Community offers peer support groups for women

Nicole Small
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College is a lot of fun with all the activities and parties, but there are some bumpy times as well.

Each day, unexpected events and many obstacles take place, and sometimes sharing these experiences with others can help ease the stress.

Beginning Oct. 5, the Women’s Community Center (WCC) will have a drop-in peer group Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 880 Industrial Way (in the Goodwill building).

Any subject is welcome.

There is no commitment to attending the weekly meeting, all are welcome to attend as many sessions as they wish. Donna Cobelens will be leading the group. Cobelens has experience in family and marriage counseling, as well as drug and alcohol counseling.

“We feel very pleased with her confidence and enthusiasm,” said WCC board member Susan Howes, whose interviews mentioned Cobelens.

In terms of the programs offered on campus, the director of Women’s Programs, Devon Hodgson, said programs have been set up for specific groups, but none of them have had enough people involved to be successful. Some groups that failed to take off include a women of color group and another for women who have had abortions.

“We find with students who are on campus, see Peer group, page 2

Bike Valet: Park it like it’s hot

Kelly Cope
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Local cyclists commuting to Farmers’ Market every week now have the option of enjoying a little peace of mind along with their produce and craft goods.

The San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition, along with Team SLO Nexus, a local cycling club, are offering a free Bike Valet service for patron who would like a safe place to park their bikes while out strolling the market. The location is at the intersection of Morro and Higuera streets.

Because it doesn’t have anybody who’s actively managing it,” Reed said. “But I’m torn, because it does provide a good service.”

Reed, who graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in computer science in 2003, worked to re-write the site in the summer of 2004 with one of its co-creators, Forrest Lanning. But Reed, who now works as an engineer for Mozilla Corporation, said he has not been in recent contact with Lanning about the site’s future because Lanning has been traveling abroad.

Lanning and Doug Dahms co-created Polyratings over winter break of 1998 before the site launched Jan. 9, 1999.

“ ‘I’m sort of unsure what to do with Polyratings because it doesn’t have an owner right now,” Reed said. “I don’t want to make any huge decisions without talking to (Lanning and Dahms)”.

As of 1 p.m. Tuesday, Polyratings featured 25,099 evaluations of 1,282 professors.

Reed said his biggest problem is finding time to approve the 216 new professors whom users have submitted via a form on the site.

“Polyratings 2 has been around for three or four years now,” Reed said. “It hasn’t really changed.”

Additionally, Reed said some professors remain in the professor list who have actually died since the site was last updated.

“There are some professors in there that have see Polyratings, page 2

Many college grads going home sweet home

Emily Glazer
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Evanston, Ill. - Students are moving back home after college, and they aren’t embarrassed about it, opting to forgo accidentally bleaching their favorite shirt, constantly eating cold pizza and forking over rent.

Northwestern University alumnus Peter Duchan, Communication ’05, is currently living in Manhattan but spent a year at home in Connecticut, while commuting to work in New York.

“When I got home off the train — even though my family had already eaten — there was a plate with a whole meal,” Duchan said.

Experience, Inc., a company that provides career services to students and alumni, polled recent graduates across the nation. In its 2006 survey, the company found that 58 percent of college grads moved home after college and 32 percent stayed home for more than a year.

These students have been labeled the “Boomerang Generation,” because they leave home for a period of time and then return. The boomerangers have become so widespread that author Elisa Furan wrote the book “Boomerang Nation: How to Survive Living With Your Parents ... The Second Time Around.”

The number of graduates moving back home remains constant, but moving back home is becoming more socially acceptable, she said.

“It used to be the ‘boomerang in the basement,’ but they’re really coming out of the basement, if see Home, page 2
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you will, and everyone is talking about it," Furman said. Some NU students are part of this trend. "I wanted to make sure I'd be happy in Manhattan," Duchan said. "For me, it was the financial security that the first year of not living in the city provided, and I would recommend it." Financial security is one of the most popular reasons for moving back home after graduating. "Society is so expensive. It's helpful to save more money by staying at home and creating a psychological secure base," said Hydalek. Duehan, director for community relations at Counseling and Psychological Services, also supports living at home after graduating. "I definitely living the life of the starving actor, and it's definitely nice not to have to do that just yet. We're doing the same things, but it just so happens that I have a more comfortable roof over my head." Current seniors said they have already begun thinking about their post-graduate plans. "After being on my own for four years and then changing to moderately relying on my parents, it might be a little difficult," said Emily Harbar, a Medill senior. But extra spending money and a stocked fridge are added bonuses she's looking forward to as well. Furman stressed that boomerangers are not the only people leaning on their parents for support. "Most people I know who didn't live at home still had a lot of financial help from their parents," she said. "It's not really fair to stigmatize boomerangers because they're not the only ones getting help." Horbar agreed. "A lot of people get jobs, and the job determines where you have to live, so their parents will help them," she said. Regardless, it's important for college students to remember that living at home shouldn't become permanent, Furman said. "They always think I'm going to be out of here in two months, three months, six months — they're always in denial," Furman said. "I'm not living at home. I'm just passing through for the next 10 years." Huang said he has hope for the boomerangers. "College graduates demonstrated the ability to survive independently already," he said. "They left home once. They can do it again!"

