Happy birthday Mustang Daily!

**Peace Corps reaches out to agriculture majors at BBQ**

Lauren Zahner
**MUSTANG DAILY**

The Peace Corps co-sponsored a barbecue at Cal Poly’s Ag Circle Wednesday, hoping to recruit agriculture students and promote HIV/AIDS awareness.

Alpha Zeta, the agricultural leadership fraternity, co-sponsored the event with the Peace Corps.

Alpha Zeta chancellor and communications junior Kelly Bishop said the chapter wanted to do the barbecue as a fundraiser, as community service and to support the Peace Corps because she wants to make a difference.

“Going to a different country and applying what you’ve spent four years to learn is what really makes a different in my opinion,” she said.

Marta Block, the Cal Poly Peace Corps Recruiter, highlighted the value of going overseas with the Peace Corps.

“It’s a great opportunity for international experience. There are a lot of government agencies that are looking for workers who have ag experience, but international experience, too,” Block said.

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**Rec Center to host students from ‘Dusk ‘til Dawn’ tonight**

Amy Dierdorf
**MUSTANG DAILY**

Finding cheap, fun activities to do with friends can be somewhat of a hassle for Cal Poly students. No matter where you go in San Luis Obispo when you leave the house, there always seems to be an admission fee or cover charge.

Associated Students Inc. (ASI) aims to change all that by hosting Dusk ‘til Dawn, an all-night extravaganza to be held today in the Cal Poly Rec Center.

The doors open at 8 p.m., kicking off a night of live music and a wide range of activities to keep students occupied until 2 a.m. Admission is free to all Cal Poly students.

“Our event is always looking for something to do on the weekends. We really want to give back to the students,” said Grant Zanini, ASI Events Student Manager.

The Expendables will perform at 10 p.m., giving students live music while they challenge friends to big glove boxing, bungee run or the Super Mega Obstacle Course. DJ Mel from Wild 106 will keep the music going before and after the live performance, and Woodstock’s Pizza will provide food on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students will even get a chance to compete in Halo and Dance Dance Revolution tournaments and try out the mechanical bull. "There’s something for everybody," Zanini said.

ASI seeks to offer exciting activities to all students, but hopes the event will be especially convenient for students who live on campus.

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SAFER Men team up to fight sexual assault

Student Life and Leadership has created SAFER Men to educate and inform men on how sexual assault affects them and those around them.

SAFER Men was created by SAFER, which stands for Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource Program, with the knowledge that most Cal Poly men understand how damaging sexual assault can be, and just need the right tools to become active in risk reduction. Both programs share the same purpose, but SAFER Men hopes to get their message across specifically to men by providing information and presentations by their own peer group.

"The majority of men at Cal Poly think sexual assault is a terrible thing, but they need to take a stand about it," Burn said.

Some of what the program teaches men is that they can prevent sexual assault by identifying other men who are at risk for sexual assault, while at the same time serving as survivors of assault that all men are not the enemy and that they can have a big part in prevention.

Since its creation last summer, SAFER Men has given peer-led presentations to WOW groups and residence halls on campus, and launched marketing campaigns to raise awareness. They eventually hope to present to various men's groups within the community, including athletic teams and fraternities.

"I'm hoping that SAFER Men will be a presence at events that support the fight against sexual assault," Burn said.

SAFER Men will support and participate in various SAFER and Women's Center activities on campus, like the Run to Remember on Nov. 8 from 3 to 7 p.m. The 5 kilometer run/walk is being held to commemorate survivors of sexual assault and to raise money to fund Remember Week and other SAFER and Women's Programs events during the year.

One of SAFER Men's biggest priorities right now is recruiting more members and volunteers to give presentations and work on marketing campaigns to help them reach a larger number of men on campus. But Burn suggests that students can even help out in smaller ways.

"It could be wearing a SAFER Men button. Anything that helps create a campus norm," Burn said. SAFER Men will be holding a Bagel Brunch orientation meeting for men interested in volunteering and internship opportunities on Friday from 11 a.m. to noon in the Women's Center. They will also have a Halloween booth set up during UU Hour on Oct. 26 to sell T-shirts and recruit new volunteers.
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“I think I read it once this year. I usually don’t have enough time between classes to pick it up.”

“Maybe like once a week. I mostly read it for the sports and the opinion section.”

“Not very often. I don’t think it’s very reliable because the qualifications of the sources aren’t that great.”

-Austin Wilson
business administration sophomore

-Nancy Logman
animal science senior

-Nei Dihman
electrical engineering junior

Question of the day:

How often do you read the Mustang Daily?

