Bandfest to take flight

By Samantha Yule

The music department’s Bandfest 2003 is scheduled to honor two air pioneers on Saturday.

This year’s Bandfest is entitled “A Wind Instruments Spectacular” and will feature the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble, the 100-member Mustang Band and the Cohan Performing Arts Center.

Music senior Holly Ransom will be featured in Gordon Jacob’s Concerto for Bass Trombone and Wind Orchestra.

“I performed and enjoyed other works by the composer in the past, and was excited when one of my teachers found this piece written to feature the bass trombone,” Ransom said.

The opportunity for Ransom is rewarding, especially considering that this will be her last performance before graduating.

“After working so hard for four years at Cal Poly, it is really rewarding to end my career here with a solo at the front of the stage,” she said.

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Microchips save pets

By Amy Hessick

It was a mutual decision to come to Cal Poly together.

They have been friends since fourth grade and are virtually inseparable. But finding housing together was more difficult than for most roommates.

Computer science junior Lisa Shealy and Coco, her American Eskimo dog, eventually found a place to live in a ranch in Nipomo.

“It’s a long drive, but I can’t imagine giving him up because he’s been with me for more than 10 years,” she said. “If he passed away, I would definitely move closer to campus.”

Students with pets can experience a strong sense of attachment to their animals.

“Pets have feelings too,” she said. “My dog is wild and free and doesn’t like surgery.”

Beyond the medical implications and identification of lost animals, microchips also help shelters to free up space.

“If a dog is hit by a car and has no identification, then the shelter can be increased,” Anderson said.

“Many older dogs have a chip, the device emits a signal that is detected by the scanner. If a lost animal has a chip, the owner can be quickly identified and the animal shelter,” Anderson said.

For dogs and cats because animals that run away often lose their collar. One of the most important uses of the microchip is for injured animals.

“If a dog is hit by a car and has no identification, then the medical decisions are left up to someone other than the owner,” Anderson said. “But if the animal has a microchip, then the owner can be quickly identified and and a pumping company, among other people to the 1202 block of Foothill Boulevard, just outside the back of campus.

The all-day affair grew from the fact that three gallons of oil-based paint were dumped in Steamer Creek around noon Monday by a contractor painting the Kinesiology Lab on-campus.

“The smell of paint was thick. A Foothill Boulevard resident who requested anonymity was on her way outside to attend to a load of laundry Monday afternoon when she perceived an unusual scent.”

“I walked out the door and it smelled like paint thinner,” the woman said. “It smelled like it was right outside the door. I didn’t think to look at the creek.”

When she did take a look from her backyard, she noticed a cloud of white coloring clouding the creek caused her to immediately dial 911, just before 5 p.m., ultimately summoning three fire trucks, county health officials, and other people to the 1202 block of Foothill Boulevard, just outside the back of campus.

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Local Weather

5 - Day Forecast

TODAY high: 66°/low 43°
FRIDAY high: 66°/low 44°
SATURDAY high: 65°/low 40°
SUNDAY high: 62°/low 41°
MONDAY high: 69°/low 42°

Sunrise/Sunset
rise: 6:35 a.m. / sets: 4:58 p.m.

Tides
high 2 a.m. 3.46 feet
11:04 a.m. 3.30 feet
low 4:48 a.m. 3.30 feet
11:20 p.m. 0.20 feet

California Cities
City	Today’s HI/LO
San Diego	64°/53*
Anaheim	67°/69*
Riverside	69°/65*
Los Angeles	67°/52*
Santa Barbara	64°/47*
Bakersfield	65°/46*
Fresno	65°/42*
Santa Cruz	64°/44*
San Jose	65°/46*
San Francisco	63°/52*
Sacramento	65°/44*
Redding	65°/44*

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ardous materials specialist on the first engine, firefighter Matt Callahan said.

Paint spread about 100 feet by the time the first unit showed up and firefighters moved quickly to limit the contamination. They set up three fans, boxes and absorbent material for the paint, firefighter Rik Grencik said.

"The first hour was the most labor intensive," Grencik said.

Firefighters then waited almost three hours, while a truck could be brought in from San Ardo, just north of San Miguel, to pump out the water from the dams. The last firefighters left the scene about 8:30 p.m., as the water was taken for further analysis at County Health.

Grencik stressed that his operation was tedious, not glaring.

"It’s a hurry-up and wait type operation," Grencik said.

Because of the location of the spill and the quick response, no wildlife was harmed.

"We were really fortunate to hold it to 200 feet," Grencik said.

Further parts of Stenner Creek pass through downtown and eventually lead to Arvi Beach, where steelhead and salmon populations being restored could have been in danger, James said.

"If we don’t take it out that’s eventually going to make it into a more populated habitat," James said.

As the water was removed, firefighters also took out soil and moved to restore the creek bed. Overall, many were impressed with the quality of the operation, including the anonymous woman who, because of the location of her house was on-scene for the duration of the firefighters eight-hour operation.

"It was really impressed with how quickly they responded and how thoroughly they cleaned it up," she said, whose two-and-a-half year old son received an in-depth tour of one of the fire trucks.

One cost, estimated to be between $20,000 to $30,000 by Grencik, will fall on the contractor. The man identified a lawyer after press time, declined an interview attempt Monday, saying he didn’t have time.

Water quality specialist Kim Babu said all storm drains in the city lead into the creeks.