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ried and they haven't been cleaned up," Reed said. "That's not opti-
Reed said that about 80 percent of the four to six content edit requests he receives per school quarter are warranted, but he has not had the time to fulfill them. "I don't think it's fair to profes-
sors to have nobody watching it," he said.
Despite the site being outdated, student reaction Tuesday to the possibility of Polyratings being shut down was of surprise and discon-
"I use the site whenever I'm trying to register or reach classes," English sophomore Suzi Wakesaki said. "Overall it gives a good overview."
Architecture sophomore David Bidakle echoed those sentiments. "It kind of gives you information about teaching styles. I use it every quarter."
Reed has found it difficult to shape the site around the current student body in recent years because he is seldom on campus anymore. "You see professor rating engines but they're nationwide and a lot of times they're not very in time with the local campus," Reed said. "I really think you need someone who has a local context for things. That's what I think Polyratings is lacking most right now — I haven't been part of the campus community for three years, now so I don't have a good pulse on what's going on."
Reed said whomever takes over, possibly a group of students, might need to spend only a half-hour per week throughout an entire quarter approving professors. However, Reed said a few-months training program would be in order and he would prefer the person taking over to be either a freshman or sophomore so they could continue to work on the site for at least two years. "I would not recommend they take on this project if they're working on senior projects," Reed said. The likeliest candidate to take over would be a computer science student, Reed speculated, but he said he would easily take a student from another major with more time and interest. "If somebody takes it over, I want it to be reasonable in terms of control," he said. Those interested in the position are advised to use the "contact us" link in the upper right corner of the site. "I would seriously consider shutting it down if nobody came around," Reed said.

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requires about six volunteers to run effectively every week.
There is a main group of about ten volunteers who make decisions for the group and bring essential supplies for each week. Peak Rocks also created many of the bike racks in use around town, such as in front of Limone's, Mountain Air, and the San Luis Obispo City/County Library.
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school is a priority and don't take time to come to meetings," said Annees Williams, communication studies major who works with Hodgen. However, Williams is optimistic about this year because she and Hodgen, who came last January, have already made many changes to the Women's Center and have ideas for the upcoming year. To get involved or to find out more about Women's Programs offered on campus, visit the Women's Center in building 65, Room 217. For more information about women's programs in the community, call the WCC at 541-9313.

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DNA could lead water sleuths to septic tanks of Malibu's stars

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MALIBU — The mystery: Just whose waste is befouling the most celebrity-saturated stretch of California coast? The suspects: Malibu residents whose septic tanks might let what gets flushed down the toilet flow down the hills and into the Pacific.

The strategy: DNA testing and a pledge, if need be, to get court warrants to inspect leaky tanks buried beneath the backyards of Hollywood stars.

"This is going to get messy," predicts Mark Postrella, the Los Angeles County public works official tasked with the project.

"Loyalty to septic system runs deep in a city that was incorporated to stop construction of a sewer line. Residents who fiercely deny that their tanks are the source of ocean bacteria also fiercely guard their privacy and their right to flush the estimated 2,400 septic tanks in a city strong along 25 miles of coast.

After decades of wrangling, county officials are promising to get tough — threats of hefty fines or court orders, they'll follow the trail up creeks that traverse neighborhoods in Malibu, where clean water advocates such as Pierce Bronson and Ted Danson live.

Where the tests show a concentration of human waste, inspectors will death out the source. Though they won't request DNA samples from residents to match waste with its human source, they say they may ask a judge for authority to inspect tanks of property owners who bar them from taking samples.

"It's a big deal that the county is now saying 'We're willing to go on to properties to see what the source of fecal contamination is,'" said Mark Gold, executive director of the local environmental group Heal the Bay.

Malibu leaders have argued that pollution comes from a wastewater treatment plant, storm runoff and bird droppings. The lack of a sewer system limits development and preserves rustic details amid million-dollar homes. Osked-shaded private paths through the canyons and spill onto the beaches have attracted numerous environmentally minded celebrities over the years, including Sting and Tom Hanks.

At least one Malibu resident believes septic tanks aren't the problem. Actress and animal rights activist Pamela Anderson said that the real polluter is animal agriculture, such as chicken farms.

"When the results of these tests come back, I'll bet that once again we'll find that it's people's meat addiction, not their septic tanks, is causing this pollution," Anderson wrote in an e-mail through her publicist. "The best thing any of us can do to fight pollution is to adopt a vegetarian diet."

County officials initially will focus on properties with heavier commode traffic, such as restaurants and Barbra Streisand's old estate.

In 1993, the singer donated her property to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, a state organization that has held weddings, conferences and public tours at the 22-acre estate. Conservancy spokeswoman Dush Stolarz said the site has a sophisticated septic system but still hasn't hosted a wedding in two years and in June temporarily halted tours.

If county officials locate suspect systems, they'll inform the Los Angeles Water Quality Board. The board could fine homeowners or require them to upgrade their systems at an estimated cost of $30,000.

President H. David Nahai said he's optimistic that residents will want to comply with the investigation.

"The very cachet of Malibu and the high property values they enjoy are dependent upon a clean ocean," he said.

Some of the area's most famous spots, including legendary Surfrider Beach, have repeatedly received poor grades in Heal the Bay's annual beach report card. Most contamination happens during winter when heavy rains overload storm drain and sewage systems, washing waste directly into the sea. Swimming in such waters can cause gastroenteritis, respiratory and other illnesses.

Pollutants in Santa Monica Bay have been a problem for decades. The water quality has drastically declined in the 20th century as the Los Angeles area boomed and dumped sewage and trash into the ocean. In 1985, the director of Los Angeles County's health services declared septic tanks a health hazard after 12 miles of coast were closed for more than two months because of overflows.

Water quality has improved through programs mandated by the Clean Water Act and the dogged efforts of various conservation groups. A major boost came in September, when the water board decided to fine Los Angeles County and municipalities surrounding Santa Monica Bay up to $10,000 a day if they don't meet clean water standards.