Generators save vital U. Hawaii campus operations

Tiffany Hill
Ko Lono Oʻahu (H. Hara)

HONOLULU — When the earthquakes shook the islands early Sunday morning, residents of the State of Hawai‘i lacked one commodity — electricity. Although the earthquakes’ epicenter was on the Big Island, the Hawaiian Electric Company was able to restore power relatively quickly to the Big Island and the other islands. All except O‘ahu.

Electrical power to O‘ahu resident was not completely restored until well after midnight. However, several locations at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa were able to continue operating on emergency electrical generators.

“Some facilities have backup power, especially after the floods (on the UH campus) two years ago,” said Jim Manke, the UH spokesperson for the Manoa Chancellor’s Office.

Students who live on campus were able to enjoy a cooked meal. According to Manke, Paradise Palms, Hale Aloha Cafeteria and Gateway Cafeteria all were able to operate because of emergency generators.

“The generators provide power to the refrigeration and freezer units, some lights and smaller cooking equipment,” Manke said. “Most food located at those units without backup generators was transferred to one of the units that had a generator.”

Manke said that the UH cafeterias were very well stocked, as the majority of the perishable food was cooked at Hale Aloha and fed to residents Sunday night. In addition, because the earthquakes struck the islands relatively early on Sunday morning, Manke said the UH Student Housing received no reports of anyone trapped in an elevator when the power went off.

Equally as important as supplying food to the students was maintaining the refrigerators and freezers for research within the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

“The (Biomedical Sciences) building has a lot of research labs,” said David Haymer, a professor of cell and molecular biology. “There are certain critical pieces of equipment, mostly freezers, that have to be maintained at a preset temperature.”

Haymer said that the freezers and refrigerators in the tower of the Biomedical building contain enzymes, certain types of tissue samples, specimens and certain parts of kits for agents used for experiments.

The samples and specimens would have been ruined if they had returned to room temperature.

“They have to be maintained at specified temperatures,” Haymer said, “Depending on what they are and how they’re stored.”

The emergency generator only provides backup electricity to the tower portion of the Biomedical building, so the four connecting court-yards, which also conduct research, were without electricity on Sunday.

The generator, located between the A and D courtyards, protects several freezers and refrigerators in the tower of the Biomedical building. Most of these are household freezers and refrigerators, which function at 20 degrees Celsius below zero.

However, there are some freezers that are “ultra low,” meaning that the temperature of the freezer is much lower than a regular one. These freezers provide a constant temperature of 80 degrees Celsius below zero.

“We need more generating capacities for emergencies,” he said, “because these things (like earthquakes) do happen.”

As the continued performance of the refrigerators and freezers is crucial to student and faculty researches in the Biomedical building, so is the continued performance of the furnace to keep those in the art department working with glass.

According to Robert Mills, the professor and chair of the UH Glass Program, the “worst thing you can do to a glass furnace is shut it off, so the furnaces have to be kept on 24/7, (to) prevent thermal shock. If you were to shut the furnaces off it would cause about two weeks of unscheduled shut down.”

Mills said that the emergency electrical generator, which must be maintained at a constant 900 degrees Fahrenheit, enables the furnaces to continue running so that glass can continue to be made. If the furnaces did not have an emergency generator, the furnace equipment would be damaged, making inferior glass, and resulting in costly, time-consuming repairs hindering faculty and student work.
WASHINGtON (AP) — An Internet message claiming that seven NFL stadiums will be hit with dirty bombs this weekend was met with "strong skepticism" Wednesday by government security officials.

Dated Oct. 12, the posting was part of an ongoing conversation titled "New Attack on America Be Afraid." It appeared on a Web site called "The French Laundry," which links to various online forums and off-color cartoons.

The message said trucks would deliver radiological material to New York, Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Oakland and Cleveland — and that Osama bin Laden would later claim responsibility.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average swept past 12,000 for the first time Wednesday, extending its march into record territory as investors grew increasingly optimistic about corporate earnings and the economy.

The index of 30 big-name stocks surpassed the milestone after trading began, rising as high as 12,049.31, before pulling back as the market's initial wave of enthusiasm dissipated and investors cashed in some of their gains. The fact that the markets didn't barrel higher shows some healthy caution especially given that many companies have yet to report third-quarter results.

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Microsoft Corp. is giving its Web browser software its first major upgrade in four years, and it's likely that Internet Explorer's market share is eroding.

The release late Wednesday brings Microsoft's browser more in line with competing products such as Opera Software ASA's Opera and Mozilla Corp.'s Firefox. Internet Explorer 7, or IE7, adds features such as tabbed browsing, which lets people open several Web pages without cluttering their desktop with multiple open browser windows.

