Students donate dollars to fight disease

Tyler Wise
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A group of six Cal Poly political science students are capping off a week-long campaign of collecting donations today in order to provide vaccinations for the millions of children affected by the measles virus in Africa.

Begun on Oct. 21, the Measles Dollar Drive is headed by students from the POMS 335, global political issues class working in conjunction with Doctors Without Borders, a nonprofit, international humanitar­

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Prop. 86 to affect smokers

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Voters in California will take to the polls on Nov. 7 to decide the fate of Proposition 86. Proposition 86 would more than triple the tax on a pack of cigarettes and other tobacco products. The current tax on a pack of cigarettes is 87 cents. If passed, Proposition 86 would increase that to $3.47, making the average cost of $6.50 per pack.

“This would really affect our business and this store. A lot of people are coming in and saying that they are going to quit if it passes, but for some people that’s really too hard,” said Lindsay Numes, an employee of Smokes 4 Less in Santa Maria.

“If it passes some say they will go online to shop and try to find ways to avoid the taxes. My boss said the black market would go up a lot.”

Numes said the average price for a carton of cigarettes at her location will increase to $70, and “that’s for regular name brands like Marlboro and Camel.” Cans of chewing tobacco will increase $3.30, bringing the price to about $14.10. “And there are people who go through about three packs a day,” she said.

“It (Proposition 86) would make a regular store like ours like a jewel­

CSUs graduate more than ever

Ronnie Meehan
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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was busier than ever last school year signing bachelor’s and master’s degrees for students in the California State University system.

A total of 87,680 students were awarded degrees from CSU campuses in 2005-06, a new report says. This is 3,692 more degrees awarded than in the 2004-05 school year.

“The increasing number of graduates is a reflection of rather dramatic influx of new students four to five years ago,” said Jim Blackburn, CSU associate director for enroll­

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as little as $1 is enough to cover the cost of injection tools and all procedural costs for one child. In addition, the measles vaccine is often combined with other vaccinations, without losing effectiveness, to counter other serious viruses such as rubella and mumps.

However, even though the Measles Dollar Drive is asking for small contributions to provide a large impact against the spread of the virus, the students in charge of the drive say the turnout during the week has been somewhat disappointing.

During the Homecoming game, the students working the Measles Dollar Drive booth, outside of the Spanos Stadium entrance, said that student donations were low as many seemed skeptical of the drive.

"Things didn't go as well as we had planned," said Jenna Kelly, a modern language and literature senior and Measles Dollar Drive assistant. "Some students were afraid that the donations wouldn't make much of a difference because they felt that too much money would go to something else such as administrative costs."

However, Kelly said that the donations collected during the Measles Dollar Drive would benefit the Nobel Peace Prize wining Doctors Without Borders, which has one of the lowest administrative costs of any humanitarian organization, in their emergency measles vaccination campaign.

"It's one of the aspects that made this project so appealing," Long said. "Instead of the usual 20 percent that many organizations take out for every dollar donated, Doctors Without Borders only takes 2 percent, so every dollar donated truly has an impact."

To learn more about the measles epidemic in Africa or to make a contribution, the Measles Dollar Drive will have a booth stationed in the UU Plaza today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly Pomona, and Cal Maritime have degrees that focus heavily in engineering, which attracts male students more than females, Blackburn said. The Cal Poly San Luis Obispo student body is 56 percent male and 44 percent female.

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Investigation found more than 700 registered sex offenders on MySpace Web site

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EUGENE, Ore. — That new random friend you met on MySpace might not be who he or she says it is. A recent investigation has found that registered sexual predators are visibly present on the popular social networking Web site.

Wired News entered the names of almost 400,000 registered sex offenders into a code search of MySpace.com's more than 120 million-plus current users on the Web site. This summer, however, MySpace gave users the option of changing the settings so that their profiles are only visible to their friends on the network.

There are also inherent limitations on young people's profiles. Anyone under the age of 14 must have a limited profile that only friends can view.

Cambra said some of her college friends that use MySpace have registered themselves as young teens in the past to prevent strangers from being able to look at their profiles before the recent privacy changes took effect.