"Nothing but rain water should be going in those drains," Babu said.

Some traffic flow was affected on Foothill and California boulevards and Hathaway Street, as police officers directed traffic.

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Other pieces include: the West Coast premiere of "Bundancing" by Jack Stamp, "March" from "Symphonic Metamorphosis" by Paul Hindemith, "Vesuvius" by Paul Hindemith, "Twelve Seconds to the Moon," a tribute to the Wright brothers, and "Ricercante" by Antonio Vivaldi.

The Mustang Band will perform "Twelve Seconds to the Moon," a tribute to the Wright brothers.

Tickets are $7 to $15 and can be bought at the ticket office.

Nightclub awarded $100M in damages

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — A federal court jury ended a three-year lawsuit by awarding a nightclub $113,000 in damages.

 Owners of the Blue Lagoon on Pacific Avenue sued the city, claiming police harassment. The city has already spent nearly half a million dollars defending itself.

City Manager Mike Rorkin said the full City Council is likely to discuss a motion to appeal, in closed session next week.

A U.S. District Court jury in San Jose ruled Monday that the city, from 1997 to 2000, violated the nightclub’s right to be free from unreasonable searches.

The jury also ruled agreed that Santa Cruz police Lt. Patricia Squires directed or participated with police to violate this right.

The award of $67,500 in lost earnings, $400,000 in expenses and $5,000 for "pain and suffering." In a separate but related proceeding, Ann Minshew, owner of the club since 1991, will press on this week with a federal court case seeking punitive damages against Sapone.

"I don’t really understand the club’s decision," Squires said. "I was just doing my job."

EVENTS

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What: Carpenter, Colvin, Williams and Griffin.
Singer-songwriters Mary Chapin Carpenter, Shawn Colvin, Dar Williams and Patty Griffin perform together in the latest Cal Poly Arts Center Stage event.

Where: Today, 8 p.m.

Where: Performing Arts Center
More Info: Call Lisa Woske at 756-7110

What: Mathematics Colloquium

Where: Friday, 4:30 p.m.

Where: Bldg. 38, Room 148
More Info: Call Francesca Fairbrother at 756-6635

What: Writerspeak presents BH Fanchell. The author will be holding a discussion on poetry and writing followed by a reading of her own selected works.

Where: Friday, 7 p.m.

Where: Performing Arts Center
More Info: Call Adam Hall at 756-1622

What: Bandfest 2003. Cal Poly Wind Orchestra, the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble and the 100-member Cal Poly Mustang Band present a wind instrument spectacular.

Where: Saturday, 8 p.m.

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

What: "Pride." Based on a play by the ancient Greek playwright, Euripides.

Where: Friday, 8 p.m.

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

What: Swing Dance Concert. The Cal Poly University Jazz Band No. 1 will perform authentic big band classics as well as language dances from the modern big band repertoire. Free swing dance lessons will be given from 7 to 8 p.m.

Where: Friday, 8 p.m.

Where: Chumash Auditorium
More Info: Call Paul Rinder at 756-5792.

What: Student Piano Recital
Where: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: H.P. Davidson Music Center

More Info: Call Michele Abba at 756-2406

More Info: Call Mike Rorkin at 756-5792.

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CARMON CITY, Nev. — With few leads to go on, Carson City authorities continued to search for a woman whose 3-year-old son was found in a bloody shirt and told police his mother was dead.

Investigators said Bertha Augustine, 33, had dropped off an older son at school Monday morning, and the little boy was with her.

The boy was found about 90 minutes later, 15 miles away in the parking lot of the Smith's grocery store in Dayton. He had a wound on his head and was bleeding.

"He said he was pushed out of a vehicle and that he saw someone kill her," Carson City Sheriff Ken Fuhring said.

"We have no verification of that, and right now we're treating this as a missing person believed to be in danger under suspicious circumstances," Fuhring said.

SAN JOSE — Police said Wednesday they had arrested one of three teenage girls who allegedly tied up a group home counselor at knifepoint and fled with another young resident, whom authorities believe was kidnapped.

Jamie Jones, 17, was taken into custody in lockdown and told investigators that the others were driving one of the home's vans — a 2001 white Dodge Caravan — south toward the Los Angeles border, said Officer Catherine Unger, a spokeswoman for the San Jose Police Department.

Police said the counselor reported being shot Tuesday, assaulted and managed to ties herself and notify the police.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Suspended Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore had "every legal right" to ignore an order to remove his Ten Commandments monument from the rotunda of the state courthouse, his attorneys said Wednesday at his judicial ethics trial.

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NASIRIYAH, Iraq — A suicide truck bomber attacked the headquarters of Italy's paramilitary police in this southern city Wednesday, killing 25 people, including 17 Indians, and possibly trapping others in the debris.

It was the deadliest toll suffered by non-American coalition forces since the occupation began in April and the first such attack in Nassiriyah, a relatively quiet Shire Multi-City. The bombing appeared aimed at sending a message that international organizations are not safe anywhere in Iraq.

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef said Wednesday that possible al-Qaida involvement in attacks on Italian civilians there will not stop the kingdom that police could use in their investigation, the officials said on condition of anonymity.

LONDON — A report released Tuesday said Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network has been largely dismantled, but the threat posed by extremist Muslim terrorists remains high and has grown harder to track.