Microsoft has been heavily testing the new browser, releasing five beta versions over 14 months, and has various security updates for IE6, first released in 2001.

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven former national home directors linked to a scheme to plunder corpuses and sell the body parts for transplants pleaded guilty to undisclosed charges and agreed to cooperate with investigators, prosecutors announced Wednesday.

The unidentified directors severely pleaded guilty in the probe of what investigators say was a plot to harvest bone and tissue and sell it to biomedical supply companies, Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes said.

TOM SCHERSCHL

DEREK ALB. — Students looking to upgrade to iTunes 7 may want to wait, after reports say the new software can damage iPods and PCs.

Upon upgrading, the first thing many notices is a new interface. Not only does it sport a toned-down color scheme, but it also has relocated menus and commands.

After five years of relative harmony between releases, reaction has been mixed.

"I tried it and I didn't really like it," said Tim Koppe, a sophomore business administration major. "It's seems like instead of small percentage of iPod owners affected by these iTunes 7 bugs, finding a solution can be time consuming."

When I try to select one of the menus in iTunes 7, the computer crashes and restarts," said iTune user Kelly Turner in a post on Apple's help forum. A quick search reveals more than 100 complaints ranging from songs skipping to computers completely locking up. While the problem seems to be affecting only a small percentage of iPod owners nationwide, users are at risk just by connecting their iPod to a computer with iTunes 7.

Should a computer become affected by these iTunes 7 bugs, finding a solution can be time consuming. But some solutions offered by Apple recommend uninstalling then reinstalling iTunes and QuickTime applications, while other users have had to reinstall older versions of the iTunes software. Apple has already released a repaired version of iTunes 7, but some users are still experiencing problems.

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Marin county school loses funds over meditation controversy

MarcuS Wohlsen

SAN FRANCISCO — Marin County may be excused in the public imagination from the liberal land of hipsters, aging hippies and free thinkers, but even a bastion of alternative spirituality has limits.

Plans for a high school meditation club funded by filmmaker David Lynch, who is known as the director of dark, surreal films like "Eraserhead" and "Blue Velvet," has run into skin deep.

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**Huffington**

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and co-host of "Left, Right and Center," a public radio program. Cal Poly students and faculty may remember when Huffington ran as an independent candidate in the 2003 California recall election.

Cornell Morton, the vice president for Student Affairs, spoke highly of Huffington.

"Among the people who are familiar with California and its challenges, including its challenges in education, its political challenges, its challenges in demographics, she is certainly one of the more informed and, I think, very interesting," he said.

Among the other speakers is Peter Schrag, scheduled for Nov. 11 to speak on "The New California: America's Future." Schrag has written about education and other public policy issues as a journalist for more than 40 years. He currently writes a weekly column for the Sacramento Bee and serves on the Board of Directors of EdSource, a group that focuses on California education matters.

Kundyn Ali's program, titled "Raising All Students' Achievement: Closing Opportunity Gaps," will be Feb. 1, 2007. A former corporate and civil rights lawyer, Ali founded an organization which aims to do exactly what the title of his talk implies: The organization, Education Trust-West stresses meeting the educational needs of Latinx, African American, Native American and low-income students.

"The Current Dialog and Crisis in Immigration: Its Impact on Education," will be given on March 8, 2007 by Ronen Hakimi, Harris called Takaki, a professor of Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley, the "godfather of multiculturalism."

The final speaker on April 12, 2007 will be David Hayes-Bautista, touching upon "La Nueva California: Latinos in the Golden State." Hayes-Bautista hails from the School of Medicine, UCLA where he is a professor of medicine and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture.

These last four speakers will be in Vista Grande Hall from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. on their respective days. Morton encourages a cross section of the university community to participate. In previous years, student participation in the 7:30 a.m. programs has been limited, but Morton said students should take advantage of the opportunity to hear an alternative point of view, regardless of whether or not they agree with that view.

"The goal is primarily to create opportunities for conversation and dialogue on issues relative to student success, intellectual freedom and diversity," he said.

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and have no transportation. As campus housing increases with the completion of the Poly Canyon housing project in the next few years, ASI also feels a responsibility to see their funds to provide more exciting on-campus experiences.

"There are 2,700 students that will be looking to the campus for activities," said Michelle Broom, Public Relations Coordinator for ASI.

Last year ASI hosted the first Dusk 'til Dawn, as an expanded version of "Up All Night," a similar event that was put on by the university during the mid '90s. Attendance was far better than expected, with more than 1,000 students joining in, and ASI is expecting even a bigger turnout this year.