University junior Sara Parker said she has been careful with friend requests since she began using the Web site as a freshman.

"I don't accept people I don't know for my own safety," she said.

The Eugene, Ore., Police Department has used MySpace as a resource for tracking down sexual predators, Sgt. Kathy Flynn said.

Flynn said EPD only began using MySpace as a tool for investigation within the past year.

"It's more likely it will happen to a girl," Cambra said.

"If there's an indication that there's something out there, then certainly we're going to look at that as part of the investigation," Flynn said.

Flynn said each case is dealt with differently; and much more than contact made on the social networking is needed to prosecute through the District Attorney's office.

"Conversation on MySpace isn't going to be enough to establish that there was a crime," she said.

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"I think it's one of those cases where technology is ahead of the law," she said. "We're just starting to see it used and being useful."

Cambra and Parker both said they feel safer using Facebook, which has less than a tenth of the users MySpace does and is still mostly made up of college and high school students on separate networks.

Many students are aware of the presence of online predators on MySpace, and say they are usually careful to watch what they put on their profiles and who they interact with on the Web site.

University of Oregon junior Aubrey Cambra said she gets about one to two friend requests or messages every day from random people she doesn't know.

"I've found some really sexual ones," Cambra said, adding that she also gets messages from strangers asking for her name, e-mail address or phone number.

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SANTA ANA (AP) — Five members of a family accused of scheming to send sensitive information about Navy warships to China were indicted Wednesday on new conspiracy charges, prosecu­ tors said.

The federal grand jury indictment added counts of conspiracy to export U.S. defense articles to China, possession of property in aid of a foreign government and making false statements to fed­ eral investigators.

Named in the supplemental indictment were Chi Mak, a U.S. citizen who worked for an Anaheim defense contractor; his wife, Rebecca Lam Wah Chiu; his brother; Tai Mak; Tai Mak’s wife, Fuk Huen Lit; and their son, Billy Yiu Mak.

Lit, 44, and her 26-year-old son already faced charges of making false statements and acting as agents of a foreign government, namely China, without prior notification to the U.S. attorney general.

Chi Mak, 66; Tai Wang Mak, 57; and Rebecca Lam Wah Chiu, 62, were previously charged with one count of failing to register as a foreign agent.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A fire lieutenant whose attempt to rescue a man from the top of a four-story building ended with the man falling to his death was warned not to "spook" the would-be jumper, a message the firefighter did not hear because he had his radio turned off.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that radio transmissions before the failed rescue suggested that other firefighters did not think Nick Torrico, 26, was about to immediately jump from the rooftop.

Fire officials said Torrico fell to his death on Oct. 12 after Lt. Victor Wysch, without notifying anyone, climbed a fire escape, grabbed the Seattle man and then lost his grip.

SAN JOSE (AP) — About 100 firefighters battled a wind­ fueled fire that destroyed at least five buildings and scorched more than 200 acres in the grassy foothills of Santa Clara County on Wednesday, authorities said.

The blaze also threatened homes in an area bordering San Jose and Milpitas, but was reported at 90 percent contained at 5:30 p.m., said Chris Morgan, a fire specialist with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention.

Morgan said firefighters were able to get a handle on the blaze, which started at about 3 p.m. in rolling hills with deep gullies, because several other jurisdictions could send equipment and personnel.

Four air tankers, two helicopters, four bulldozers and more than 30 fire engines were deployed to help, he said.

High winds and low humidity created dangerous fire conditions throughout the San Francisco Bay area, leading officials to declare Wednesday a "red flag" day.

"A normal fire on any other day wouldn't grow as fast," Morgan said. "Because of the wind and low humidity, this has the potential to get very large, very fast."

LA mayor calls new LA schools chief 'right guy at right time'

Ana Beatriz Cholo

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said his first meeting with the new superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District Wednesday could not have gone any better.

At a post-meeting news confer­ence, both Villaraigosa and David Brewer, who was named superintendent, appeared to be downright chummy with one another, despite a school board lawsuit challenging a new law that gives the mayor some authority in the nation's sec­ond-largest school district.