Still, skeptics see the DNA testing program, which will cost an estimated $1 million, as a delay tactic that will let the county blame Malibu.

"It's time for us to find real solutions to our bacteria problems," said Tracy Egoscue, who heads the Santa Monica Baykeeper, "and stop chasing ghosts up the watershed."
**National briefs**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday signed a homeland security bill that includes an overhaul of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and $12 billion for fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border to stem illegal immigration. Standing before a mountaintop backdrop in Arizona, a state that has been the center of much debate over recent border, Bush signed into law a $35 billion homeland security spending bill that could bring hundreds of miles of fencing to the busiest illegal entry point on the U.S.-Mexican border.

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The thieves have pulled off or attempted such thefts at least 21 times this year in the Phoenix area alone.

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between Iran and the United Nations Security Council after attacks on an oil company convoy and a pumping station, officials said.

An e-mail from the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta said nine people were killed in 90 minutes of fighting with government forces at the pumping station belonging to a Royal Dutch Shell PLC subsidiary about 25 miles west of Port Harcourt.

The group, known as MEND, said it acted defensively after being attacked by army gunboats and a helicopter gunship. The militants said they planned more attacks and warned oil companies to evacuate staff.

"We will commence with a number of strategic attacks on targets of relevance. This will commence with effect from today and will increase in severity depending on the response from the Nigerian military," the e-mail said.

Operators of oil facilities in the region "are advised to evacuate their staff," it added.

**ROY DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Prosecutors could charge two American pilots of an executive jet with manslaughter following the high-altitude collision with a Brazilian jetliner that apparently led to a crash that killed all 155 people aboard, federal police said Wednesday.**

Police seized the passports of pilots Joseph Lepore and Jan Paladino, both from New York State. The two were not arrested, but cannot leave the country.

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A series of bombs went off in rapid succession in a shopping district in a main Christian neighborhood of Baghdad on Wednesday, killing nine people and wounding 71, police said.**

Other attacks around Iraq killed four police officers, and the U.S. military announced the death of a soldier in the north.

A car bomb and two roadside bombs blew up within 10 minutes just before noon in a shopping district of the predominantly Christian Camp Sara neighborhood, 1st Lt. Ali Abbas said.

The wounded including shoppers and 15 police officers. The blasts destroyed cars and collapsed part of the nearby building, he said.

In an earlier attack in the area, two policemen were killed and two others injured when their car was hit by a roadside bomb, Abbas said.

Meanwhile in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, gunmen attacked a police post, blew up within 10 minutes just before noon in a shopping district of the predominantly Christian Camp Sara neighborhood, 1st Lt. Ali Abbas said.

"We are still waiting for the money," he said.

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**Cleanup to start soon at castle damaged in war oil spill**

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BYBLOS, Lebanon — Cleanup is set to begin within days at the first of three ancient World Heritage sites damaged in the summer’s Hezbollah-led war — a crumbling old castle rising from the Mediterranean whose foundation stones are now coated with oil sludge.

Tons of thousands of dollars from European and other donors will go toward repairing the damage at the three sites — first at this ancient Phoenician port city whose history stretches back 7,000 years, then to Roman ruins at Baalbek and Roman-era frescoes in Tyre.

But officials say they also worry that many other historic sites, such as old wells, or markets, not listed by UNESCO as World Heritage sites, also were damaged and are getting less attention.

In Byblos, once teeming with fishermen and tourists, the famous ruins of the crumbling castle-fortress, which have provided the backdrop for dozens of international concerts, are now blackened at the base with scum from an oil spill.

The oil spilled after Israeli air strikes hit fuel storage tanks on Lebanon’s coast in mid-July, during the war against Hezbollah.

"The stones of the two towers at the port’s entrance, and all the archaeological ruins, are very dirty," said Mourir Bouchenaki, who headed a UNESCO team that traveled to Lebanon to inspect the sites after the Aug. 14 cease-fire.

The cost of the cleanup could be around $100,000, and the work is expected to start within days after money arrives and coordination with Lebanese officials is completed, he said.

Byblos, one of the oldest inhabited cities in the world, has been linked to the legends and history of the Mediterranean region for thousands of years and is directly associated with the history and diffusion of the Phoenician alphabet.

The English word ‘Bible’ is believed to be derived from Byblos, meaning "the papyrus," or "the book," with Israel.

The charming harbor town is a major tourist site where international summits are held every year.

The site must be cleaned before winter to prevent permanent damage, said Bouchenaki, who also is director-general of the International Center for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property.

Other challenges await.

Down the southern coast at Tyre, valuable frescoes in a Roman-era tomb were shaken to the ground. And inland, a block of stone at the Roman ruins of Baalbek was toppled.

In addition, already existing cracks in the temples of Jupiter and Bacchus at Baalbek may have widened because of vibrations from bombings in the area, says the UNESCO team and Lebanese officials.

Tyre, a Mediterranean country of four million people, has five UNESCO World Heritage sites: Baalbek, Tyre and Byblos, plus Asur and the Holy Valley of Qadisha and the Forest of the Cedars of God in northern Lebanon.

The country’s archaeological treasures have already been damaged by earthquakes and wars — some of them lost during fighting that lasted 19 years.

The sites were spared any direct hits in the war between Israel and Lebanon’s Hezbollah. But officially, Baalbek and Tyre are in urgent need of repairs, according to Lebanese officials and the UNESCO team.

Across the country, dozens of other old traditional buildings, hilltop castles and ancient bridges were damaged.