"The Expendables will probably bring a bigger crowd," Zanini said.

The popular band has a big local following, playing at numerous UU Hours and attracting a big turn-out for live shows at Downtown Brewing Co. in San Luis Obispo.

The band and all the activities were chosen and planned by students working on the Dusk 'til Dawn committee. The committee is made up entirely of students working for ASI, with only one or two staff advisers helping out.

"It's basically from students, for students," Zanini said.

ASI is a non-profit organization and used funds included in Cal Poly student tuition fees to finance the event. However, much of the help came from local sponsors.

"We're kind of a win-win situation all around," Zanini said of local businesses getting exposure and students not having to pay admission to the event.

If this year's Dusk 'til Dawn is a success, ASI hopes to make it grow into an annual event, providing all students with a fun, free way to get together and enjoy a night of activities and entertainment.

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Volunteers can also benefit from learning a new language, a new ecosystem and new crops.

Agriculture graduates have what the Peace Corps considers "scarce skills."

"They're some of the hardest volunteers to get... With a lot of deforestation that's happening now and desertification they need specialists in the field. That's why we come to Cal Poly," Block said.

Last year the Peace Corps sent Cal Poly a Peace Pole because it is one of the top 25 schools in the southwest United States in the number of graduates it sends to the Peace Corps. The Peace Corps has been at Cal Poly since 1971, but this was the first time Cal Poly made it into the top 25, beating Davis. Cal Poly averages 35 volunteers a year.

"Peace Corps at Poly is a very active group on campus," agriculture professor Bob McCorkle said. The Peace Corps sends graduates to Cal Poly to recruit students.

As of September 2005, Cal Poly was the home of more volunteers than any other state.

Agriculture graduates can serve in a variety of areas including forestry, environmental education and animal husbandry. Volunteers who work directly in agriculture make up 6 percent of the Peace Corps and education makes up another 34 percent.

"That's a very large opportunity for us, for everyone who's interested," Bishop said.

Block said they are focusing on HIV/AIDS because "that's another huge issue that's come up lately." The Corps recently put out a new AIDS initiative. Health and HIV/AIDS has the second highest percentage of volunteers with 20 percent.

"Peace Corps values Cal Poly students because of the skills we develop here on campus," said former Cal Poly Peace Corps recruiter Brad Rodovich.

The Peace Corps application process is competitive, but students interested in joining can contact Block at 735-5835 or peacecorps@calpoly.edu.
Comedians will bring laughter to PAC

Four comedians known for their radio show appearances, will perform Saturday at Cal Poly.

Christina Casci

Laughter is said to be the best medicine. This Saturday, be prepared to be healed. The "Friends of the Bob and Tom Show Comedy Tour" is coming to the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

The tour is featuring four comedians, Auggie Smith, Greg Warren, Henry Phillips, Mike Birbiglia and host Mike Macaza, who are frequent guests on the syndicated morning comedy radio show, "The Bob and Tom Show." "We are all good friends," said Birbiglia. "That's why we are touring together.

The show has different combinations of comedians at most of the shows, according to "The Bob and Tom Show" Web site, www.bobandtom.com.

Bob and Tom host the popular show, Birbiglia said. "They asked me to do a segment on the show and I read my journal, on air. I thought it was a lot of fun and they asked me to do it again and I really thought it was a lot of fun."

The tour, according to the Web site, is featuring four comedians known for frequent appearances on the Bob and Tom show. The comedians will perform together and Birbiglia said, "It brings the show popular, but the pair donate some of the revenue to various charities, according to their Web site.

Two people highly involved in the show are Kristi Lee, the news director and Chick McGee, the sports director. Both are on the show every morning and have been involved for some time, according to the Web site.

Comedians come on the show daily and do bits. Some are on so often they have been named friends of the show. This includes comedians like Jim Breuer, Tim Allen, Jeff Foxworthy and Stephen Lynch, according to the Web site.

The group of men coming to the PAC, "The Band of Bachelors," has appeared on BET and Comedy Central, according to the PAC Web site, www.pacslo.org.

"I'm very excited," said Birbiglia. "I think San Luis Obispo will be more my speed," he said.

The group came up with something to close the show with, Birbiglia said. "It brings the show together and I really think you will like it," said Birbiglia.

"Friends of Bob and Tom Show Comedy Tour," will be at the PAC, Saturday, at 7 p.m. and will feature comedians who appear on their show.

"The show is syndicated in 39 states and the state with the most appearances, will perform on the show popular," Birbiglia said. "It brings the show together and I really think you will like it," said Birbiglia.