"He is the right guy at the right time," the mayor gushed. "I was thrilled with our meeting and the meeting of the minds.

Brewer, who will take over for retiring Superintendent Roy Romer, was equally effusive.

"We clearly are joined at the hip when it comes to working as hard as we possibly can to educate the children of Greater Los Angeles. Period. That's what this meeting was about. We had to go mano-% mano (hand to hand in Spanish) so that we understood each other," he said.

At one point, Brewer even apolo­gized for his "gaffe" in mis­pronouncing the mayor's last name two weeks ago. When he pro­nounced it correctly, the mayor joked, "You are bilingual already."

Weeks ago, however, the mayor's road was not so smooth.

He was complaining about how members of the Board of Education were ignoring his requests to be part of the process in hiring a new superintendent.

Then he went on a 14-day trade mission to Asia.

While he was away, the school board announced Brewer as their pick.

Villaraigosa, despite pointed questions from reporters, down­played his initial disappoin­tment at being left out and said he expects to include school board members in future meetings with Brewer. He said he also invited Brewer to once-a-week meetings to talk about school issues.

"I know you are all here because you would like to see a school board that is not seeing to one," Villaraigosa said.

Meanwhile, the lawsuit that challenges a state law giving the mayor some authority in the school board is moving swiftly through the court system.

A Superior Court judge said earlier this week that she will first consider the constitutionality of the new law, which is the reason that issue is decided, she will determine whether the legislation viol­ates the Voting Rights Act.

The lawsuit, filed Oct. 10 by a coalition of school board members, was signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last month. It's scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.

The legislation gives Villaraigosa and a council of 26 other local mayors a role in the district and shifts some power from the seven­member school board to the super­intendent.

Brewer said the first item on his agenda is going after dropouts.

"You either educate or incarcer­ate," he said.

Then, he wants to tackle the issue of homeless children and those in foster care. Caring for a child's mental state will also be a major concern, he added.

"In fact, many children are unable to learn because they have psychological issues and are suffer­ ing from post-traumatic stress dis­order due to the violence they wit­ness on the streets every day."

State sends clarifying letter to SoCal Hispanic citizens

CHRIS CARSON / Associated Press

Republican congressional candidate Tan Nguyen answers questions at his campaign office in Garden Grove, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006.

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — The California secretary of state mailed letters Wednesday to 14,000 Hispanic voters who received an intimidating letter from the campaign of a Republican congressional candidate.

The bilingual letter, also endorsed by several Hispanic civil rights groups, encourages U.S. citi­zens to vote and informs them of the official state requirements to register.

It also lists the absentee voting deadline.

The state Department of Justice has opened a voting rights investiga­tion into a flyer sent to certain Democratic voters in Orange County by the campaign of Tan Nguyen, who is seeking to unseat Rep. Loretta Sanchez in California's 47th Congressional District.

That letter, written in Spanish, warned: "You are advised that if your residence in this country is illegal or you are an immigrant, voting in a federal election is a crime that could result in jail time."

In fact, naturalized U.S. citizens have the right to vote.

The letter mailed by Secretary of State Bruce McPherson tells voters who received the Nguyen cam­paign letter to ignore it and calls the flyer "unauthorized and inaccu­ rate. The voter intimidation in any form is completely unacceptable."

McPherson said in a printed state­ment, "Voters who received the intimidation letter should ignore it and cast their ballot on Election Day."

Nguyen has said he purchased a database of Hispanic voters from a Barbados company called Political Data Inc. so he could send them en­glish-language campaign litera­ture. He said his campaign sent four flyers because they have his office manager forwarded the names to an outside party.

Voters and election officials have refused to identify the office man­ager or a third party who said mailed the letters.
People rally in front of the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, in Trenton, N.J., as they wait for the New Jersey Supreme Court to release its highly anticipated decision on gay marriage.

Geoff Mulvihill
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey's highest court opened the door Wednesday to allowing the state the second in the nation to allow gay marriage, ruling that lawmakers must offer same-sex couples either marriage or something like it, such as civil unions.

