The real No. 1 fan

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Scott Kirkish didn't hesitate when asked who exactly is considered a Mustang Maniac.

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The study compares national and state higher education access and completion with that of other countries. Although the American baby boomers remain one of the most educated groups of their generation in the world, 25 to 34 year olds have fallen in rank to seventh.

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entering his fifth year on campus, the former aerospace major has been involved with Mustang Maniacs in one way or another since Week of Welcome during his freshman year (2002-03).

"I've always been a spirited person," Kirkish said. "I said, 'this sounds like fun,' and the group of kids was fun to hang around."
Maniac

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Kirkish’s membership in Mustang Maniacs dates back to when the group was known as Running Thunder, which was created in 1994 as the school moved to the Division I level of athletics. He was one of the minority agricultural business student who also happens to wear the Mustang mascot uniforms during sporting events.

“He’s a planner,” Spencer said of Kirkish. “He does all the paperwork and messy stuff that no one wants to deal with.”

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Education

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However, California’s state support of need-based financial aid has almost doubled: it was one of only three states to see an increase in this area.

California is also leading the country in the percentage of working-age adults enrolled part-time in college-level education or training.

On the other hand, at 81 percent, California ranks below the national average in the percentage of adults who hold a high school degree or its equivalent. In addition, California’s state support for most Americans and California received a C+ on its report card.

Workplace

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It’s the energy that’s created at the athletic event, particularly when you’re inside Mustang Green,” he said. “You can feel more excited. It’s an amazing feeling, I think.”

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Kirkish, who also works part-time at Garden Grill, “My Saturdays are pretty much shot. I have no time on Saturdays when there are football games. I get there two and a half hours before the game starts and by the time I go to dinner, it’s almost midnight.”

The group already made a road trip to the football team’s 17-7 loss at San Jose State on Sept. 23 and is planning a trip to the game at San Diego State on Oct. 28.

But Kirkish, who also participates in organizing a variety of triathlon events throughout the state, has adjusted to the busy schedule as his college career nears an end.

“...as you get older, you tend to essentially work the system better with classes, work and mustans,” he said.

Among those impressed by Kirkish’s work ethic is Mustang Maniac Vice President Kristen Spencer, an agricultural business student who also happens to wear the Mustang mascot uniforms during sporting events.

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Question of the day:

What do you want your life to look like and where does a career fit in?

"It's kind of important for my life to revolve around my career before I have a family or anything."

- Tessa Pahkamaa
  graphic communications
  freshman

"I would want my career to be a big part of it; hopefully I'm not going to college for nothing."

- Lisa Maves
  city and regional planning
  junior

"A career doesn't really fit in. I just want to be happy, so whatever that takes."

- Megan Worthington
  journalism junior

"I probably want to have a set career. I'd put my career first, before anything else."

- Stella Lee
  graphic communications
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"I want it to represent my aspirations. A career is a subset of that instead of something that exists outside my goals."

- Lauren Ross
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HONOLULU (AP) — Officials began inspecting bridges and roads across Hawaii early Monday following the strongest earthquake to rattle the islands in more than two decades, a 6.7-magnitude quake that caused the island of Kauai to land slide and left no reported fatalities. At least one stretch of road leading to a bridge near the earthquake's epicenter on the Big Island collapsed, Civil Defense Agency spokesman Dave Curtis said Monday.

NEW YORK (AP) — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Gov. George Pataki on Monday announced a partnership that would bring California together with a group of Northeast states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Schwarzenegger said he would sign an executive order on Monday that would allow his state to work with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions at power plants in the Northeast beginning in 2009. It allows power plants to trade emissions credits as a way to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush personally assured Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki Monday that he has no plans to pull troops out and told him to ignore rumors the United States intended to enforce a deadline for Baghdad to rein in sectarian fighting. Al-Maliki, who was accused of being a puppet for the Bush administration, gave a news conference Tuesday and said he has not been excluded from discussions on Iraq's future. The Bush administration has stated it will cut its military presence in Iraq by 20% over the next year.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — China will implement a U.N. Security Council resolution and inspect cargo from North Korea for illegal weapons and missiles, China's U.N. ambassador said Monday. But Ambassador Wang Guangya indicated that China will not stop and board ships to inspect for equipment or material that can be used to make nuclear, chemical and biological weapons or ballistic missiles.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Monday invited the Lebanese prime minister to begin peace talks following Israel's recent war against Hezbollah guerrillas, but Olmert ruled out peace talks with Syria at the present time, saying President Bashar Assad is not ready to negotiate with Syria. Olmert said Assad must halt his support for Palestinian militant groups before the two sides can begin negotiations.