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MOVIE REVIEW

"Flicka" flops

Aaron Allen

Daily Independent

SALT LAKE CITY — I couldn't soar this movie came out once already this year, but maybe that's because everything about it feels so familiar. Actually, there was a horse-riding girlie movie named "Dreamer" that was released last spring (starring the pretternaturally talented and cute Dakota Fanning), so I'm not going crazy.

This one is called "Flicka" and stars country-music sensation Tim McGraw as a tough, rancher dad who prohibits his headstrong daughter, Katy (a brunette Alison Lohman), from taming a dangerous mustang she names Flicka.

"But can't you see, Daddy?" she pleads. "Flicka and I are the same!"

I am not the audience for this movie, so I approach such a thing as an anthropologist might approach a strange civilization in the jungle: I observe, take notes and hopelessly try to communicate with it. The little girls in the audience of the Saturday morning screening I attended seemed to like it — they stayed in their seats and didn't make much noise. The more rambunctious crowd seemed to be the lady folks in cowboy hats who made lascivious grunts.

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New monthly club offers $5 DVD promo

Liza Manion  
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National Lampoon's DVD-of-the-Month Club is just as it sounds: "laugh-out-loud comedy." Launched at the beginning of this month, the club introduces subscribers to movies that might not have been a hit at the theaters, but are still as good just as good.

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Lahiri’s ‘Namesake’ worth the money

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Rating: Buy! (I had to start you out with a good one, right?)

“The Namesake,” currently being made into a motion picture, is the first novel by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jhumpa Lahiri. It focuses on Gogol Ganguli, the child of Indian immigrants in the United States. It follows him from birth, through his conflicted childhood and adolescence, to his cautious reachings-out into adulthood. The novel primarily deals with Gogol’s ongoing internal battle of figuring out how to balance the strong Indian culture of his parents with the intense American influences around him.

Contrary to Indian tradition, Gogol was not named by his maternal grandmother. Instead, his father named him after the Russian writer Nikolai Gogol, whose book he was holding during a horrific train crash, and to which he attributes his survival. Although initially given a nickname, it eventually becomes permanent. The key symbol in the novel, Gogol’s name can be seen as a metaphor for his life; just as his name gives no clue to either of his cultures, his entire young life is one of wondering where he really belongs in the world.

This quest for his identity brings Gogol to many life-defining crossroads throughout the course of the novel. From college to career choices, holidays to girlfriends, many of the similarly critical decisions we all make have an even deeper effect on Gogol. If he chooses to follow his dream of being an architect, he will fail to follow in his engineering father’s footsteps. If he marries the girl he loves, he will be completely separating himself from the community that became his surrogate extended family. In some ways, this could be almost any college student’s story. Lahiri displays the topics of family, love, heartbreak and growing up in is such a way that conveys them as clearly universal.

W h a t makes this story so compelling, however, is the intense connection Gogol has to two cultures that often-times seem to be working directly against each other. For much of the novel, Gogol seeks to put the traditions of his family behind him and make a life of his own. However, he is continual-ly haunted by the idea of abandoning his roots, and eventually realizes that there isn’t any way to completely forget where you came from.

Lahiri does a wonderful job of developing rich, credible characters that cause the reader to become one with the book. Her background as a writer of short stories is evident in her clever combination of different character stories, which add up to a splendid whole. While the ending was a bit too cryptic for me (you’ll see what I mean), the beautiful conveyance of universal themes, complete character development and deeply felt story convince me that it is worth your money.

Next week: For One More Day By Mitch Albon.
Wanna be a part of it — New York, New York

They say that New York is the city that never sleeps. Believe me, it doesn’t. Within its neon-lit streets — jumping with speeding taxis and fat, fluffy squirrels — is a constant adventure waiting to be had. Compared to good old San Luis Obispo, which shuts down at the ripe hour of about 6 p.m., New York is like the Energizer Bunny on crack. Nor is it! The bars, clubs and restaurants open practically 24 hours a day, but even the people of New York seem to be zooming around in fast forward.

When I left my position as Spotlight editor of the Mustang Daily to spend a semester in the Big Apple, I was quite the California girl: friendly, pro-health food, an avid beach lover and relatively laid back (except on deadline, of course). But after more than seven months of living in the city, I’ve changed. Most of the change has been good. I’ve become more independent and street savvy. Now I can read a map correctly. And, most importantly, I’ve learned how to defeat pathetic pickup lines and catcalls from local construction workers and homeless men with super fast speed. However, as I continue to assimilate myself into the New York culture, I’ve realized more and more of a routine once I saw comedian Henry Rollins perform in Big Sur. In the routine, Mr. Rollins explains the phenomenon known as the East Coast: “You know how East Coast people are: we think too much, we talk too much, we talk too quickly, we drink too much coffee and we’re far too optomistic for our own good.”