"We are still taking stock of our losses," said Omar Halablab, director general of Lebanon’s Culture Ministry.

Bouchenaki agreed that more serious damage was done during operations, including attacks on non-listed historic structures, old mosques and buildings all over the country, particularly in south Lebanon near the border with Israel.

"We think that another mission is necessary to study the impact of the bombings on the sites not listed as World Heritage sites, but are equally important," he said.

Bouchenaki said he was using sophisticated photographic measurement technology would be needed to determine the extent of damage to Baalbek’s colossal structures. The temple is located just few hundred yards from the center of Baalbek, a Hezbollah stronghold that was repeatedly targeted by Israeli bombing.

Frederique Husseini, director general of Lebanon’s antiquities department, said other sites, such as the old souk in Baalbek and 19th- and 20th-century buildings in eastern and southern Lebanon were devasted in heavy combat and bombing.

He said Lebanon had requested $500,000 in aid from European donors to restore part of the souk in Baalbek and $900,000 for the restoration of old castles that were damaged.

"We are still waiting for the money," he said.

**String of bombs in Baghdad shopping district kills 9**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A series of bombs went off in rapid succession in a shopping district in a main Christian neighborhood of Baghdad on Wednesday, killing nine people and wounding 71, police said.

Other attacks around Iraq killed four police officers, and the U.S. military announced the death of a soldier in the north.

A car bomb and two roadside bombs blew up within 10 minutes just before noon in a shopping district of the predominantly

**The wounded including shoppers and 15 police officers. The blasts destroyed cars and collapsed part of the nearby building, he said.**

In an earlier attack in the area, two policemen were killed and two others injured when their car was hit by a roadside bomb, Abbas said.

Meanwhile in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, gunmen attacked a police post, blew up within 10 minutes just before noon in a shopping district of the predominantly Christian Camp Sara neighborhood, 1st Lt. Ali Abbas said.

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When you stepped out of your front door this morning and went to class only to discover that the reason everyone was laughing and pointing fingers in your direction was because your roommate had crudely drawn a giant phallic on your forehead, immediate and bittersweet revenge became your No. 1 modus operandi.

Oh, yes. Your roommate is doomed to feel the same shock and embarrassment you felt as you walked around campus advertising a woody on your dome-piece. But you need a game plan.

What you need is a devicé to prankso killer and so deviously evil that your roommate will never recover from the wounds of shame and your peers will toast your antics like they were the stuff of legends.

However, if you’re short on creative juice, and in dire need of devilish inspiration for the prank of all pranks, who can you turn to?

Well, we here at the Mustang Daily recently received a nifty little guidebook that could just be an inspiring piece of literature for your lack of prankster talent. It’s called “Prank University,” and right off the bat, it claims to be “the ultimate guide to college’s greatest tradition—the prank.”

Written by John Austin, a college graduate and self-proclaimed prank aficionado, “Prank University” just might be the perfect aid for discovering that one genuinely hilarious or disgusting prank to enrile the hell out your roommate, friends, or if you’re a real jock, any innocent person your devious heart desires.

“Why show compassion to your roommate when you can terrify them to the point of insanity,” Austin writes. And with over one hundred different pranks documented, one could possibly string enough together to infuriate an entire dormitory.

Immediate kudos go to the layout of the book that makes it quite easy for anyone to understand how the pranks should be choreographed. Equal parts pictures and description—equal parts instructions laid out for any devious deed ("fill a bag with poop, put it on someone’s porch, then run like hell.")

The book even includes a checklist at the top of each page for “successful attempts” of every prank and a couple of blank pages at the end entitled the “Prank Journal” so that one could boast a tally sheet and documentation of victims who have suffered the wrath from a variety of gimmicks and gags.

However, boasting about your record of mischief is only as good as the clever and ingenious pranks you pull. So the question that beg to be answered is whether or not the contents of this handbook themselves—the pranks—are enough to consider "Prank University" as the bible of all things dastardly and devise.

Of the one hundred pranks listed within “Prank University” there are definitely some genius shenanigans that will certainly earn you high marks as a master of mischief. Devious deeds such as “wasabi in the toothpaste,” “rain mache,” and the “gay pants screen saver” are a few surefire ways to make your victim a hater for life.

The “flying fish in the motor prank,” where one deposits a raw fish under the hood ensuring that the motor will eventually fry the campus and make your victim’s vehicle smell worse than a sausage packing plant, is definitely tops.

But where “Prank University” falls well short of ingenuity lies in the hundreds of pranks that won’t earn anyone notoriety—except for being an annoying prick.

And at times, content such as the “plastic forks in the lawn” escapee (where one takes a shit-load of forks and sticks them into someone’s lawn to make an army of cret untenable or the “popcorn avalanche” bag (where one takes a shit-load of forks and sticks them into someone’s lawn to make an avalanche)

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MOVIE REVIEW

The Illusionist' mystifies with stellar cast, cinematography

Christina Casi

As children, we all believe that miracles can happen and that a simple man can pull a rabbit out of a hat. "When we grow up, we begin to doubt all of it, except when it is stirred up in us once again. "The Illusionist" is the sort of movie that brings back the desire to believe in our childhood fantasies. Not only does the movie give the audience hope in magic; it takes the whole theater to a different world that we have only heard about in history books.

Set in Vienna at the turn of the century, the costumes, characters and cinematography literally bring every person into the era with them. Edward Norton plays Eisenheim, the magician who only wants to solve the one mystery he can’t love – love. Norton gives the character so much life that by the time the movie is over, you are convinced he should be walking out of the theater next to you.