Iraqi PM calls for restraint in sectarian violence

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has called for restraint in the country's sectarian violence, following a series of attacks that have left dozens of people dead.

Al-Maliki said in a televised speech that the United States and its allies have repeatedly called for a nationwide truce and urged the Iraqi public to support the government in its efforts to rebuild the country.

The Iraqi prime minister also said that the government is prepared to return to talks with Iran to resolve outstanding issues, including the status of US troops in Iraq.

State

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — A woman who left her newborn baby boy behind in a dumpster in a trash-filled plastic bag was sentenced to five years in prison Monday.

Jamelle Balducci, 25, was convicted in August of attempted murder and child abuse. Prosecutors said she abandoned her infant in the garbage collection area at the front of her apartment complex in June 2005 after delivering the baby by herself.

Tens of thousands of Iraqis have been killed in the country's sectarian violence, with the government and its allies blaming the Islamic State group and other extremist organizations.

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4 people die as Houston area gets up to 10 inches of rain

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HOUSTON — Heavy thunderstorms brought torrential rains, flooding and tornadoes to Southeast Texas Monday, killing four people, ripping roofs off mobile homes, and trapping rush-hour drivers on flooded, tangled freeways.

A Houston mother and daughter were found dead in a sport utility vehicle in floodwaters at least 8 feet deep in Houston, apparently of drowning, the Harris County Medical Examiners Office said.

Homicide Police Sgt. P.E. Ogden III said the floodwaters exert such pressure on submerged cars, "Arnold Schwarzenegger couldn't get out."

Two people died in Brazoria County. One person was found dead in a submerged vehicle and a 54-year-old woman died in a two-vehicle collision on a rain-slicked highway. No other information was immediately available about the deaths.

Nine members of one family were injured when their sport-utility vehicle skidded off rain-slicked Highway 10, and hit a guardrail on their way home from a family gathering, said Harris County Sheriff's emergency management spokesman Gloria Romero. None of the injuries was life-threatening, Harris County Sgd. Dana Wolfe said.

As much as 10 inches of rain fell in the Houston-Galveston area overnight.

More rain was expected across Texas on Monday, although floodwaters were receding in parts of the Houston area by late morning.

Parts of interstates 10 and 45 were shut down around Houston, and the University of Houston and several other schools were closed. Twenty bayous overflowed their banks, but county officials said no evacuations were ordered.

Some delays were reported at both of Houston's major airports.

A tornado struck east of Houston near the Jefferson County town of China, not far from the Louisiana line, said emergency management spokeswoman Darlene Koch. The National Weather Service confirmed the tornado, and Koch said five mobile homes and two houses were destroyed. No injuries were reported.

Another tornado ripped through northern Newton County on the Texas-Louisiana line, toppling trees and power lines, authorities said. There were no reported injuries.

In the Texas Coastal Bend, as many as 20 homes were damaged as a suspected tornado roared through the small Lavaca Bay community of Magnolia Beach before daybreak Monday, Calhoun County Sheriff B.B. Browning said. The only injury reported in the small community 75 miles northeast of Corpus Christi was a cut thumb a man suffered from flying glass, he said.

Parts of North and West Texas got as much as 4 inches of rain overnight, prompting flash flood warnings. National Weather Service meteorologist Stacie Hanes said the rain in North Texas was expected to dissipate by evening.

In Louisiana, three people were hurt early Monday when strong winds blew through the fishing community of Leeville, 90 miles south of New Orleans, authorities said.

An elderly couple was rescued from an overturned trailer. The woman suffered a broken arm, while her husband was treated for bruises and lacerations, said Larry Weidel, a spokesman for the Lafourche Parish sheriff. Another person was treated for a knee injury, he said. The storm sank at least two boats, as well.

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CULVER CITY, Calif. — Los Angeles Fashion Week kicked off with celebrity arrivals, diversity, rock 'n' roll and irreverence. Sunday night's debut at Smashbox Studios covered the design spectrum, from local favorite Louis Verdad's fresh, sunny camo to Sue Wong's ombré dresses and Japanese denim-maker Evisu's funky fits.