In a ruling that fell short of what either side wanted or feared, the state Supreme Court declared 4-3 that gay couples are entitled to the same rights as heterosexual ones. The justices gave lawmakers 180 days to rewrite the law.

The ruling is similar to the 1999 high-court ruling in Vermont that led the state to create civil unions, which confer all of the rights and benefits available to married couples under state law.

"Although we cannot find that a fundamental right to same-sex marriage exists in this state, the unequal dispensation of rights and benefits to committed same-sex partners can no longer be tolerated under our state Constitution," Justice Barry T. Albin wrote for the four-member majority.

The court said the Legislature "must either amend the marriage statutes to include same-sex couples or create a parallel statutory structure" that gives gays all the rights. The three dissenters argued that the majority interprets the New Jersey's 1947 constitution, nor the state's 1979 gay rights law, to mean gay couples have rights that are inferior to those of heterosexual couples.

In a clear-cut ruling legalizing gay marriage this close to Election Day could also have been a political bombshell, galvanizing Republicans and the religious right. Eight states have gay marriage bans on their ballots in November.

New Jersey Republicans, who are in the minority in the Legislature, said they would work to ban same-sex unions by enacting a constitutional amendment.

For gay rights advocates, there was debate over whether the ruling was a victory.

Laura Schwartz, legal director of Human Rights Campaign, said if lawmakers have to choose between civil unions and marriage, it is a "lose-lose situation for gay couples."

"They get to decide whether it's chocolate or double-chocolate chip," Schwartz said.

Steven Goldstein, executive director of Garden State Equality, New Jersey's main gay political organization, quickly announced that three lawmakers would introduce a bill in the Legislature to give full marriage rights to gay couples.

"New Jersey is a progressive state and has a tradition of tolerance," he said, one of the lawmakers.

Democratic Assemblyman Reed Gusciora.

GOP Assemblyman Richard Merkt said he would seek to have all seven justices impeached.

"Neither the framers of New Jersey's 1947 constitution, nor the voters who ratified it, ever remotely contemplated the possibility of same-sex marriage," Merkt said.

Gay couples in New Jersey can already apply for domestic partners under a law passed in 2004. Among other things, domestic partnerships give couples the right to inherit possessions if there is no will and health care coverage for partners of state employees.

Democratic Gov. Jon S. Corzine supports domestic partnerships, but not gay marriage.

Supporters pushing for full gay marriage have had a two-year losing streak in state courts, including those in New York, Washington state, and both Nebraska and Georgia, where voter-approved bans on gay marriage were reinstated.

They also have suffered at the ballot boxes in 16 states where constitutional amendments were amended to ban same-sex unions.

Cases similar to the one ruled on Wednesday, which was filed by seven gay New Jersey couples, are pending in California, Connecticut, Iowa and Maryland.

Chris Loverik, one of the plaintiffs who works for a Newark law office. But he added, "I'm not sure what this exactly means in terms of marriage."

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Another plaintiff, Sandra Toby-Heath, was more effusive: "I feel they were listening and paying attention to us as human beings who wanted to have the same rights."
SAN JOSE DEL CABO, Mexico (AP) — Inexplicable Storm Paul weakened to a tropical depression Wednesday as it swirled toward Mexico's mainland at the tip of the Baja California peninsula.

The worst terrorist attack ever on Argentine soil, the bombing near the building.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentine prosecutors asked a federal judge on Wednesday to order the arrest of former Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani and seven others for the 1994 bombing of a Jewish cultural center that killed scores of people.

The decision to attack the center "was undertaken in 1993 by the highest authorities of the then-government of Iran," prosecutor Alberto Nisman said at a news conference. He said the actual attack was entrusted to the Lebanon-based group Hezbollah.

The worst terrorist attack ever on Argentine soil, the bombing of the Jewish cultural center in Buenos Aires killed 85 people and injured more than 200 when an explosive-laden vehicle detonated near the building.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — NATO-led troops backed by artillery and aerial strikes battled insurgents in southern Afghanistan, killing 48 suspected militants in three separate confrontations, the alliance said Wednesday.

