, who was born just before midnight, several weeks prematurely, weighed 4 pounds, 9 ounces. Doctors at Frimley Park Hospital south of London said both mother and daughter were "stable."

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Iraqi scientist killed in the U.S. invasion and now linked by arms hunter David Kay to possible nuclear weapons research was working on an advanced gun, not atomic bombs, fellow physicists say.

They and eyewitnesses also say Khalid Ibrahim Sa'id was killed not when he tried to "run a roadblock," as asserted by Kay, but when a U.S. tank crew blasted his civilian car without warning on an open street.

— Associated Press

College Roundup

KENT, Ohio — More students are heading out to drink during the week, and many say drink specials are the reason why.

A study done by Harvard University public health researchers concluded that low sale prices of alcoholic beverages are one factor associated with higher drinking rates on college campuses.

The study, which concluded that more than 10,000 students surveyed at 15 campuses established a baseline for the colleges.

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This Week In ASI Events

Higher Grounds Entertainment Series

Featuring Craft Night
Wednesday, November 12
6-8 p.m. in BackStage Pizza - Free

Featuring SKO
Thurs., November 13
11 a.m. — noon in the UU Plaza - Free

The local funk-rock-hip-hop band has been "rocking and funkilfing the Central Coast" since 2001. Each of the band members contribute a unique aspect to the performance.

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Letter writer insensitive to children

Editor,

In response to Morgan Elam's "Fetuses are not self-aware entities" (Nov. 4), I would strongly urge Morgan to use lots of birth control, backup methods or any-things it takes to never have children. Morgan should never even interact with children due to the risk of macinuating their guilty conscience. We, Roth and Hill, investigative reporters who wish he could figure out a way to sell advertising are they getting from this?

The old Napster was about getting music to people for the sake of music. The new Napster is about getting music to people so they can make a buck.

Holly Sell is an art and design senior.

Union contracts should be honored

Editor,

In response to Ryan E. Hall's letter to the editor ("Striking grocers don't deserve support" Oct. 31) regarding his lack of support for the picketers, he only proves that it takes more than requiring college to become an educated person.

"All they do is push buttons and scan things" is a quote that I always find very, very annoying. Nothing is more annoying than being forced to look at a cash register through the eyes of the customer. I feel for any blue-collar worker that crosses their path. It must be a very stressful way to live.

Morgan should consider giving consumers the experience they can enjoy on other downloading platforms. It has to pay for it, but if you want to burn it to a CD you can enjoy it and see it as a form of self-expression.

That letter made me smile.

Steve Hill and Chrissy Roth are journalism seniors and Mustang Daily columnists who think they have the Quoteworthy Bitchin' corner on the topic of student journalism. For those of you who know little or nothing about medical insurance and providing for a family, you may do some research before opening your mouth. I have a college education and a job, and I still struggle with medical insurance. I don't expect more from you. If you are not satisfied with your health insurance, I suggest Ryan Hill educate himself further and then go to lost and found and see if they have his heart.

Julie Long-Coleman is an administrative support and claims coordinator in the risk management department.

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People in the News

Nader calls Democrats 'chronic whiners'

MADISON, Wis. — Former Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader called Democrats 'chronic whiners' for continuing to accuse him of spoiling the 2000 presidential election for Al Gore.

"They should realize that the retro­spect on Florida concluded Gore won Florida," the consumer activist told the Wisconsin State Journal on Saturday. "It was stolen from the Democrats. And they should concen­trate on the thieves and the blackmail in Florida, not on the Green Party."

A media-sponsored review of more than 175,000 disputed ballots found that Gore would have won by a small margin if there had been a complete statewide recount.

Nader, in town for a speech at the National Conference on Media Reform at the University of Wisconsin, noted that 300,000 registered Democrats in Florida voted for Bush.

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

Cash inspired music rockers and twanglers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The lineup for Monday's Johnny Cash tribute concert includes such rock and the late singer's disciple in popular music.

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

"He influenced many of us. His music was profound, was beyond the genre of country," said Ronnie Dunn.

Kix Brooks added: "The first song book I had was '160 songs by Johnny Cash.' I learned every one of them. Those are shoes that will not be filled."

Cash hits such as "Ring of Fire," "I Walk the Line" and "Folsom Prison Blues" became country and rock standards.

Cash died Sept. 12 at the age of 71 when Ted was 12. The family lived across the street from the museum.

Danson raises $100,000 for Arizona museum

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Actor Ted Danson helped raise $100,000 for the troubled Museum of Northern Arizona.

The sold-out, $75-per-person event was unusual for the "Cheers" and "Becker" star, whose father, Edward B. Nied, Danson became the director of the museum in 1959 when Ted was 12. The family lived across the street from the museum.

"This is a real 'heart' moment for me," Danson told the Arizona Republic.

Saturday's event was to celebrate the museum's 75th anniversary follow­ing months of turmoil. The museum's director and all 16 trustees resigned under pressure in July after selling 21 museum artifacts for $1 million.

"Clearly that was not a wise idea," Danson said.