Unlike Norton, Jessica Biel has not stunned us in her past movies like “Strelish” and “Blades of Glory.” However, her performance in “The Illusionist” as Sophie was beyond expectations. Stuck in a relationship she does not want to be in and in love with a person from her past, Biel makes us sympathize with the character. Though we in no way can try to understand high-class tradition in that time, or even underlying dilemmas is very familiar to us. The other cast members played their parts just as well. Paul Giamatti separates from his self-loving character in “Sideways” and gives us the performance we have been waiting for. He plays the chief inspector that has a loyalty to the king, but can’t seem to leave his humble roots behind. Throughout the film you can see his frustration with wanting to do what is expected of him and what he knows is right. Giamatti gives the character substance unlike anyone before.

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In all, the movie is worthy of your $8 to $9. The twist at the end is enough to get you to see the movie at all and the acting is outstanding. So, with your Poly Card in hand, go get your student ticket and prepare to go back in time to Vienna and make a couple new friends called Sophie and Eisenheim.

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Simple walk to school a reality 'Czech' in Prague

I take one step off the curb onto the cobblestone street and my journey has begun, down the hill, past the castle on my left, past the couple sipping plums of Gambrinus patio-side on my right — never mind that it's only 10 a.m. — this is the Czech Republic. This is the country that consumes the most beer per capita as any other. And 30 a.m. is a fine time to start drinking.

I walk towards town, my classroom in mind as my final destination, although I know I will soon be distracted by the warm apple strudel pastries that sit patiently in glass cases for all who walk by to eye.

As I continue my journey to class with one of these delicious pastries in hand, I find myself approaching the man playing the violin near the café. His soft eyes and weathered skin create a sense of curiosity in me to know what his story is, what has he seen and endured while this country was under communist rule; I know he has a lot to tell.

Now I embrace the lookout point where I take in the whole view of the city, it's bustling with people. I am only a quarter of the way through my journey, but because of the view and the sun on my back I don't mind. I continue down many steps, OK, I'm a bit tired and hung-over from a ridiculously crazy night at the clubs and bars that lasted until five this morning, but that's alright. I'm 20 years old, I can always sleep later. Last night my friends and I frequented Sunny, the bar next to our dorm, before making our way to the typically popular Czech '80s club that features Madonna, U2, Duran Duran and Banana Rama, for fun times.

By now I'm descending upon the river, and I pass outdoor café after outdoor café. I turn a corner and find a great old statue, then another; the next street reveals a cathedral that stretches and reaches up to the sky. I walk through a park and begin to cross the bridge as my school building comes into view. I can't believe it. Do I really attend class in this magnificent building? It seems unreal.

I reconvene with some friends in the cafeteria and we discuss cute earings and beautiful paintings and find them hard to pass up. I have to restrain myself because I just spent a lot of my money this month on plane tickets to Amsterdam, Florence, and Barcelona. My 12-day break is soon approaching with and all these destinations in close proxim- ity I absolutely must find my way to them.

I reach my school building with time to spare so I head to the cafeteria where I can quench my thirst with a pilsner for seventeen crowns, which is about 75 cents for a half liter! I am very spoiled by how cheap Prague is. I reconvene with some friends in the cafeteria and we discuss cute earings and beautiful paintings and reminisce the many stories from Oktoberfest in Munich, which we arrived back from just the other day. We all agree it was the craziest 24 hours of our lives. From standing on tables cheering-ing liter after liter of German beer with random foreigners, to sleeping for an hour total on the metro station floor, to acciden­ tally leaving one of our drunken friends in Germany ... it was an outrageous adventure.

Well, I have made it through the long enjoyable trek to my photography class, which has now begun. I stare out the window at the picturesque view of the castle surrounded by surrounding beautiful buildings and the river below. What's next, you ask? Well, after class I plan to make my way to the relaxing beer garden, where I can lay in the sunny park with friends among the flowers and trees, and gaze out at the view of Prague. Or I'll possi­ bly venture to Old Town Square where I will sit with my latte in awe of my present surroundings and people watch. Either way, the journey goes on, and life here remains simply amazing.
STAFF COMMENTARY

Skateboard ban on campus irrational

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Pendleton Marine pleads not guilty to murder, kidnapping of Iraqi civilian

Thomas Watkins
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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A Marine pleaded not guilty Wednesday to murder and kidnapping charges stemming from the death of a civilian man in rural Iraq.

Pfc. John J. Jodka III is one of seven Marines and a Navy corpsman charged with kidnapping and murdering 52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad last April in the town of Hambana.

He was the first of the eight to be arraigned. The arraignment for Cpl. Marshall L. Magincalda was set for later Wednesday and a third Marine is expected to be arraigned next week.

Preliminary hearings for the other troops are expected in coming weeks.

At his arraignment, Jodka spoke little, simply confirming his identity and entering his plea. Through his attorney, Joseph Casas, he said he wanted to be tried by a jury of civilians, rather than by a judge alone.

Jodka wore a short-sleeved khaki service uniform which was decorated with several medal ribbons. He took notes throughout the proceedings.

Judge Col. Steven Folsom said he was concerned with the amount of information that had been disseminated by both civilian defense lawyers and Camp Pendleton on its Web site about Jodka’s case. He issued a temporary order prohibiting both the government and the defense from discussing details of the case with the news media.

“T­here is a real possibility we could have [jury] members from the local Camp Pendleton area,” Folsom said. “And I was concerned with pretrial exposure to those members.”

Folsom also issued an order prohibiting potential jury members from talking to the press about the case. He ruled that a closed-circuit television feed from court proceedings should remain switched on.