At least four civilians were wounded in the clashes in Kandahar's Zhari and Panjwai districts on Tuesday, the alliance said, adding that they were being treated at military facilities.

The clashes had targeted militants who were attacking NATO's development efforts in the area, said Maj. Luke Knittig, a spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Associated Press photographer was freed unharmed Tuesday after a harrowing day in the hands of the Palestinians who abducted him at gunpoint and dressed him in women's clothes to spirit him from one secret location to another.

Emil Naccarato was brought before midnight to the office of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas by Fatah officials. It was not clear who kidnapped him, though officials said he was taken by criminals.

The government and main Palestinian groups denounced the abduction.

SEOL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea warned South Korea against joining international sanctions, saying Wednesday that its neighbor would "pay a high price" if it joins the U.S.-led drive to punish the reclusive communist nation for its nuclear test.

The statement from the North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland came as South Korea struggles to determine how it should enforce the U.N. sanctions, including whether to help interdict North Korean cargo ships suspected of transporting materials for unconventional weapons.

"If the South Korean authorities end up joining U.S.-led moves to sanction and stifle (the North) we will regard it as a declaration of confrontation against our own people... and take corresponding measures," the North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland said in a statement.

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If "North-South relations collapse due to reckless and imprudent sanctions, it will lead to any immediate change in the situation," Putin said in televised comments broadcast in Moscow.
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MxPx and local businesses come together to offer help for child in need of implant

Brigette Barbosa
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Imagine never hearing the crashing waves. Imagine never hearing "Happy Birthday" sung to you on your special day, and never hearing the crashing sound of silence since her birth.

"I thought of all the things that could be wrong with a child — this was one of the least complicated," said Daniel Shaw, whose 1-year-old daughter, Heidi, already speaks English and Spanish.

"She is an abnormal 1-year-old. Everyone who meets her says there's something special about her. She's not shy at all, she'll crawl, or walk now, right up to people she meets. She's a very happy baby," he said.

"She's intelligent level is above the average 1 year old. She knows about 20-plus signs and can put together sentences, where a normal 1-year-old baby can only say one or two words.

Ernie Ball, a signature guitar company, comes to his house weekly to teach Heidi and Estefany sign language. He learns from his family if he isn't there to participate.

"American sign language is for the most part a self-explanatory for the children's signs. For example, the sign for animals really is the mimicking of the animal. She teaches me new signs. I had been gone for five days and this morning she woke up and was pointing at a light and making the sign for light, but I didn't know what she was doing. My wife Heidi had to tell me she wanted the light turned on.

In order to give their daughter the gift of sound, the Shaw's immediately began looking into cochlear implant surgery. "We knew hearing aids wouldn't help her in any way at all," he said.

According to the American Academy of Otolaryngology Web site, a cochlear implant is an electronic device worn on the outside of the ear, which restores partial hearing for the deaf. "The damaged parts of the auditory system are bypassed by the device and the hearing nerve stimulated. This allows extremely hearing impaired people to receive sound. The device is different from a hearing aid in that it doesn't make the sound louder or clearer, simply available.

But the cost of a cochlear implant device, including evaluation, surgery and rehabilitation, is estimated at around $40,000, according to the Web site.

Daniel said Estefany's first ear surgery was planned for Nov. 17 in a Los Angeles hospital. As for returning for a second implant in the second ear, he said they would see how the first surgery went, but the second surgery would be "about a $50,000 out of pocket expense."

In order to help the Shaw's raise the funds needed to pay for the surgery, a local company has planned a special event. Ernie Ball, Inc., one of the world's leading producers of guitars, strings and accessories, presents "Ballerine Charity Music Festival. Along with several other local businesses, they are hosting A Special Night for Estefany Shaw, this Saturday, Oct. 28, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The event takes place in downtown San Luis Obispo at the Mission Plaza.