“Walk the streets of ... Manhattan and you’ll see people carrying 90-ounce bongos cups of coffee, which they just inhale through straws, and they’re either on their cell phones or screaming at the person next to them ...”

What Rollins is trying to say — regardless of what it may reveal about his, or my; personality — is that everyone has to be a little crazy to live in New York. But since moving here, I’ve come to learn that crazy isn’t all that bad. In New York’s defense, it’s the “crazy” part of the city that makes it unique. My friends and I have affectionately christened the crazy things we’ve seen as our “only in New York moments.” At the top of this list: when I sneaking onto the set of “Law and Order: Special Victims Unit” then almost getting kicked out; and then meeting Mariska Hargitay (a.k.a. Detective Olivia Benson), and getting my picture taken with her.

No. 2: Meeting “Kiry Hiccup” (the Queen of drag queens who frequents a local pub in the Finton District).

And, my personal favorite: No. 3. Watching an elderly Indian man dressed in a white tunic ride his child-sized Care Bear tricycle down Fifth Avenue in the middle of a downpour.

However, not all of my “New York Moments” have been happy and fun. Last week, just one month after the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11, a small plane crashed into an apartment complex on the Upper East Side. The crash was later reported as an accident, which sadly ended the lives of Yankee pitcher Cory Lidle and his flight instructor, but there was a strong sense of apprehension and uncertainty in the city that day.

The plane crash reminded me how much our country’s political and social policies have changed in the past five years. But it also made me realize how New York sits at the center of this fluctuating climate and its support of strength and hope. From the moment I got here, I’ve been in silent awe of New York’s bravery. I’ve already heard multiple personal accounts of the horror witnessed on Sept. 11, but I’ve also seen how people in this city don’t let what happened change who they are.

Whether it’s on the Hunter College campus or in a Broadway theater, New Yorkers continue to live their lives with passion and character. It is true that people take a moment’s pause while drinking their giant coffees to watch an airplane flying low over the city.

But it’s also true that New York and its people set a good example for the rest of the country when it comes to dealing with terrorism in today’s world. New Yorkers are constantly aware of their surroundings, and they’re constantly asking questions of our government and society.

New York may not be the most related city in the world, or even the most beautiful, but it does have quite a few things going for it: it’s smart, it’s switched on and it’s alive.

STAFF EDITORIAL

The Mustang Daily staff would like to thank all of those who celebrated the paper’s 90th anniversary with us. Whether you scanned the pages we spent months putting together or stopped by the newsroom, we truly appreciate your support and readership.

Although most of us read the newspaper for the day’s news and events, we tend to forget that the paper is in a way the best history tracker available. No other medium could have followed Cal Poly’s history better than the campus paper itself. Even after all our reporters and editors have graduated, the Mustang Daily will still be here to track the university’s future for years to come.

While 90 is a big milestone, we’re looking forward to the big 100, which is only a decade away. That means two of the past 10 and 15 years olds scattered around the country right now who will eventually get to experience what we editors and reporters just have, and perhaps they can even top yesterday’s issue.

Until 2016, keep reading, keep writing in and keep telling us what you think. It’s the support of students and faculty that has made the Mustang Daily stronger over the past 90 years.
LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

Elevators and DRC vans are scariest elements on campus

I think there is something wrong with the elevators in the library. I'm a civil engineer and am lucky enough not to have to take vibrations classes that mechanicals do, but I'm pretty sure elevators are not supposed to shake violently. It's even scarier to look at the inspection sheets inside the elevator which expired in August. Nevertheless, I'm lazy and still take the elevators.

This whole debate about bicyclists versus pedestrians is fine. I don't think bikers cause a problem nor do pedestrians. What annoys me are the signs that warn bikers of their impending fines. They are bulky and in the way of traffic — both bicycle and pedestrian. Give out your tickets, University Police Department, and boost your ego, but please remove those signs. They are more hazardous than either bicycles speeding down a hill or students walking in bike lanes.

On that note, I'm more worried about the DRC destruction derby vans. I have witnessed students driving out of the way of the DRC vans or bikers nearly dodging a head on collision. I fear someday I'll be run over by the vans; I can't quite claim the original System as the system that got me hooked.

You know, the gray and red box in which 8-bit game cartridges got stored. I know you had to blow on them to get them to work. I wish I could. But being born the year it came out (1985), it was my older friends who ditched homework to clutch that awkward, blocky controller.