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Band of brothers brings melodic moods

Lauren Zahner

Stephen Schulte is the kind of Cal Poly student who goes to the store to buy "a couple brews" and then plays golf with his buddies on a late Monday afternoon. He's also the kind of brother and best friend who will drive to Petaluma to practice with his best friends and younger brother for their band.

Moods of Melody, consisting of two sets of brothers, will bring a funky reggae sound inspired by the Red Hot Chili Peppers to the Red Center at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday during "Dusk 'til Dawn."

The band was started four years ago in Petaluma by Schulte, an agri-cultural business senior, and his best friend Blake Turek.

"It's not really like anything else...It's a very natural sound, but at the same time you can't put your finger on it. It's kind of indescribable. It's kind of a feeling," lead vocals and guitarist Blake Turek said of their original music.

Their younger brothers, Kyle Turek and Marc "The Punisher" Schulte, were always around but jumped on the band later, Stephen Schulte said. The four have been friends for almost 10 years.

"We are a band based around love," Moods of Melody wrote on their MySpace profile. "It's the love we have for each other because we're brothers and best friends," Stephen Schulte said.

Kyle Turek and Marc Schulte, students at Santa Rosa Junior College and Blaise Turek, works full time in construction in Petaluma. The distance between Stephen Schulte and Kyle Turek is a challenge.

"He hits the bullet because he knows he's flaking on us so he'll drive back," Blaise Turek said of Stephen Schulte.

"Sometimes we're harder on each other. I feel like I can just tell him how it is without worrying about hurting his feelings," Working with his brother makes it easier to be honest, he said.

The origin of Marc's nickname, "The Punisher," is unclear.

"When we were growing up we used to call him 'Big Pun' because he's bigger than us. It just turned into 'The Punisher' because — you get to meet him," Stephen Schulte said.

Blaise Turek said one of the challenges of working with his younger brother is that their fan base is older and Kyle has a hard time identifying with that older crowd. But working with his brother and friends has its advantages, too.

"The chemistry is just always there," Blaise Turek said.

Schulte attributes this chemistry to his hope for the future of Moods of Melody.

"I think it's for the long run definitely. We're only getting stronger and improving. The bond's only getting stronger," he said.

Both sets of brothers' parents have a love of music that has been influential in the life of the band. Their families are very supportive and help them get gigs. Schulte said he can remember that he was 14 or 15 years old when he started playing the bass because his mom drove him to lessons.

Artists such as the Sublime, Bob Marley and Jack Johnson have inspired the band as well. For Blaise, performing is a release.

"It's like the climax of music...That's the ultimate gratification of why you make music in the first place," he said.

Moods of Melody is opening for the Expendables at Cal Poly at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday. Admission is $4 or free with a PolyCard. They will also be at Frog and Peach on Friday at 10:30 p.m.

Ludacris bounces back with new album

Keegan Davis

STILLWATER, Okla. — Ludacris, the "clown prince of hip-hop," is back with his carthoosey lyrics and over-the-top style to release his fifth LP "Release Therapy," already the No. 1 album on the Billboard charts.

He opens the album giving a "Warning" that the album contains "ludicrous material" and that listeners are "about to witness history." Ludacris, as he is known to his fans, puts his money where his mouth is.

Hoping to bounce back from less-than-spectacular fourth album, "The Red Light District," Ludacris returns to previous form on his newest release.

The self-described busiest man in hip-hop has appeared in such recent films as "Hustle & Flow" and the Oscar-winning "Crash." The break from recording must have helped because his latest album is easily his most grown-up, if not his finest, work.

Chiming the album is "part release and part therapy," Ludacris spends the first half of the album cutting loose and the second half cutting deep. Although he has tried to stay on social issues in previous work, Ludacris is more known for his wild party anthems that target alcohol, drug use and sex.

While this album contains those elements, it is in smaller doses and replaced in some songs with sympathy, motivation and understanding to those who are less fortunate or have suffered social injustice.