Brian Ball, involved with both, marketing and artist relations for Ernie Ball, said he was never approached to plan the event, but did it for a friend. "Basically, he's my best friend who's had an unfortunate situation. He moved to Guatemala to do social work fell in love with a girl, married her and got her pregnant. They moved back to San Luis together and had the baby, but she was completely deaf. I saw my best friend handle the situation like a hero. He was never pessimistic about it but was receiving no outside help," Ball said.

It was then that Ball looked for ways to help. "Part of my job at Ernie Ball is artist relations. We have around 750 endorsed artists and I've become good friends with a lot of bands," he said. Ball asked the band MxPx to participate for this great cause and they said they would do it in favor of Estefany.

MxPx will perform a live concert as part of the event. Restitution and The Pathetics are also scheduled to perform. Other businesses including Firestone Grill, Moonoggies, Boo Box Records, Guitar Center and Bulls Tavern are providing support. Ball said UFC Lightweight Champion Chuck Liddell will attend the festival and raffles will be held. A beer garden will be on-site as well, for those 21 and older.

"I think it (the charity event) is great," Shaw said. "I work in the community and help people out everyday. To have something done for him in return is what he considers the whole point of having a community.

He said he hopes the event also helps raise awareness about this type of surgery. There are a lot of people who would benefit from the aid, but there's a certain lack of support within the deaf community.

"I'm giving my child more options. If she wants to be deaf and rely solely on sign language, then she can take out the implant and never use it again. But I want to be able to give her that option," Shaw said.

All ages are welcome to the event and tickets are on sale at Boo Box Records in San Luis Obispo for $10, but they are limited.

"Ticket sales are strong," said Shaw Hatley of Boo Box Records. Hatley said the store originally received 100 tickets for the event but that batch sold out in the first few days. They have since received a batch of 500, which are selling well. All proceeds from the event will help pay for Estefany's upcoming cochlear implant surgery.

"If you're looking for a great way to ring in the Halloween weekend this is a perfect place to come," Ball said.

The Bradbury Press to play at CU Hour today

Kathrene Tiffin
MAR 15 2007

The Bradbury Press, who have been compared to Dave Matthews Band and the Counting Crows, will bring their soulful sounds to CU Hour today at 11 a.m.

"Prized at once for their intelligent lyrics and their pop sensibilities, The Bradbury Press have the uncanny ability to make thought-provoking music that sounds familiar the first time you hear it," according to the band's Web site, www.thebradburypress.com.

The band, who call Seattle their home, consists of four members: lead vocalist and songwriter Darren Golden, guitarist Dave Breuer, who is also a songwriter and a vocalist, bass player Travis Hartman and drummer Greg Garcia.

The Bradbury Press' latest CD "The Front," combines "melodic storytelling and inspired riffs with a clear vision that steers clear of novelty melodrama or jamband boredom," according to their Web site.

"I want to write about ideas that interest me and make the choices we make, and the way we influence each other's lives, even in small ways, each day." Golden said on the band's Web site.

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MxPx will perform Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. in Mission Plaza as part of a fundraiser put on by Ernie Ball Inc. to raise money for a cochlear implant for Estefany Shaw.
Learning a lesson on personal space the Italian way

I wake up each morning to several reminders that I'm living in a foreign country. I look out my shutter-lined window and see the Mole Antonelliana, probably the most famous symbol of Turin. I lace up my shoes, it's the regular flip-flops have been completely ditched since my arrival to Italy and begin my trek to school.

After only a few blocks of walking and dodging crazy drivers, I arrive at the nearest bus stop. It is not uncommon here for an Italian to, despite an entire open sidewalk, step literally only a few inches in front of me as I wait for my bus. Lines and personal space simply do not exist here, which is no more apparent than on my daily bus rides.

If I'm lucky enough to grab a seat at the beginning of this ride, chances are I won't have it by the end. Proper bus etiquettes says to give your seat up to elders, mothers and young children. Some people choose not to abide by the unwritten rules, but it's not easy to rebel. If somebody wants your seat they will stand and crowd you over and stare until you move. Some choose the "look out the window" approach and pretend not to feel that person's breath down their neck. I, on the other hand, would rather stand and cough the rush because that is such an uncomfortable situation.