The museum will has an estimated $1 million deficit.

— Associated Press

Entertainment

'Matrix' tumbling with $50.16M debut

By David Germain

LOS ANGELES — The Matrix Revolutions' grosses a bit slower at the box office as the sci-fi saga's conclusion had an opening domestic weekend of $50.16 million, off 45 percent from the middle chapter's $91.8 million debut six months ago.

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269 passing yards in the first half, Cal Poly went scoreless.

"We couldn't do anything in the first half, couldn't stuff them, couldn't score," Petersen said.

The Mustangs failed to score three times in Davis territory. The first failed opportunity was most searing, as the Mustangs initial drive ended on the Aggie one-yard line with a failed fourth down drawn by Petersen at 9:56.

"That's the first time in three years that someone's goal-line stood us like that," Ellerson said.

Davis quarterback Ryan Flanigan then went 99 yards in six minutes, ultimately sailing wide receiver Jose Oliva in the left corner of the end zone at 4:10.

Three minutes into the second quarter, Flanigan found Nolan deGrave for a 27-yard touchdown.

The tight end had six receptions for 107 yards and may have roused up bigger numbers, had he not left injured.

"A lot of our game plan revolved around deGrave and utilizing our speed at right end," Flanigan said. "Once he was knocked out of the game, we had to kind of basically find another way to move the ball. Then they started bringing pressure.

Davis stopped scoring. Freshman kicker Nick Coramolas, a former Cal Poly soccer player, put the Mustangs on the board with a 24-yard field goal as time expired in the half.

The Mustangs closed the deficit to 14-12 with a touchdown by junior wide receiver Jory Wetzel at 10:17 in the third, capping a drive that almost ended with a fumble.

"There were three interception that the Aggies coughed up on the return, as Russell forced and recovered a fumble," Petersen said.

Cal Poly took the lead after junior linemen Jordan Beck picked up a Davis fumble and ran it 41 yards. A safety a minute later at 1:49 cemented the 14-14 final score.

Petersen, who completed 23 of 41 passes, credited his wide receivers for the strong offensive display. Russell and redshirt freshman Anthony Randolph caught 13 passes between them for 186 yards.

"I've been saying it all year," Petersen said. "We don't think we face any teams with good enough corners to guess our receivers, and it showed again today."

Flanigan only completed free of 13 passes for 93 yards in the second half. Still, Davis had multiple chances to win late. A play after a touchdown by Aggie receiver Kevin Freeman was off-set by a penalty at 3:45 in the fourth.

Senior cornerback David Richardson picked off Flanigan at the two-yard line.

"If you think about that football game, there have got to be 30 plays that if the physics are just a little different, the outcome could be completely different," Ellerson said.

Players celebrated afterward, as Ellerson described the game's importance.

"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 UTEP, beat Davis and have a winning season.

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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 overall, 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.

By Michael Marquez

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 affected the Portland offense to take control of the game by kicking the ball 40 to 50 yards and letting the games be decided in the air. The Mustangs had a difficult time against Portland's defense, led by senior defender Brian Reed. "Allowing five corner kicks, especially being such a young team and playing together for the first time," Cal Poly head coach Faith Mimmerag said.

Josh Simpson took the game into his own hands by scoring Portland's only two goals in the 51st and the 66th minutes. "We were outnumbered on the physical aspect of the game as our team took heavy hits," Garnett said. "Our strongest asset to the team was the simple no-nonsense defense, which was difficult to break down." Ronnie Silva assisted Justin Woodward in the 89th minute from three yards out to put the Mustangs on the scoreboard. "I brought Silva into the game to create break away opportunities," Garnett said. "He is notorious for being offside, but once he gets the ball he is gone and usually converted into a goal."

Sloppy ball-handling, missed rebounds, poor defense and shots not falling together caused the Mustangs' downfall. Without the experience and leadership of sophomore forward Courtney Uphoff to regroup the team, the Mustangs would have been fighting an uphill battle the entire game. Uphoff led Cal Poly in a late run with a little over two minutes to play in the half, tying the game 35-35. "Being the first game of the season, the nerves definitely came into play," Uphoff said. "Trust in each other's abilities is giving to us our half," sophomore guard Sparkle Anderson directs the offense. Freshman guard Sparkle Anderson directs the offense.

By Michael Marquez

Volleyball loses to Idaho

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 30-21, 23-30, 30-18 and 30-26. The Mustangs fell to 12-14 overall and 4-11 in the conference.

Three Mustangs recorded double figures in kills, led by junior outside hitter Jessica Diepersloot with 16. Sophomore outside hitter Vanessa Gilliam and senior outside hitter Molly Duncan added 14 and 13 respectively. The Mustangs recorded 79 digs as a team, led by senior defensive specialist Gwen Hubbard with 28. Duncan and Diepersloot added 10 each. The Vandals tallied 94 digs led by Megan Brown with 26. Idaho hit .255 for the match but limited the Mustangs to a .190 percentage. The Mustangs had 12 blocks for the match led by Gilliam's six (two solo).