Although no longer sporting his famous braids, Ludacris hasn't lost his creativity or swagger. His lyrics are on point and as imaginative as ever. His cutting up is evident in the album's first single, "The Neptune-produced "Money Maker" is nothing different from previous singles but is a see Ludacris, page 8

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• 1967 "Hair" premiers on Broadway.
• 1979 Mother Teresa of India, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
• 1989 A 6.9 earthquake in San Francisco cancels the third game of World Series.
• 1996 "Taking Sides" opens at Atkinson Theater in New York City.
Do you ever get the feeling that some weeks are better than others? Last week was “Employee of the Month,” this week is “Man of the Year.” Somehow going from “month” to “year” was all it took to help us forget Jessica Simpson’s existence and savor Robin Williams’ return to comedy. “Man of the Year” takes the question “What if Jon Stewart became president of the United States?” and tries to blend it with conspiracy, thrills and comedy. The film gets out of control halfway through and is extended to an unnecessary two hours. Ultimately, the overlying question is never even answered and you’re left with some pretty good jokes and a disorganized group of political statements.

Trying to make up for the doomed-from-the-start, com-inducing project known as “RV,” Williams plays the political comedian elected president of the United States (or so he thinks). Once Williams falls in love with a woman holding onto a dark secret that there was a glitch in the voting machines which allowed him to win, the story takes a dark, thrilling turn that makes cracking those Viagra jokes a bit harder. What it ultimately comes down to, however, is the question of where comedians like Jon Stewart belong and the somewhat unknown importance they serve in their role as jesters to the king. You might gain a little more respect for political comedians, but you’ll probably still be wondering how you can scream and laugh at the same time.

Although “Man of the Year” tries to be more exhilarating and in-your-face than it probably should be, it’s obvious from the get-go why Williams took on the project. The jokes are all fresh, original and delivered in the Williams fashion you’ve come to love. It also helped that they were exactly what Williams needed to raise “Mrs. Doubtfire” DVD sales. Writer/director Barry Levinson, who hasn’t written a film in seven years or teamed with Williams since “Good Morning Vietnam,” blends the comedy with some serious political statements so well that you actually start to believe Stephen Colbert or Jon Stewart could run for president two years from now. But it’s those moments of comedy and hope for change in America that you have to hold onto if you plan on leaving with any satisfaction. There’s so many out of place scenes diving into conspiracy and the terrible world of Jeff Cioldbluin that Levinson starts to take those moments of comedy and hope for change in America that you have to hold onto if you plan on leaving with any satisfaction. There’s so many out of place scenes diving into conspiracy and the terrible world of Jeff Cioldbluin that Levinson starts to take those moments of comedy and hope for change in America that you have to hold onto if you plan on leaving with any satisfaction. There’s so many out of place scenes diving into conspiracy and the terrible world of Jeff Cioldbluin that Levinson starts to take those
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Music has been a part of Ludacris’ life since childhood. Growing up in the rough neighborhoods of Atlanta, he used the music he heard around him as an escape. His parents’ love of music, particularly Motown and R&B, had a profound influence on him. As a young boy, he would listen to oldies but goodies like Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, and Michael Jackson. These sounds provided him with a sense of freedom and helped him express his emotions.

Ludacris’ musical journey began in high school, where he formed his first group, Tri-State. The group gained some local recognition, but it was his solo career that truly took off. Ludacris’ debut album, “Incognita,” was released in 1999 and it was a commercial success. The album featured hits like “She Missed Me” and “Get Crunk.”

In 2001, Ludacris released his second studio album, “The S.O.B.” This album was even more successful than its predecessor, reaching number one on the Billboard charts. Ludacris continued to build his career with albums like “Street Life,” “chasin’ that rus,” and “情报k VII: Thug Livin’ II: Rules of the Game.” He also ventured into acting, appearing in films like “The Way of the Gun” and “Walking Tall.”

Ludacris’ music has always been about pushing boundaries and defying expectations. His blend of rap, R&B, and pop has made him a popular figure in the hip-hop community. He has been recognized for his才华 by fellow artists and critics alike. Ludacris’ reach extends beyond music, as he has also been involved in philanthropy and community work. In 2011, he founded the Ludacris Foundation to support education and youth development programs.

Ludacris is not just a musician, but also a businessman. He has invested in various ventures, including a clothing line called “Curtis” and a production company called “Good Life Entertainment.” His success in the music industry has allowed him to diversify his income streams and maintain financial stability.

Beyond his music and business ventures, Ludacris is known for his philanthropic efforts. He has been involved in community outreach programs and has donated to various causes. Ludacris’ passion for helping others is evident in his work with the Ludacris Foundation, which promotes education and provides opportunities to underprivileged youth.