Marine prosecutor Lt. Col. John Baker said he was concerned the order would make it too hard for the public to get information on the case.

“The process seems to be overly mechanical, is not flexible and will delay information getting out,” Baker said.

Folsom said the order was not perfect and would be reviewed at a motions hearing Oct. 23.

The gag order does not apply to seven troops — yet.

Both Jodka and Magincalda also are charged with conspiracy and housebreaking. Jodka also faces an assault charge and Magincalda additionally is charged with lan­cency and making a false official statement. All eight troops have been in the brig since May.

Jodka pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Jodka, 20, and Magincalda, 23, face up to life in prison if convicted.

The commanding general in the case — last week ruled that the two and a third Marine, Lance Cpl. Jerry E. Shumate, should not face the death penalty — will come after their pre­liminary hearings.

According to prosecutors, some of the troops kidnapped Awad on April 26, bound his feet, dragged him from his home and shot him to death in a roadside hole. All have been charged with murder and kidnapping even though charging documents show some of the men did not fire on Awad. This is because they are liable as accomplices, attorneys say.

Charging documents do not spell out a possible motive, but say the group went looking for a known terrorist. When they couldn’t find one, the documents say, they entered Awad’s home and took him against his will.

Jodka is accused of firing his M-149 squad automatic weapon at Awad, along with four other troops alleged to have opened fire.

Some of the troops — including Magincalda, according to charge sheets — are accused of stealing an AK-47 assault rifle and a shovel and placing them in the hole with Awad’s body, apparently to make it look like he was an insurgent plant­ing a bomb. The Navy corpsman is accused of firing the AK-47 in the air and Magincalda of placing the expended shell casings by Awad’s body.

Since the start of the Iraq war in 2003, at least 14 members of the U.S. military have been convicted in connection with the deaths of Iraqis.

Two received sentences of up to life in prison, while most others were given little or no jail time.

Jodka’s trial date was set for March 5, 2007.

U.S. Marines battle persistent rumor mill in isolated western Iraq

Antonio Castaneda
Associated Press

HADITHA, Iraq — Word spread quickly: A Marine search dog had escaped and was mau­ning the streets, attacking children. But the Marines didn’t have any dogs in Haditha at the time.

Nevertheless, Marines found themselves having to quash yet another of the baseless rumors that often sweep this city of about 50,000 people, most of them Sunni Arabs wary of U.S. intentions in Iraq.

Rumors — most of them malign­ing U.S. troops — are a staple of life in the embattled, isolated cities of Anbar province, a region that is a center of the Sunni Arab-led insurg­ency and where telephones don’t work and newspapers rarely appear.

Many residents are afraid to visit other parts of the country such as Baghdad, 140 miles to the southeast, for fear they’ll run afoul of Shiite death squads.

In their isolation, most people rely on Arab television networks such as Al-Jazeera for news of the outside world. For local news, the main medium is word of mouth.

No one is sure how the dog rumor started but soon terrified people were complaining to tribal leaders about a violent animal on the loose. The director of the city hospi­tal even told reporters that seven children had been bitten.

The Americans must be to blame, many people concluded.

“We heard this from the people about dogs mauling the street, the market, that have bitten 20 people,” one tribal leader was overheard complaining to a Marine officer.

“Well, they’re not our dogs. We’d know if they were ours,” replied Capt. Andy Lynch of Chicago, a company commander in the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

That didn’t satisfy the sheik, who instead, “Our dogs don’t bite,” Lynch told him the Marines didn’t have any search dogs in Haditha.
Freshmen in 2003-04 paid an average of $898 per year for textbooks. That means students pay more than $28 per week for books.

"This semester was awful," Erikson said. "The cheapest book I got cost $20." Erikson is getting frustrated as she spends more money on books each semester and her student loans pile up. "It's just not necessary," Erikson said. "Books don't cost that much to make, so they shouldn't cost that much to buy." New college textbooks can be marked up 23 percent or more before a student even sees them. Used textbooks, which are generally in far greater demand, are marked up as much as 33 percent of their market value, according to the report.

One major factor contributing to price increases is the CDs or supplemental booklets packaged with new textbooks. Publishers told the Government Accountability Office that they invested heavily to develop those supplements in response to instructors' requests.

"Admissions is an industry with an impressive amount of paperwork," Powell said. "We've taken a decades-old process and modernized it," Powell said. "It eliminates paperwork, it streamlines the admissions process, even when children were still in middle school." Powell evaluated what he perceives to be a "very Brown-esque idea." Powell said he believes the admissions process seems less daunting to students who might not be as focused families were on the college admissions process, even when children were still in middle school.

"They start the process of integrating ConnectEdu into their schools," Powell said. "Hope High School served as a pilot district." Powell said he has been educated and expanded into high schools in 35 states as well as schools in Canada and the District of Columbia. Powell said he believes the admissions process benefits from the streamlining his company provides.

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ConnectEdu designed to equalize college admissions game

Irene Chen
Harvard College (Brown U.)

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The college admissions process is often associated with the pressure of deadlines and emotional decision-making. Craig Powell, '01, founder and president of ConnectEdu, is trying to change that process more efficient, if not less stressful.

ConnectEdu is an online program that enables students, students and parents to communicate and organize their applications. Students can do everything from uploading their college essays to applying for financial aid applications. Guidance counselors can also look online to check the status of their students' applications to various schools.

ConnectEdu opened up its first office on Waterman Street in 1998. "We started with 200 families of differing socioeconomic back- "I saw early on what a cumbersome and emotional process applying for college was," Powell said. "The company is "preponderantly funded" by Brown alumni, according to Powell. "It's a "very Brown-esque idea."