The report by the London-based Centre for Policy Studies Group said the number of countries likely to pose a medium security risk to Western businesses operating in them was 73 in 2004, with 14 countries bumped up from low risk.

The group is a private consultancy that advises companies on security.

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Saudi security officials had earlier told The Associated Press that possible suspects were being held in connection with Saturday's bombing. Others detained might have information about the activities of militants in the kingdom that police could use in their investigation, the official said on condition of anonymity.

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Magistrate denies request by Philippines

By Jim Wasserman
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SACRAMENTO — In a stunning setback for the Philippines Justice Department, a federal magistrate rejected its request Wednesday to send a Californian wanted in the Philippines back to stand trial in the murder of his movie star wife.

U.S. Magistrate Gregory Hollows ruled the Philippines government didn"t provide adequate evidence to justify the return of Roger Lawrence Strunk, 61, a 1960s recording artist and movie producer who is suspected in the November 2001 stabbing death of his wife of more than 20 years and actress Blanca Blanco, 45.

Strunk was the government"s lead suspect in the stabbing death of Blanco, 65, a Filipina actress who stars in 163 movies and was one of the nation"s most revered cultural figures.

Hollows had hesitated twice in earlier hearings about conflicting evidence in the Philippines government"s extradition request, but his opinion had not yet been made available Wednesday afternoon.

The ruling ended a six-month legal battle by Strunk and his attorneys to remain in the United States, where he arrived two months after his wife"s murder in a Manila suburb. Federal marshals arrested Strunk last May in Francisco, at the request of the Philippines government in the United States.

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Attorneys described the case as the Filipino equivalent of California"s 1995 O.J. Simpson trial. Filipino authorities accused Strunk of being the mastermind behind Blanco"s stabbing death in a Manila suburb, a drama which has gripped the nation of 80 million people and 2 million Filipino-Americans living in the United States.

Strunk"s attorneys, Jeffrey Kravitz, said the ruling "must come as a great shock to the government."

"We are all just excited," Kravitz said. "We have not had a chance to read the opinion but I"m assuming that there wasn"t probable cause."

Kravitz had argued that Strunk was "trumped" in the case, and that the only evidence against him was the word of another suspect, who later recanted his confession with claims that police had tortured him. Kravitz said Strunk loved his wife of more than 20 years and would die in jail if he was returned. He also argued that the Philippines government withheld key witness statements from the United States.

The Philippines Justice Department alleged that Strunk, Pacifica Philip Medel Jr. and two unidentified women assaulted Blanco in her car after a confrontation about documents.

Government authorities said Strunk was upset with his wealthy wife over money.

A spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Kenneth Melikian, who represented the Philippines government in the extradition case, said he would not comment on Hollows"s decision. Melikian had argued the government provided enough evidence to justify Strunk"s appearance at a murder trial before a judge. The Philippines does not have jury trials for murder cases.

Strunk returned to the United States in January 2002 with a round-trip ticket and permission from Filipino authorities to visit his dying mother in Tracy. But he made no move to return to Asia following his mother"s death.
Spammers clogging blogs, cells, IMs

By Matthew Fordahl

SAN JOSE — Three years ago, Adam Kalsey set up a Web log to share his thoughts about online business and the digital revolution. Like countless other "bloggers," he lets his readers post comments on his entries. "We ought to be legislating general concepts; things like you can't market to somebody who's asked you not to," said David Sorkin, a professor who studies spam laws at John Marshall Law School.

But that assumes the legislation will work, and that spammers won't move outside the law. Kalsey, a Web consultant who lives near Sacramento, has taken matters into his own hands. In fact, many of his comments of late have been getting remarks "not from supporters, but..." he predicts always-on communication technology jumps from personal to business communications. To address the problem, companies are blocking messages from outsiders, instituting "white lists" of accepted contacts or not allowing IM at all.

"It forces you to either turn off the comments and lose some of the value of the medium, or spend time deleting spams," said Rheingold, who runs his own blog. Today, most of the attention of lawmakers has been on e-mail spam, but now, commercial pitches could freeze the revolution in its tracks.

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**Toddler revived after drowning**

**ORANGE (AP) —** Brain scans of a toddler revived two hours after she was believed dead from drowning showed no serious problems, a doctor said.

Twenty-month-old Mackayla Jeperson, listed in serious condition, had opened her eyes and at times moved her arms and legs, said James Cappon, a critical-care specialist at Children's Hospital of Orange County. He said Tuesday that doctors were awaiting further neurological improvements "though that very much remains a day-to-day thing."

The girl was found floating face down in her family's swimming pool Friday morning and was rushed to the hospital, where doctors pronounced her dead.

About 40 minutes later, police Detective Mike Kendrick was conducting a routine investigation into her death when he noticed Mackayla's chest was moving. He summoned doctors, who were able to revive her.

**Kenyaz schools**

**By Kadyr Togolov**

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — The birds and the bees do their thing in the mountains that fill this rugged Central Asian country, but the facts of life are off limits this year in Kyrgyz high schools.

An ethnic Kyrgyz nationalist drummed up a public outcry against a new sex education book and pressed the government into withdrawing the text before school started in September.

The book, a teacher's guide titled "Healthy Way of Life," also addressed subjects such as smoking and drugs.