In conclusion, Ludacris is a trailblazer in the hip-hop industry. His influence extends beyond music, impacting society in various ways. He continues to inspire with his artistry and philanthropy, leaving a lasting legacy that will be remembered for generations to come.

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nice complement to the first half of the album. On “Ultimate Satisfaction,” where Cihost Mice then climbed on stage and guest-starred with the band, the music itself could easily lend itself to punk rock, with its raw aggression and anger that pushed the song to new heights.

“Girls Gone Wild,” “End of the Line,” and “Never One to Hide His Feelings,” featuring a guest appearance by Mary J. Blige, are some of the standout tracks on the album. These songs showcase Ludacris’ versatility as an artist, with each track bringing a unique vibe to the album.

On a personal level, Ludacris’ journey has been anything but smooth. His rise to fame was accompanied by struggles, including legal issues and personal controversies. However, Ludacris has always remained true to himself, never compromising his values.

In the end, Ludacris’ story is one of perseverance and resilience. He has overcome obstacles and risen to the top of his game. Ludacris’ impact on the music industry is undeniable, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations.
DATING COLUMN

When I'm around other twenty-some-things chatting indistinctly about relationships, I have no qualms referring to my significant other as my boyfriend. But at certain times, usually around the older and wiser, the word "boyfriend" sounds awkward coming out of my mouth. It's the prefix. My boyfriend isn't a boy, he's a guy; but say "boy friend" and no one gets the romantic connotation. With girls it's different. At whatever age, whether we really are still "girls" or full-fledged women, guys will still see us as girls, so it will use the term even when we're little old ladies. I don't know if it's just me (and hopefully I don't offend him), but I hear a trace of impermanence, and maybe even immaturity, in the term "boyfriend." After a certain length of time, do we graduate from girls- or boyfriend to something else?

Saying "significant others" works, but it's too long-winded for everyday conversation. An immediate jump to "significant" can freak out some people (especially if it's just one party doing the jumping).

Besides encountering trouble with what to call each other, is it that my "boyfriend" and I are doing something we call the activity itself? Dating? Gay! She said the D word! The term "dating" seems to have dropped out of linguistic favor, but isn't it going extinct; it's simply operating covertly under aliases. We'll call it "seeking each other" or "being involved" or "going out," but when it comes to "dating," we wrinkle our noses. Today, dating seems just as archaic as counting or "going steady," it's something our ancestors did eons ago. As verb and/or noun, the word "date" sounds so... well, dated.

But the terminology isn't the hang-up at all. It's the subject. It seems counterintuitive. Arguably, relationships fill every aspect of our lives. It's the everyday exchanges laced with romantic tension, it's our excise most, and entice our less scrupulous tendencies for gossip.

But when it comes to doing the deed.—that is, attempting to secure a date ourselves—our voices flutter out of our throats. We can talk all we want about others' love lives, but when it comes to our own, we either go on the defensive (perhaps to the point of being offensive) or nervously shrug our shoulders. They say "I just can't date" because Aunt Velma asks the age-old question, "So, how's your love life?"

From whence does the awkwardness with dating stem? Perhaps it starts in preschool, when you realize that little girls and little boys aren't the same after all, and that every member of the opposite sex is infected with cooties (which have yet to be classified in biological binomial nomenclature). As we grow older, cooties aren't the bad guys they used to be; in fact, they seem to draw us toward a special someone whose cooties get across, and we still can talk all we want about others' love lives, but when it comes to our own, we either go on the defensive (perhaps to the point of being offensive) or nervously shrug our shoulders and say "I just can't date" because Aunt Velma asks the age-old question, "So, how's your love life?"

And as people avoid dating (at least under that heading) because it's risky, and there aren't a lot of people who enjoy employing a trial-and-error method with their hearts on the line.

Last week a friend of mine was asked, "How can you ask a girl out without making it awkward for her to say no to you?" Okay, here's the cold, hard fact. Of course it's awkward! That's the defining emotion of the whole business. The concept of dating as we've been socialized to understand would be the same if it weren't uncaring. But despite the inevitability that the physiological aspects to the idea of asking someone out ranges anywhere from winged insects in one's gut to hearing said insects, people go to lengths to avoid it, knowing there's no way around it.

I think the problem at the core of human interaction is that everyone just tries too hard. It's cliché advice to say "just be yourself," but maybe if people followed it, we'd meet people who get along with the real version of ourselves.