The Providence Public School District is one of a growing number of school districts that have begun the process of integrating ConnectEdu into their schools. Hope High School served as a pilot district. "Hope High School is the first district to implement the program, they're actually the ones who proposed it to the school," said Brian Baldizar, special assistant to PPSD Superintendent Donnie Evans. "Other schools are just starting to train their staff, and we hope that those schools will soon have the program as well."

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**Oakland one win away from ALCS after 5-2 win**

Mark Kotsay hit a two-run, inside-the-park home run for the A's, who lead the ALDS 2-0.

**Predictions continued from page 16**

Marina Rivero (5-3, 0.81 ERA in postseason) to shut it down in the ninth.

How the Yankees do will depend on how much they can get out of Randy Johnson, if he pitches at all. The A's are hungry, but the Yankees are too, having not won a World Series in six years (must be nice).

It will come down to who will make more clutch hits and any team with Derek Jeter on it will have the edge in that department. Nonetheless, it will be an entertaining series. Expect some bizarre plays and standard late-inning heroics. Don't be surprised if Jose Canseco making it safe? Not Torii Hunter's style. That's why he has his Gold Gloves.

It will be a ginxl World Series, but I'll take the Yankees. The reason: it's a win-win for me. I pick the winner.

I pick the winner. The Mets have used a perfect mix of veterans and youth all year. The Cards are primarily a veteran team, although the Mets are still the most talented team in the National League on paper.

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Pitching is pretty even — both staffs are solid, although the Mets are going to miss Pedro Martinez. Both lineups have a lot of pop; I would give the Mets the edge because of their speed and ability to put pressure on the Cards. However, don't be surprised if Albert Pujols has a monster series and puts St. Louis on his over­

I'm really hoping these turn in to 12-10 absolute slugfests, which would be great because I have no reason to pay attention to this series. Such is the case when you are a Giants fan.

Defense won't really matter because of the amount of extra-base hits in the series. The ERAs will be blotted on both sides, and it will be the highest scoring World Series in history.

The usual Jetercon will be in full effect, and expect a good series from Mets third baseman David Wright.

It will be a good World Series, but I'll take the Bombers. The reason: the Mets are so predictable. Why, I asked the Yankees, "You told us so," and the Yankees don't win another World Series forever.

For once, you lose and I can say I picked them to provide the proverbial "media prognostication jinx" (not that it exists, but it sounds good). I'll take the Yankees in six games. I'll take the Yankees in six games.
### Football

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UC Davis. The Mustangs’ attendance record (9,387) came against the Aggies in 2004. The game itself is shaping up as a classic battle of offensive vs. defensive speed.

UC Davis quarterback Jon Grant is seeded in Division I-A in passing yards per game (261) and the Aggies lead the West Football Conference in fewest yards per game (203).

Meanwhile, C'al Poly has the top-ranked scoring defense among 117 Division I-A teams, allowing just 8.2 points per game.

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### Women’s Golf

Hannah Brabb led the Mustangs with a six-place individual finish.

### Pen Pal

If you check the box score in Clemson's dominant 31-0 victory against Louisiana Tech last weekend, you'll see that McElrathbey only had one tackle. He may not be an elite player on the field just yet, but on the field, he has tackled a life-size problem and is an All-American in my book.

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**Poly women’s golf fourth at Wolf Pack Invitational**

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**SPORTS**

Thursday, October 5, 2006

**Poly football team's wait to face UC Davis almost over**

Cal Poly has been eyeing a rematch with UC Davis since losing 20-13 last year.

Tristan Aird

After its 18-14 win over Southern Utah in the Hall of Fame Game on Sept. 30, it was as if the Cal Poly football team was ready to put the memories back on and play four more quarters.

The reason? UC Davis is coming to town.

"That's the biggest game of the year," Cal Poly sophomore wide receiver Troy Toler said. "We've been waiting a full year for that rematch. That's our rivalry game."

Toler and the Mustangs (4-1), who are ranked No. 5 in the Sports Network's Division I-AA poll, will finally get that opportunity Saturday when the 16th-ranked Aggies (2-2) visit Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

The 32nd installment of the Horseshoe Classic will look much different than last year's edition, which UC Davis won 20-13 in Davis. Last year, Cal Poly's Matt Brennan was making his first start at quarterback and the Mustangs were without injured star tailback James Noble. Both were freshmen.

Now, Walter Payton Award candidate Noble and the steadily improving Brennan hope to give the Mustangs their first win over the Aggies since an 18-14 triumph in 2002.

UC Davis has a 16-13-2 edge in the all-time series, which began in 1939 but did not become an annual event until 1978.

"I think it's always on the map," Cal Poly free safety Kenny Chicone said. "It's always one of our goals at the beginning of the season — to beat Davis — because that's the rivalry game."

The Aggies have won three of the last four matchups, including a 36-33 thriller in 2004 in San Luis Obispo that some analysts considered the best game of the year in Division I-AA.

Cal Poly, which has three home games from Sept. 30 to Oct. 21, has a bye Oct. 14.

"That will be a great thing because we understand we have the UC Davis game and then we go into our bye week and have a great opportunity to rest," Chicone said.

Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson said he has been looking forward to the UC Davis game "since the final gun" against Southern Utah.

Both schools carry a proud football tradition. UC Davis is the alma mater of former New York Jets quarterback Ken O'Brien, who threw for 25,094 yards and 128 touchdowns in a 10-year NFL career.