Instead, I became addicted to video games after playing Madden '96 on Sega Genesis, racing pixelated football players up and down a pixelated gridiron into the wee hours of the night. Those were the good old days — when a video game console didn't cost a month's rent. Plenty of things can be bought for $600 — a bucket sort of used car, a 30-inch, flat-screen TV or even a few spanking new textbooks.

Now, you can add a video game system to that list.

Indeed, the loaded version of Sony's PlayStation 3 will cost gamers $600 — about $641 with sales tax — upon its release Nov. 17. A watered-down version of the system can be had for $300. The difference, however, is that the $500 version has 40 gigabytes of drive space, no Wi-Fi Internet support and no flash-card readers.

In the other corner, Microsoft's comparable Xbox 360 can be bought for exactly $300 less. The loaded version of the Xbox 360, which came out in November 2005, is $400 and the basic version is $300.

I consider that those prices are a good price drop around the Christmas season that many analysts are predicting. Granted, the PS3 might be better equipped for the future of gaming because of its provocative Blu-Ray disc drive, among other features. Dreamcast over the PS2. Then, when the NFL 2K series became on-par, the Dreamcast went out the window. The PS2 took its rightful throne on top of the VCR.

Xbox 360 has ensured it will not join the Dreamcast in the dustbins of forgotten systems. You know the kind — Saturn, 3DO, Jaguar, Lynx and so on.

The reason? Games will be better. Not necessarily better than everything the PS3 has to offer, but certainly good enough to keep the Xbox 360 on par. At the top of that list is Halo 3, which is due out in early 2007. A movie-like teaser trailer shown at this year's Electronic Entertainment Expo can be found on any recent Xbox 360 demo disc. The trailer itself is only a remote microcosm of the system's awesome capabilities, which are still in their infancy. Not only will the next Grand Theft Auto game, due out in the fall of 2007, be released on Xbox 360 at the same time as PS3, it will also feature exclusive downloadable content on Xbox Live.

Exclusive Xbox 360 titles include Perfect Dark Zero, Kameo, Project Gotham Racing 3, Call of Duty 2, Quake 4 and the upcoming Gears of War.

The Xbox 360 game I especially can't wait for that will not be found on PS3 is Star Trek: Legacy, which is due out Nov. 7. The epic space combat game will span the entire Star Trek history and features voiceovers from actors William Shatner, Patrick Stewart, Avery Brooks, Kate Mulgrew and Scott Bakula.

The truth is that games will keep the Xbox 360 alive in a way that the Dreamcast's library did not.

Sure, the PS3 might be better from a hardware standpoint than the Xbox 360. Is it $200 better?

—Trent Arid is a journalism junior, Mustang Daily staff writer and sports editor.
ASHOGHO, Afghanistan (AP) — Air strikes by NATO helicopters hunting Taliban fighters ripped through three dried mud homes in southern Afghanistan as villagers slept early Wednesday. At least nine civilians were killed, including women and children, said residents and the provincial governor.

Well-holed, angry villagers in Ashogho confirmed the attack, which set back NATO's hopes of winning local support for their tough counterinsurgency campaign. Kandahar provincial Gov. Asadullah Khalid said it appeared that no Taliban fighters were in the village at the time of the strafes, which left giant pieces of mud scattered along Ashogho's narrow lane.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two Kuwaiti witnesses at Saddam Hussein's genocide trial gave harrowing accounts Wednesday of surviving killing fields where guards executed hundreds of detainees at a time in sprays of gunfire.

One said he fell wounded into a ditch full of bodies. He said he climbed out and ran for his life past mounds in the desert, the mass graves of other victims in a 1988-89 military offensive against Iraq's Kurds.

Both witnesses described prisoners making their last prayers for God's forgiveness of their sins as they rode in trucks to the execution site — and said some detainees made desperate attempts to attack guards in hopes of escaping.

SAN VICENTE, Argentina (AP) — Former Argentine strongman Juan Domingo Peron was rebuked in a lavish ceremony Tuesday marked by violence, as rival factions hurled rocks at one another and riot police dispersed them with rubber bullets and tear gas.

The fighting between club-wielding groups of men on the fringes of a mostly peaceful crowd of thousands resulted in at least 40 injuries, local media reported. Televised footage also showed one man who appeared to fire a black handgun four times, the barrel smoking.

Condoleeza Rice, center, shares a light moment with Japanese Defense chief Fumio Kyuma, right, and Foreign Minister Taro As, left, in Tokyo Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006. Anne Geuran

TOKYO — The United States is willing to use its full military might to defend Japan in light of North Korea's nuclear test, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Wednesday as she sought to assure Asian countries there is no need to jump into a nuclear arms race.