"We looked for people to write the book, but we couldn't find anybody who was ready to do it," Shapiro said. "Teachers were saying they didn't know AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. And doctors were saying they didn't know methods of teaching." AIDS is spreading rapidly in this nation of 4.5 million. More than 450 people are registered as being infected with HIV — a ninefold jump in three years — but the actual number is believed to be far higher. Most HIV cases are related to drug use, and prostitution is also rising due to poor economic conditions.

"After allowing for public comment on the sex education text — during which Shapiro said he received none — some 2,000 copies were published in 2001 with $60,000 in funds from the government and the United Nations."

It was then that criticism began flooding in.

Akin Toktaliyev, a well-known nationalistic, filed a lawsuit against Shapiro for $120,000 in moral damages, claiming his son had been corrupted by the text and arguing the book didn't take into account Kyrgyz cultural points.

"Our mentality has existed for centuries and will live for quite long. (Shapiro's) goal is to ruin our society, to spoil young people and teach them sex," said Toktaliyev, who heads the organization To Protect the Dignity of the Kyrgyz People. Toktaliyev had earlier gained notice by campaigning against a Russian newspaper that he accused of misspelling the word "Kyrgez."

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"Can you imagine your kids being taught how to put on a condom? How would you feel?" asked Education Minister Ishengul Boljurova, who took office in mid-2002 after the text had already been introduced at Kyrgyz high schools.

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**Sex ed off limits in Kyrgyz schools**

**By Kadyr Togolov**

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — The birds and the bees do their thing in the mountains that fill this rugged Central Asian country, but the facts of life are off limits this year in Kyrgyz high schools.

An ethnic Kyrgyz nationalist drummed up a public outcry against a new sex education book and pressed the government into withdrawing the text before school started in September.

The book, a teacher's guide titled "Healthy Way of Life," also addressed subjects such as smoking and drugs.

"We looked for people to write the book, but we couldn't find anybody who was ready to do it," Shapiro said. "Teachers were saying they didn't know AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. And doctors were saying they didn't know methods of teaching." AIDS is spreading rapidly in this nation of 4.5 million. More than 450 people are registered as being infected with HIV — a ninefold jump in three years — but the actual number is believed to be far higher. Most HIV cases are related to drug use, and prostitution is also rising due to poor economic conditions.

"After allowing for public comment on the sex education text — during which Shapiro said he received none — some 2,000 copies were published in 2001 with $60,000 in funds from the government and the United Nations."

It was then that criticism began flooding in.

Akin Toktaliyev, a well-known nationalistic, filed a lawsuit against Shapiro for $120,000 in moral damages, claiming his son had been corrupted by the text and arguing the book didn't take into account Kyrgyz cultural points.

"Our mentality has existed for centuries and will live for quite long. (Shapiro's) goal is to ruin our society, to spoil young people and teach them sex," said Toktaliyev, who heads the organization To Protect the Dignity of the Kyrgyz People. Toktaliyev had earlier gained notice by campaigning against a Russian newspaper that he accused of misspelling the word "Kyrgez."

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WASHINGTON — Hospitals hired 100,000 new nurses last year, the majority over age 50 or foreign-born — easing but not ending a seven-nation wide nursing shortage, a new analysis found.

The surge of older nurses is welcome, but only temporarily helpful because they’ll retire at the same time. Hospitals need even more nurses to keep up with the aging population, said study co-author Peter Buerhaus, associate dean of Vanderbilt University’s nursing school.

The number of foreign-born nurses is sure to continue growing, a trend that hospitals and policy makers must plan for so that decisions on how to incorporate and train these workers can be made, said the report, published in the journal Health Affairs.

The current nursing shortage began in 1999, fueled by, among other things, longer hours and increasingly demanding working conditions that caused experienced nurses to leave the field.

The government has projected that the nation could face a shortfall of half a million nurses by 2015.

Buerhaus used a Census Bureau employment survey to analyze trends in nursing employment, and found that hospitals hired 100,000 new nurses last year, a 9 percent increase from 2001. (Nursing employment in non-hospital settings, such as nursing homes and doctors’ offices, dropped almost 1 percent.)

Almost all the new hires were over 50 or foreign-born.

There are several possible reasons for the sudden jump. Wages for hospital nurses grew by nearly 5 percent last year, providing an incentive for some nurses to re-enter the field. A poor economy may have led some nurses back to work if their spouses had job trouble, Buerhaus added, noting that married nurses accounted for almost all of the increase.

Also hospitals may have felt pressure to hire more staff because of media reports that the nursing shortage was harming patient care, he said.

At the same time, employment of nurses younger than 35 dropped 8 percent last year, and the number of nurses age 35 to 49 — long the bulk of the work force — grew by just 4.5 percent.

Recent efforts to get younger people more interested in nursing are running into budget snags. Buerhaus noted. Nursing schools turned away more than 5,000 qualified applicants in the past year because of shortages of faculty and classroom space.

The American Nursing Association agreed that the hiring upswing doesn’t mark an end to the shortage.

“What will be important is to see if hospitals are able to return nurses over the long term,” said ANA spokeswoman Cindy Brice. “You need to change the working conditions of nurses in order to tackle the larger problem.”

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Landscape architecture class confronts issues through a visual medium

Dexter Lawn was bombed with rockets, while human-sized cell phones loitered on the lawn in front of building 36. An empty shanty was surrounded by the paperwork that can plague migrant farm workers, leading to the question “who really pays the price?”

Last week’s installation art was large, confrontational and different. And there are 15 pieces of artwork to come.