Cal Poly is the alma mater of Hall of Fame Oakland Raiders head coach John Madden, former USC head coach Ted Tollner and former NFL general manager Bobby Beathard.

Although that rich history might not matter come Saturday, it sets the table for a high-profile game that will be monitored around the country by those at both the Division I-A and I-AA levels.

Two of the top four crowds at Cal Poly home games have come against UC Davis

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**Mets take first game from Dodgers, 6-5**

Derek Lowe gave up four earned runs in 5 1-3 innings for Los Angeles.

Mike Fitzpatrick

Carlos Delgado hammered the ball all over the field in his playoff debut. David Wright also delivered, and the pitch-imploited New York Mets looked like October regulars during their first postseason game since 2000.

Minus two top starters, the Mets capitalized on a wild baserunning blunder by Los Angeles and a perfectly respectable performance from emergency replacement John Maine in a 6-3 victory Wednesday over the Dodgers.

Billy Wagner closed Game 1 of this NL series for his first postseason save, fanning Nomar Garciaparra with a runner on second for the final out.

"A lot of guys have been waiting for this time in their life, and I think everybody stepped up today," said 34-year-old catcher Paul Lo Duca, another newcomer to the playoffs.

Playing in the first postseason game of his 14-year career, Delgado had four hits, a mammoth homer and the go-ahead RBI in the seventh inning.

Wright drove in three runs, helping the Mets jump ahead in the best-of-five series.

"I was very excited," Delgado said. "I had butterflies in my stomach the first couple innings. I was saying, 'What's going to happen?' But I was able to kind of control my emotions and just go out and play." Game 2 is Thursday night, with rookie left-hander Hong-Chih Kuo see Dodgers, page 14

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**COMMENTS**

**End result: Yanks will edge Mets in Subway Series**

Devan McClaire

Ah, October is here. If you are a sport fan, Christmas has come early. The NFL season is in its infancy and the Major League Baseball Playoffs have just begun the long march to the World Series. For your reading pleasure, the Mustang Daily has decided to give you a playoff preview of the upcoming American and National league championships series and the World Series — with a twist.

Teams in those series have already been predicted. Read on, and enjoy.

ALCS: Oakland A's (95-69) vs. New York Yankees (97-65)

The baseball incarnation of Star Wars — will the empire strike back and head to the Fall Classic? Or will Oakland general manager Billy Beane and his council of underpaid Jedi finally get the best of the Emperor's, ehh, Steinbrenner's Yanks?

"You know the A's want this match up, especially after the heartbreak of being eliminated by the Yankees in 2000 and 2001. The Yanks come in with the highest payroll in baseball at more than $198 million while the A's continue to thrive with a paltry $63 million.

The two are a study in contrast — the Yanks spend like Larry Flyer, the A's like Larry the Cable Guy. New York has a cast of mature veterans, the A's have players that frequent the same bars that I do.

The A's have the edge in pitching this year, but the Yankees still have... see Predictions, page 14

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**Oakland baseball, the best in the world...**

Oakland, CA — Oakland A's baseball team has been dominating the Major League Baseball for the past four seasons with their talented pitchers and batters. Their impressive record of wins and losses has earned them the top position in the American League. However, their recent performance has been overshadowed by the controversies surrounding their star player, Barry Bonds.

Bonds was charged with the 2001 Olympic steroids scandal and has been at the center of a legal battle with the former MLB commissioner, Bud Selig. Despite the legal drama, the A's have continued to perform at a high level, but the team's future is uncertain if Bonds is found guilty of the charges.

Oakland A's fans are excited to see their team in the World Series against the New York Yankees. The A's have a chance to win their first World Series in over 15 years, and fans are hoping for a repeat of their 2002 World Series victory.

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**Johnny in the Box**

In this world there are two types of people — the ones who lead and those who follow.

People are drawn to these special individuals that lead because they have that something that everyone else doesn't. This is true in every aspect of life, whether it's innovative businessmen such as Bill Gates fighting AIDS in Africa or men like Martin Luther King Jr. able to kind of pave the way for the civil rights movement.

Both these people are known as heroes and inspire because they have that special something. Then, no better example of these types of individuals than in the world of sports — John Wooden, Lance Armstrong, Pat Tillman, and Ray Ray McElrathbey.

All of these names probably ring a bell except the last one. That's at least until you hear the story of McElrathbey.

McElrathbey is a redshirt freshman cornerback for his No. 15 Clemson Tigers football team, but by no means is he your typical student-athlete.

In mid-samller McElrathbey made a decision to adopt his 11-year-old brother Fahmarr and was granted custody because his parents were deemed incapable of caring for him.

"My mother is a recovering addict. Well, she's trying to recover," McElrathbey said. "She was addicted to crack cocaine, and my father has a few gambling problems and lives in Las Vegas."

Before McElrathbey adopted his brother, his typical day consisted of lifting, fasting, class, film, practice, dinner and then he would try to squeeze in some homework. Now on top of that already existing schedule he has to meet with guidance counselors, sign off on his brother's school work, and make sure there is nutritious food in the house.

Did I mention McElrathbey just turned 29?

Because of NCAA rules, McElrathbey could not receive help from the coaches or anyone else in the community. Everyone from people at the University of South Carolina, Clemson's brother, offered to do anything to help McElrathbey out.

It was a type of response and support that makes you proud to call yourself an American. The NCAA still said no.

"As a brother, it was still me. As a parent, it's him first," McElrathbey said. "Before, I would do anything for me — I come second."

McElrathbey has seven brothers and sisters, but because of his parents' problems, they all grew up in foster care... see Johnny, page 15