At her side, Rice's Japanese counterpart drew a firm line against his nation developing a nuclear bomb. "I want the leader to understand — the community will be much more serious," Ban Ki-moon said.

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11 U.S. troops slain, driving October death toll to 70

Steven R. Hurst
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Eleven more U.S. troops were slain in combat, the military said Wednesday, putting October on track to be the deadliest month for U.S. forces since the siege of Fallujah nearly two years ago.

The military says the sharp increase in U.S. casualties — 70 so far this month — is tied to Ramadan and a security crackdown that has left American forces more vulnerable to attack in Baghdad and its suburbs.

Muslims believe that fighting a religious holy month could spark fighting in the Muslim world. The military said Wednesday, putting October on track to be the deadliest month for U.S. forces since the siege of Fallujah nearly two years ago.

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Asked which friends he was referring to, Zebari said:

“The Americans, the Coalition Provisional Authority, the British. OK? Because they didn’t listen to us. The did exactly what they wanted to do. Had they listened to us, we would have been somewhere else (by now),”

It was an unusually harsh statement from Zebari, a Kurd, whose relationship with Americans has been strained. Zebari said the U.S. military had been largely responsible for not fully preparing Iraqis for Iraq’s postwar reality.

There have been growing signs in recent days of mounting strain between Washington and the wobbly government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who felt compelled to lose power because it could potentially include fighters who have killed American troops.

As the State Department, spokesman Tom Casey said a decision on amnesty would be left to the Iraqi government.

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A report in Britain’s Financial Times on Wednesday said the White House is now pressing Iraqi authorities to give amnesty to Sunni insurgents. That would be a surprising change for the Bush administration, which has resisted amnesty because it could potentially include fighters who have killed American troops.

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Despite the climbing death toll, the U.S. military claims it is making progress in taming runaway violence in the capital as it engages insurgents, militias and sectarian death squads, rounds up suspects and uncover weapons caches and masse stockpiled explosives.

The latest American death took place Wednesday, when a soldier was killed after his patrol was attacked with small-arms fire south of Baghdad. Ten Americans were killed on Tuesday — nine soldiers and a Marine — the highest single-day combat death toll for U.S. forces since Jan. 3, when 11 service members were killed across Iraq.

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Tailgating a lost art

The Raiders and 49ers have combined to win only 28 of their last 107 regular-season games, but provided a fun tailgate atmosphere Oct. 8.

Tyler Wise
Senior Staff Writer

To尾gate fans: No, I don’t know, I don’t know if Raiders fans are.

Yes, I unabashedly admit that I am, and a heartburning as it is to watch this season, sitting down in flames faster than the Hindenburg, I had to laugh. I mean, I was an ingredient of the Raiders experience to enjoy every time I drove to Oakland no matter how painful the Raiders play. I have the tailgate party.

What is a tailgate party, you ask? Well, tailgating is the age-old tradition of driving into a parking lot and enjoying a long before the game begins and unloading a barbecue pit and a cooler full of Booze.

Essentially, you’re bringing the elements to throw a party out of the back of your vehicle to kill time in anticipation of a great game.

From there, you spend the next couple of hours showing down on hotlinks and Schulz hot dogs, while getting totally smashed in order to get yourself psyched up for the game.

So let’s say that you and some of your friends are planning to make a day trip to a Raiders, 49ers or Chargers game and your party has either A) never tailgated or B) your brother attempts to grill a couple of frozen Balpark franks and the six-pack of Pabst Genuine Draft you brought left everyone quite disgruntled and unsatisfied, here are the necessary preparation you’ll need to make in order to provide one hell of a tailgate party.

Preparations are to begin the Saturday afternoon before the game, and you must pack excessively. Bring as many barbecue pin (at least two — see Tailgating, page 14

Winning obscures bad behavior

Devan McClaine
Senior Staff Writer

Funny how winning changes things.

Terrell Owens was a “confident” wide receiver when he came back after a broken leg to star for the Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX in February 2005. A year later, he’s what we must give Artest a little praise.

It’s hard to put blame on either side because like the old saying goes, “it takes two to tango.” At the same time, anyone who has followed college football over the last decade knows that Miami’s football program in one that embraces a tough street nature. Head coach Larry Coker did not create this stigma by any means, but he did foster it.

And Coker is responsible for all the players on the roster because he recruited them. At the end of the day, these are still college students. Their actions ultimately reflect the lack of respect they have for the people running this program. Miami football has been involved in many controversial

Life to the Mustang Daily

Water ski team fifth at nationals

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Brennan Angle
Sports Editor

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