The installation art around campus is part of a group project completed in the landscape architecture design theory class. Beth Diamond, the instructor of the class, said the point of the project is to create dialogue. “Everyone is not going to agree with everything,” she said. “The point is to engage the public, to transform society by confronting difficult social relations.”

The class is required for landscape architecture students and is only offered during Fall quarter. Students form groups of two to five people and design and build the art while seeking any necessary permission to put up the art.

EIGHTEEN DIFFERENT PROJECTS WILL BE DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER IN VARIOUS AREAS OF CAMPUS. This year the whole campus is open for display, but groups must schedule when and where they are allowed to put art with the university scheduler and sometimes must get permission from maintenance, campus police and people in charge of the desired area, Diamond said.

“This is a learning tool,” Diamond said. “The campus is here as the workshop.”

Half buried in Dexter Lawn and the brick walkway surrounding it were three hefty missiles that left students questioning their presence. “I didn’t know what to think,” said agribusiness junior Beth Vukmanic. “Are they supporting the people on them or opposing them?”

The front sign read “That’s my bitch” and was seen by some as offensive. Kathy Hessel, a member of the group wasn’t trying to take a side on the issue but rather provoke students to pay attention to where they are and have discussions with the people around them.

Installation art projects have been sparking conversation around campus the past couple of weeks. A display in the University Union on Wednesday targeted corporate greed (above), while another on the Mathematics Building lawn commented on society’s attachment to cell phones (left). Beth Diamond, the instructor of the class that creates the projects, said 15 more will pop up by the quarter’s end.

Diamond said the display was more abstract than some of the others and attracted a lot of room for interpretation. “The missiles were intended to address how the United States government used religion to justify the recent war,” she said.

The display in front of Campus Market hit closer to home, highlighting migrant farm workers, California taxpayers and the issues surrounding what the group calls the “Black market of labor.”

This was the most controversial project so far. The comment board that accompanied the display was filled with opinions, accusations and support, Diamond said.

Landscape architecture junior Tom Hessel, a member of the migrant worker display team, said the group wasn’t trying to take a side on the issue but rather provoke students to have a discussion of their own.

“It isn’t so much about the individual projects, but it’s more about getting people to pay attention to where they are and have discussions with the people around them,” Diamond said.

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“T h e s e projects are not about attacking,” she said. “They are about communication.”

The cell phones bearing expressions was the only installation art to generate a call to campus police.

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By Deanna Gallen

For many people, artistic expression is something that loses its priority to jobs and other commitments. Social and family pressures often lead talented young people toward the pursuit of more conventional goals.

For others, art is a way of life.

Robert Densham is one of those few who has been able to develop a career that is a reflection of his passion for art.

With a little luck and a lot of talent and drive, Densham propelled a childhood hobby of building models and his love of sketching into a wide ranging and prolific career in art and design. The University Art Gallery is featuring a retrospective show of Densham's work until Nov. 16.

Densham is a recently retired professor who had worked at Cal Poly for 26 years. He plans to continue teaching part-time in the art and design departments for the next five years because he does not want to leave the students and the learning environment that have contributed much to his personal growth.

"Robert is also a big part of the history of the graphic design program here at Cal Poly," said art and design department chair Eric Johnson. "He is one of those few responsible for its success and incredible demand from students.

Densham's career spans many years and several industries, from his original background in illustration, to graphic and package design, to extensive life drawing, painting and digital printing. He has done free-lancing and has worked in commercial illustration and design.

He also spent two years as a freelance designer in Oslo, Norway, while taking a break from teaching.

Densham said he gained much from the experience. "Learning a new language made me realize how language determines the way you see the world." Densham said.

His time in Norway was also valuable because he gained experience in finding and generating his own commercial art projects.

But for Densham, drawing the human figure has been his great passion. He sets aside formal drawing time each week.

"The constant for Robert, in the great tradition of visual artists, is his sketchbook," Johnson said. "His work with pencil on paper is at an extraordinary level of accomplishment." Johnson said the sketchbook is how Densham interprets the visual world.

"I'd like to see that, as well as his whole career," Johnson said.

Densham's career is also marked by the level of effort and creativity he has invested in his work to develop a career that is a reflection of his passion for art.

"I always put more time into my work than was expected," Densham said. "In the end I would be more than satisfied with the product and exceeded the client's expectations."

Densham's desire for continuing improvement has helped him develop an expertise in several different art media. He has taught courses such as computer imaging and design, symbolics, drawing and corporate identity.

A recent accomplishment was the centennial pin designed for Cal Poly's 100-year anniversary. True to form, Densham will continue to develop his artistic and technical skills during his retirement.

"I'd like to see if this show will be able to travel, and I'm working on getting some of my posters into print," he said.

By Kendra Hodges

Local funk-rock band Siko has rocked the Central Coast since 2001, with its cool, youthful tunes that span hip-hop, jazz and funk and rock. The band will hit up UU Hour today at 11 a.m.

Their debut album, "Elephant Dream," features each band member's own take on melodic rhythm via their self-written lyrics and self-composed music. The band draws great influence from the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Incubus.

According to the band's biography, "Siko prides itself on its ability to turn any situation into a party and make even the (most) people pick up a dance.

Vocalist Ephraim Sommers points to the album's title track to sum up the band's message. "Elephant Dream" is about having a good time, living life to the best because life is a circus, and we should just have fun while we are here," Sommers said.