Although I don't have my psych degree (yet), I'm sure it's safe to say that being real in a relationship with someone who can be real is actually functional. Just rip off the Band-aid— the quicker, the better. If awkwardness can't be avoided, rummaging over it can. Play the "what-if" game won't get you closer to working up the nerves, and the most you could lose is your dignity for maybe a minute or two, if you let it last that long.

The least you could gain is more experience with this age-old and newfangled predicament, and when it comes to understanding relationships, we could all use more of that.

Of course, everything's easier said than done. But for those of us searching for "The One" (or hoping we've found him/her), saying anything easily isn't worth half as much as succeeding at something we've done the hard way.

Sarah Carbórol is an English and psychology junior.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Solving the campus bike dilemma

In May 1999, "walk your bike" zones were introduced at Cal Poly on certain roads, as a response to a growing number of bike vs. pedestrian injuries on Polyview Drive. The zones have increased pedestrian safety, but it has made getting around campus with a bike much harder. Cyclists cannot easily get from class to class with their bicycles, since most courses are located within "walk your bike" zones.

How do we improve the mobility of cyclists while protecting the safety of pedestrians? I propose that Polyview Drive be widened to accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, and one-way vehicular traffic for service vehicles. A widened Polyview Drive will support bike lanes in both directions, sidewalks for pedestrians that are wide enough to accommodate the large amount of pedestrians who use Polyview Drive, and space for service vehicles. Widening would be easy in most sections of the road because of the large amount of unused right-of-way. The section between Via Carta and the University Union would be difficult to widen because of lack of right-of-way, but this can be made up for by building a short bicycle bridge parallel to this section.

The widened Polyview Drive should also feature some bicycle speed limit and even some stop signs. This signage will force cyclists to be more aware of their surroundings. I believe these improvements to Polyview Drive will improve mobility for cyclists while also keeping pedestrians safe.

Michael McThrow
Computer science sophomore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"You look like the chicken I ate for dinner when you were that."
Mustang women's golf team tied for seventh at tournament

Allison Wing leads Cal Poly in a tie for 12th place.

SPORTS INFORMATION

The Cal Poly women's golf team is in a tie for seventh place with Portland State. 27 strokes behind team leader Denver after one round of play in the TaylorMade Lady Aztec Fall Classic hosted by San Diego State at The Auld Course. Coach Scott Cartwright's Mustangs compiled a four-person 306 total, led by Allison Wing with a 73. Wing is tied for 12th place entering Tuesday's final round while Stephanie Yocum is tied for 33rd place after a round of 77 on the 6,259-yard, par-72 layout.

Other Mustang scorers are Hannah Brab and Julia Heath, both tied for 46th place with 78s, and Jessica Hans with an 85 for a 103rd-place tie. Competing as an individual, Cal Poly's Kelly McEachern carded an 86 and is tied for 106th place.

Denver finished with a nine-under-par 279 total and was led by individual leader Emily Hooper with a six-under-par 66. Teammate Stephanie Sherlock and UC Irvine's Selene Henderson carded 69s for a second-place tie. Denver has a 17-stroke advantage over Brigham Young with UC Irvine another five shots back in third place. There are 19 teams in the 54-hole event.

Wheelchair

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Center if they don't have their own. Tennis Warehouse, the event's sponsor, is donating tennis balls and a top-quality racquet to be auctioned off during the tournament.

The Cal Poly chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation is made up of 22 students, led by chapter advisor and marketing professor Lynn Metcalf, working to raise money to distribute wheelchairs to people in need as part of their senior projects. But Hurley says that working for the Wheelchair Foundation has more rewards than just getting credit for a senior project.

"It's a lot more than that to us, it's a cause. It's really inspiring to keep going and keep working," she said. Students working on the campaign, mostly business majors, were recruited last spring and make up the biggest group the chapter has had to date. They chose to distribute wheelchairs in Argentina from a list of countries that are in need.

"It's about raising money, but it's also about raising awareness. It's hard to imagine not having mobility," Hurley said.

According to the chapter's press release, it's estimated that only 45 percent of Argentina's population has health coverage, but there are nearly 3.5 million disabled persons, with that number increasing by approximately 150,000 every year. Last year's group raised approximately $66,000 to distribute wheelchairs to children and adults in Belize. This past August, Metcalf and six chapter alumni went to Belize to hand-deliver the wheelchairs. Other fundraising events include a showing of "Beetlejuice" at the Creston Theatre in downtown San Luis Obispo at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26. Tickets are $5 and the event is open to the public.