It would seem that getting a seat on the bus would make the lack of personal space less evident, but I've learned that this is not the case. It is completely normal for a person to sit right next to you, even if every other seat on the bus is open. I actually get strange looks when I get onto an empty bus and walk to the back to sit by myself. While I find it odd and unnecessary for a person to crowd me on an empty bus, it is something I have adjusted to.

There are, however, personal space issues which I have absolutely not adjusted to. Just yesterday, a group of guys got on my bus which was left with standing room only, and after a few minutes of standing over me, one of them, kid you not, just sat in my seat with me. I should clarify that it was not a seat made for two people, and that this was something that I had never seen before. I was so completely taken back that I dealt with no idea how to react. He must have seen the confusion on my face because he looked at me as if to ask if it were OK that he was sitting with me. Still stunned and confused by the situation and unable to respond, I opted to simply clean my back-pack and stare out the window for the rest of the ride home.

STAFF COMMENTARY

Real women (and men) have curves

In our society, weight is a sensitive issue. People are uncomfortable with their bodies or size. That is a widely accepted concept.

All body types are great. The problem I have with our society is the inability to accept our sizes. I don't understand how a person who wears a size 13 jean can buy a shirt that doesn't really fit me. I don't understand how a person who wears a small size shirt and a medium size pants do not need to be large enough to fit four people into the same shirt.

Not only is this a complication with size, it is a problem with style. A few years ago, tummy shirts were in. I will give all you girls that. However, today it is not cool to wear a shirt that shows half of your stomach.

Gays, though the '80s were fashionable, MC Hammer pants are unnecessary. He was pretty cool and all, but he's a little outdated.

Sizes are a huge problem, but what about combinations of patterns? One of my friends, whom I adore, walked into my house wearing plaid shirts and a horizontally striped shirt. The only question I had was "why?"

Some of the smartest people in the country go to school at Cal Poly, but we still can't get the style thing down. That is funny.

I remember elementary and middle school. There was noting disastrous about the clothes we were. Our parents dressed us, so what could be our fault? OK, so I have to confess that I have bought a shirt that may have been a little small because I liked it so much I had to buy and wear an old shirt that didn't really fit me anymore. That is the only reason I can criticize. Don't go me wrong, there is nothing wrong with being a larger size, but please, please, wear it. Nobody sees the tag and there is no flag on your shirt that says what size you are.

This might piss you off, but it should also wake you up. Be proud of your body. Wear sizes that fit and actually make your figure stand out instead of content into something completely different.

Accept your body and start shopping in the right section. You will feel more comfortable — trust me.

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"I'm definitely in the loop these days."
GUEST COMMENTARY

Get your freak on at the next fire drill

D id anyone hear about the rave Cerro Vista Apartments threw last weekend? 0ct. 18? It started a little earlier than I am used to, but I still loved it. It came complete with sirens, flames, loud sounds and cops. Even the fire department showed up! The timing was a little unfortunate however; I was in the middle of studying for midterms. My friends were cooking dinner. However, that did not stop me from joining in on the fun.

The odd thing about this rave was that we were all forced to participate. No, we were not forced to take ecstasy, but we were forced to come outside and gather in a large crowd. Housing and Residential Life planned this rave weeks in advance. And this is why I, along with many others, am not happy. I don't think that we could have picked a more inopportune time to have a fire drill.

First off, this was midterms week. My 25-30 hours of studying were interrupted. They chose 7 p.m., otherwise known as dinner time. And they forced us out of the apartment to stand and hear some firefighter talk to us about stupid people who light things on fire. During the 45 minutes outside, I overheard a resident say, "This is going to turn into a real fire..."

I would say this is a very conservative estimate based on the fact that it took 45 minutes for Cerro Vista to be cleared and that not all 12 CAs are on duty all the time. A fire can engulf a room in a matter of minutes according to the University of Colorado. Let's say you are one of the unfortunate ones to have someone come to your apartment at 7 a.m. the 10 minute mark.