Siko began when percussionist Wyatt Lund, guitarist Justin Pecott and Trevor Jones got together after their jazz band years at Atascadero High School. Sommers later joined the group to complete the quartet, as the band made its mark on the local scene.

After playing nearly every venue in the area, the band has branched out, playing in Palm Springs and Isla Vista. Siko has also played two years consecutively at the Mid-State Fair and open up for Jamaican reggae artist Erkah-B at last spring's BMX & Band Blowout.

When they are not on the road, Siko can be caught playing for fans in downtown San Luis Obispo, typically at SLO Brewing Co. and Frog and Peach Pub on a bimonthly basis. The band wants to record a live album in the near future, which will display how the band has grown since their original album came out over a year ago, Sommers said.

"We figured out over time, as we got more comfortable with one another, where everyone wanted to take the sound of our music," Ephraim Sommers

"Our goal is to eventually go on tour," Sommers said. "We want to have our music heard but not have to change our style to get big. We just want to be able to entertain new crowds and push toward a life long career in music."
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Sex and the 'Soak and Poke'

O n the surface, San Luis Obispo is the epitome of mild mannered sexual conservatism. As you drive through the town, it's easy to spot the older generation, sitting on the sidewalks, for all the neighbors to see. Sure, the rumor mill is always charging out stories about the teacher who got busted for sleeping with a student or the "swinger" couple next door. But, overall, compared to the looseness of NorCal or SoCal, we are the metropolitan equivalent to a Catholic high school.

Yet despite this façade of innocence and chastity, there lies a shadow underworld of late night sexual rendezvous, bush­hounds, dare dares, and college annual affairs. The borders of the city limits, a place so baroque and full of intrigue that all who enter are overcome by its sexual power. It's the place where inhibitions and prudence are replaced with freaky-fantasy которомs and porno style exhibitions. Young vixens enter, only to leave as seasoned veterans in the art of sex­ual seduction.

I'm talking, of course, about the Sycamore Mineral Springs, otherwise known as the San Luis Soak and Poke. For those of you who don't know, the Soak and Poke is the grand communal sexual epicenter of San Luis Obispo. Hardly a night goes by without hordes of sex crazed couples making the 10 minute drive for a little dip in the magic sex inducing hot tubs, aphly named "Rendezvous" and "Shangri-La." On the horniness scale, it doesn't matter if you're a ten or a two for a grand, a guy or a gal. Anyone who enters the place after dark is guaranteed at least a little action. It's like the way some totes Standard bath.

There is definitely something in the water. The lobby of the Soak and Poke is like the Grand Central Station of sex. Rosy faced couples enter the place, champagne in hand, heads turned downward in fear of recognition and wait awkwardly for the clerk to assign them their sex vat. At the same time, a freshly sexual buzzome stumbles to the exit, barefoot and towelced, still basking in the afterglow of their exhausting three-hour romp in the magic liquids.

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The soapy water smell like flowers. I know, it's girly to be buying this and toweled, still basking in the afterglow of their exhausting three-hour romp in the magic liquids. If ever two friends should see each other, both parties play innocent and act like it's completely normal to bump into each other at 1:30 a.m. carrying a gallon jug of lube through the lobby of San Luis' hottest sex IcKale. The exchange will be "Swinging" elderly couple next door. But, overall, compared to Thursdays. That's my time.

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I have the right to write this commentary, and no one is going to take that right away.

It was granted to me in the U.S. Constitution, and unless the First Amendment is somehow abolished, I am going to hold on strongly to my right to openly speak and voice my opinions.

Freedom of speech is one of the basic civil liberties on which the country prides itself, yet, in schools across the nation, newly founded “zero tolerance” policies are depriving citizens of their First Amendment rights.

The proliferation of school violence in the late 1990s has resulted in widespread fear, and school officials are doing their part to protect the nation’s children. The zero tolerance policies developed by school districts to safeguard youth are doing the opposite by stripping away their constitutional rights and freedoms.

The expulsion of a Georgia high school student is the latest of such censorship. According to a recent CNN article, Rachel Boim was expelled on Oct. 22 for writing a fictional account of a student who falls asleep in class and dreams of killing a teacher. Boim and her father said in the article that the piece was purely fiction.

After her initial expulsion, school officials allowed Boim to return to school while the matter was further investigated, but the emotional damage was already too much for the student, so she filed a lawsuit to get released from school and travel.

This is just one of numerous accounts showing the loss of freedom of speech in schools across the nation.

The loss of such liberties is not new to students in the United States; the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of minors that the First Amendment is going to result in a massive school shooting, why do they further deliberated the matter?

Perhaps.

Fear of future school shootings and the corruption of the nation’s youth! Absolutely.

Despite student’s right to First Amendment freedoms in school, school principals have the responsibility of keeping students safe in their learning environment,” Culver said. “However, these rules are overkill. Zero tolerance policies rarely work.

If society believes a fictional story in a 14-year-old girl’s journal is going to result in a massive shooting, why do they allow violent television programs, or Stephen King novels? Stephen King has killed all sorts of people in gruesome fashions in his stories, and yet he is applauded for his work. When was the last time you saw King locked away and stripped of his freedom?

Emily Sorensen is a psychology senior.