The group will also host their 20th Annual Gift of Mobility Benefit on April 14 at the Cliff Resort in Pismo Beach. The event will include dinner and an auction of items donated by community members, with each $75 ticket purchasing one wheelchair for an Argentinian in need.

The Cal Poly Chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation is also accepting individual donations.

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Reports are that a disconnect between Macha and his players contributed to the firing of the manager, who was 368-280 in four years at the helm.

Ken Macha managed the Oakland Athletics into the AL Championship Series, yet it wasn't enough to save his job.

Macha was fired by the Athletics on Monday, two days after the West champions were swept out of the playoffs by Detroit.

The A's didn't announce a replacement.

Bench coach Bob Geren was considered a top candidate.

"Not to fault either side, but I felt a disconnect on a lot of levels," general manager Billy Beane said.

"Once again, it's not to point the finger at Ken or anything like that. But that disconnect was there and it was something we needed to address as soon as possible." Oakland went 368-280 in his four seasons as manager, but has frustrated management and fans by failing to get into the World Series. The A's finally reached the World Series this year following four straight first-round exits from 2000-03. The Tigers eliminated them in four straight games.

"I feel good about what we did here," Macha said in a phone interview. "I went to the ballpark every day with the sole intent of winning a baseball game for the Oakland A's and we did a lot of that. I have zero regrets." In an odd episode last October, the A's parted ways with Macha and then rehired him about a week later, giving him a three-year contract.

The A's became the sixth major league team to let its manager go since the final days of the season. Dusty Baker (Chicago Cubs), Joe Girardi (Florida), Pammp Alou (San Francisco), Frank Robinson (Washington) and Buck Showalter (Texas) are not coming back next year.

To manage the A's, take a back seat to Beane is an understandable requirement. In the best-selling book "Moneyball," an in-depth look at Beane's management style and reliance on statistics, the job comes across as practically interchangeable and not worthy of the big dollars that other teams pay their managers.

Macha made $800,000 this year and was still owed $2,025 million. He was due to make $875,000 in 2007 and $1.15 million in 08.

Oakland won the West with a 93-69 record this year. After sweeping Minnesota in three games in the first round of the playoffs, the A's were eliminated by the Tigers in four straight in the AL championship series — their first ALCS since 1992.

"I'm really shocked by this," said Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, who managed from Oakland from 1986-95.

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group to play tennis for good cause

The Cal Poly chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation will host a tennis tournament this weekend.

Amy Dierdorff  M U S T A N G  D A I L Y

Here at Cal Poly, it's hard to imagine not being able to attend class because of a disability that requires a wheelchair. But in Argentina, many disabled people are confined to their beds, unable to attend school and work or even go to another room in their own house because they can't afford a wheelchair.

The Cal Poly chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation is kicking off in 2007 campaign with a tennis tournament fun 2016 in the NC 22 in an effort to give hope to some people in need. The group hopes to raise funds not only for the tournament and other events throughout the year to send more than 800 wheelchairs to Argentina.

Poly volleyball team moves up in poll; football stays

After its three-game sweep of UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly is now No. 18 in the AVCA/CSV poll.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

In a pair of polls released Monday, the Cal Poly volleyball team moved up one spot while the football team stayed put.

After its 30-17, 30-22, 30-27 sweep of visiting Big West Conference rival UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly (14-4, 6-0) moved from No. 20 to 19 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association/College Sports TV poll. The Mustangs received 490 points.

Following its bye Saturday, the Mustang football team stayed at No. 4 in The Sports Network's Division I-AA poll.

3,100 tickets to be held for students

The free general admission tickets are for Saturday's homecoming football game.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly Athletics once again will hold for students 3,100 free general admission tickets for Saturday's homecoming football game against South Dakota State.

Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Kickoff on Mustang Memorial Field at Alex C. Spanos Stadium is set for 4 p.m.

Cal Poly students with valid Cal Poly ID cards will be admitted to the game beginning at 2:15 p.m. Should the full allotment of tickets not be distributed, they will be sold to the general public.

Reserved seat tickets are sold out. Gates for reserved ticket holders will open at 2:45 p.m.