More letters to the editor

Rapists will never take responsibility

Editor,

In the edition is right in her Oct. 30 letter, “Articles sent the wrong message to men.” Women are the victims in rape and do not deserve to be raped. One thing I always wondered, though, was how women can think that it’s totally the man’s fault they were raped. I know that if I walk in downtown Los Angeles by myself at 3 a.m., I’m likely to get mugged. Criminals don’t only target women.

And She’s right, men should take responsibility for their actions, but I wonder why anyone is bringing this point up at all. Did it not occur to anyone that we’re talking about baseless people who think it’s OK to rape women? That we’re talking about people who have no morals? Do you really think they’ll take responsibility for their actions because you say they should? If these people had a conscience, they wouldn’t do something as grossly immoral as raping a woman. As a man, I don’t rape women. I treat them with the respect they deserve, though many hate it when I do (respect equals discrimination).

The issue is more about why a woman would want to continue to put themselves in a position where they could get raped and then expect it not to eventually happen. But then, I am working with “a lesser, more ignorant (a man’s) mind.”

Jeff Comer is a biochemistry junior.

Partial birth abortions do save lives

Editor,

In response to Chris McClune’s letter on Nov. 3 (“Partial birth abortions don’t save lives”), he states, “there is no medical circumstance where a partial birth abortion would spare the life of the mother.”

This couldn’t be further from the truth.

Not only can it save the life of the mother, but also spare the pain and agony that children go through in the first months of life. Come to work with me in to Neonatal Unit at Sierra Vista or take a human genetics class and see how many reasons and ways babies will suffer early in life (Edwards’ and Patau’s Syndrome or severe hydrocephalus). Having children can be severely life threatening, especially in cases where the mother has certain diseases herself, such as certain types of diabetes. Before you base your opinions on such a blatant disregard for any medical truth, check your facts — you are dead wrong.

Emily Sorensen is a psychology senior.

Mustang Daily

Freedom of speech extends to students

In 1969, in the midst of Vietnam War protests, the Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District case made its way to the Supreme Court. The case involved three high school students who were suspended for refusal of removing armbands they wore to school as an act of war protest. The court ruled 7-2 in the students favor, establishing students rights to freedom of speech.

“The Supreme Court’s ruling in the Tinker case shows that the students don’t shed their constitutional rights when entering their school grounds,” Cal Poly political science professor John Culver said.

“Culver is right; students should not give away their rights in order to go to school. Then why is society putting on Binders and allowing school administrations to rob students and teach their civil rights?”

Ignorance about the completeness of constitutional rights?

Perhaps.

Rapists will never take responsibility

Dear Editor,

Regarding the Whitaker sex column: Ms. Newman is quoted in the New Times (“For mature audiences only”) Oct. 23 to 30 as saying that Mustang Daily Strikes have a limited viewing audience — a newspaper that is “edgy” and does not “follow the status quo.”

Well, I suppose if Mustang Daily defines edgy journalism as simply a repetition of pop culture ideology similar to what one would expect to find in Maxim or Cosmopolitan, then Whitaker’s column (“Nothing fresher than freshmen” Sept. 25) is a winner. His article perfectly depicts a masculine stereotyped: Man as rape-sex-craved stud who will consider any manipulation (or crime?) so he can score. So much for defying the status quo.

When will our societal norms reject the perpetuation of such degrading and dangerous gender stereotypes? When will we recognize that such attitudes are the underpinnings of, if not a rape culture, a culture where men and women are reduced to pursuers and sex objects?

In response to the criticisms he has received, Whitaker is quoted in the same New Times article as saying “People are going to read between the lines no matter what any male sex writer says.”

What is that suppose to mean? That readers should take his advice to upprecciate to “show (potential sexual part-

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van, meeting up with the band and a small group of Mustang faithful assembled just outside Townball Club. Once the game starts, I dive to sit in the press box, so that I can see the game. My new Running Thunder friend are in the Cal Poly section across the stadium. They stand for the entire game, cheering wildly as the Mustangs, down 2-1 in the 1st half, staged a 14-1 victory over the Aggies.

Players, band members and fans celebrated on field afterward. Having cheered for most of the game, my van buddies' voices are hoarse, their eyes glazed. It hits me now that I don't mind that Running Thunder is small and underappreciated. I know what it's like to rarely get a big response.

Graham Womack is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer. He intends to create his own fan club to cheer on his columns.

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Bryant, 25, is accused of raping a 19-year-old woman June 30 at a mountain resort near Edwards where she worked and he was a guest. Bryant says his preliminary hearing last Wednesday and Friday. Bryant's attorneys sought to allow him to skip Lakers home games between his Aug. 6 appearance in Eagle County Court, but they made no such request for Thursday's hearing.

During his preliminary hearing last month, a sheriff's investigator testified the woman's blood was found on Bryant's T-shirt. Defense attorneys suggested the woman was promiscuous.

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**Sun Devils angelic in Poly's eyes**

By Graham Woamack  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly women's soccer team tossed happily Monday at The Graduate in news of their NCAA tournament first-round match-up against Arizona State University based on ESPN2.

The 18th-ranked Mustangs (18-1-2) knew little about the unseeded Sun Devils (12-4-3), a team they've never played. Senior goalkeeper Greta Shirdon broke the silence with words directed at her teammates spread between three tables and glancing at various TV screens.

"Guys, we can take them," Shirdon said. "We can move on to the second round, just.

The Mustangs have reached the second round of the tournament once in their history in Division I, against the Revised Blues. Although they were confident they could do so again with their goal against ASU, it was Friday at Santa Clara University.

"Since it's an out-of-state game, we don't have much of a mind game going with them," Shirdon said. "We can just go in and play our game." 

Mike Petti set a school record for shutouts (15) and a school record for wins (16). "I haven't been on the team before, but I'm sure we have the best that this team," said freshman forward Kelsey Carroll who tied with Erin Martin for a team-high eight goals. "We play the way that we can, I think we can do really good and go really far.

If Cal Poly wins Friday, the Mustangs will advance to face either the Stanford Cardinal, or Santa Clara Broncos, for a 3 p.m. Sunday match at Santa Clara. Both teams present intriguing possibilities.

The Cardinal (10-8-2) knocked the Mustangs out of the NCAA tournament three years ago, so they're confident.

The 18th-ranked Mustangs (18-1-2) face UC Davis on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the third round, provided both teams make it that far.

The Mustangs have an overall record of 1-3 in three years of NCAA tournament play. Cal Poly won an NCAA Division II title in 1993.

Road Rules: Surviving a ride with the Mustang faithful

T he rented van wavered dangerously through crisp morning air, reminding me that it's barely past 7 a.m. Saturday, and my driver is more sleep-deprived than I.

I'm 30 minutes into a five-and-a-half hour trek to Northern California before the Cal Poly football team play UC Davis. The seven other people riding with me belong to Rev's Roadies, a campus organization that promotes Mustang sports.

Although I'm wearing a clubissued green and gold Running Thunder rugby shirt, I'm the impostor. I had assumed there'd be a bus or two bringing with zealous fans. There are only eight of us and we're not in any high-tech bus, either.

Running Thunder has a small core of members these days, and needless to say, even getting the van half-filled at $10 a person challenged club president Ken Witham.

Witham is behind the wheel, pelting us with the 101 and onto eastbound Highway 41, a man affirming his three hours of sleep with inspired driving. Witham tried to stay awake charting, laughing and requesting songs we could listen to on his laptop as we overtake center-divides, careening down the road.

He circulates 13 road rules, too. They're mostly statues like "Don't be a dick," but my favorite rule comes first:

1. The words of the SABICOT shall be obeyed at all times.

I ask what SABICOT is but no one answers me straight. They remind me that one person each trip is SABICOT and gets to randomly make up trip rules. Still, I don't know why the name sounds like a sexually transmitted infection.

When at last we arrive in Davis around 11:30 a.m., we look like a ragtag band of nomads than an invading army. We're parked 50 Cent full blast. We seek out the Mustang Daily.

**Kobe returns to court**

By Jon Sarce

EAGLE, Colo. — Kobe Bryant will be back in a Colorado courtroom Thursday for his first hearing before the judge that will preside over his sexual assault trial.

During his initial appearance in state district court, the Los Angeles Lakers' guard is expected to be formally advised of the charge against him, his rights and the penalty he faces if convicted.

Bryant could enter a plea, though that isn't expected soon.

Attorney Dan Recht said Bryant's attorneys probably will ask for an arrangement later this year to delay the start of the trial.

"My guess is the defense wants the trial to start after the basketball season," Recht said.

**CAL POLY FOOTBALL**

**Beck wins national honor**

Mustang Daily Staff Report

For the third time this season, Cal Poly Linebacker Jordan Beck has been named NCAA Division I-AA Independent Defensive Player of the Week.

Beck, who broke the school record for tackles in a game, was selected 13 tackles in an 18-14 Mustang win at UC Davis last Saturday.

Beck also returned a fumble 41 yards for the go-ahead touchdown late in the third quarter. It was his second career fumble recovery for a touchdown.

The 6-foot, 2-inch, 222-pound senior also had a sack among his three tackles for lost yardage and knocked down a UC Davis hail mary pass on the final play of the game. None of his tackles were solo stops.

Beck, a candidate for the Buck Buchanan Award as the top defensive player in NCAA Division I-AA, also was the Independents Defensive Player of the Week following the Sacramento State and Montana games.

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**#20 W Soccer**  
vs. UCSD  
**M Soccer**  
vs. Portland  
**#20 Football**  
vs. UC Davis  
**Volleyball**  
vs. Idaho  
**W Basketball**  
vs. Montana  
**Soccer**  
vs. Utah State  
**Schedule**

**Volleyball**  
Sat., Nov. 16, 7 p.m.  
**M Tennis**  
Fri-Sat, Nov. 15-16, 3 p.m.  
**#20 W Soccer**  
Fri, Nov. 15  
**#20 Football**  
Sat, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.  
**Volleyball**  
Sat, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.  
**M Soccer**  
Sat, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.  
**#15 X Country**  
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Sun, Nov. 17, 9 a.m.  
**M Basketball**  
Mon-Fri, Nov. 18-22  
**W Basketball**  
Mon-Fri, Nov. 18-22

**Stats**

**Corrections**

Oops!

Mustang Daily is committed to quality journalism. Please report any errors you see to the sports editor.

-The women's soccer team met at The Graduate on Monday, not Tuesday.

-Justin Woodward scored the men's soccer team's lone goal Sunday vs. Portland.

**TODAY**

Today's question

What town is in NL Rookie of the Year Donnelly Wells from?

Send answers to: sports@calpoly.edu

**What two Mustangs play for the Year Downtown White?**

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**Congratulations to one!**