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"stewwering" leadership. I respect Matt's opinion, but hope he can write editorials that express his point of view without being misleading.

Thank You.

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Journalism junior

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On "good" coaching

It takes a "capable" coach to guide a team to a 22-point fourth quarter lead. It takes a better coach to know what to do with that lead. Rich Ellerson is a "capable" coach, but he still lacks the necessary intangible of killer instinct.

Homcoming may have been "just one game," but one game can swing a season. Had the coach not theorized the offside back and won the game by 30 points or more, the Mustangs would have likely moved up in the polls, or at least been assured of hanging onto fourth place. Instead, they now sit ninth going into a game against a Division I-AA opponent, the road, and have virtually lost any hope of hosting a playoff game for the first time since moving to Division I-AA play. Rich Ellerson has consistently shown a dangerous habit of becoming overly reliant upon an often over-extended defense by hamstringing a potentially daunting offense via a grossly overrated playbook, which, for all I have ever seen called in a game, must contain no more than a dozen plays.

Luckily for Mustang Nation, his teams have consistently had so much talent on defense that they can usually win in spite of this. But on Homecoming, they could not. The loss was an embarrassment to every member of the Cal Poly family. A talent on defense that they can usually win in spite of this. But on Homecoming, they could not. The loss was an embarrassment to every member of the Cal Poly family. A member of the Cal Poly family. A capable, but I fear he is not capable today, it's easy to brush it all aside. The coach is a "capable" coach, but he is not capable today.

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College fundraising goals pass the $4 billion mark

Justine Pope

Cornell University is going all out this month. Thursday features a news conference in New York City with the mayor and the Friday, 1,000 volunteers and wealthy alumni such as former Compton' chairman Sanford "Sandy" Weill who will kick off the main campus in Ithaca, N.Y., for an elaborate dinner. The menu: a salad that includes wild mushrooms and sweet vermouth cheese, marinated beef tenderloin and a hazelnut Godiva chocolate tart with minted raspberry sauce.

Cornell should more than recover the bill. The festivities are kicking off a campaign to raise $4 billion.

It's a job-dropping sum that exceeds the size of any university's entire endowment 20 years ago, and the money will stretch the target, Cornell President David Skorton will have to raise more than $1.6 billion every day for the next five years.

But $4 billion isn't even the biggest campaign announced in higher education this month. Stanford and Columbia just announced campaigns of $4.3 billion and $4.0 billion, respectively. Yale and the University of Virginia recently announced $3 billion campaigns, and 24 universities are officially trying to raise $1 billion or more, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The campaigns come at a time when college is more expensive than ever. Just Tuesday, a national report found college price increases again outpacing inflation. Tuition, fees and room and board at Cornell run $43,707 this year, though it promises aid for any student who needs it and will use some of the campaign money for more scholarships.

"We have a lot of wonderful things to do with the money," Skorton said in a telephone interview this week. Of the $4 billion target, he said: "I hope we're going to blow right by that."

They probably will. Cornell has already raised about $1 billion. Universities don't announce campaigns until they're confident they'll make it, though sometimes they extend the typical deal line. UCLA stretched a recent campaign to a decade to reach $3 billion.

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Danny Rolling executed for 1990 murders of 5 Florida college students he mutilated

Ron Word

STARKES, Fla. — Danny Harold Rolling, Florida's most notorious serial killer since Ted Bundy, was executed by injection Wednesday for butchering five college students in a ghastly string of slayings that terrorized Gainesville in 1990.

Rolling, 52, was pronounced dead at 6:13 p.m. EDT, more than 16 years after his killing rampage began at the start of the University of Florida's fall semester.

When asked for a last statement, Rolling sang for two minutes what sounded like a hymn with the refrain "none greater than thee," witnesses and prison officials said.

He appeared to continue singing after prison officials turned off the microphone, finally stopping just before he died.

The bodies of his victims were found over three days in late August, just as the University of Florida's college semester was beginning. All had been killed with a hunting knife. Some had been mutilated, sexually assaulted and put in shocking poses. One girl's severed head had been placed on a shelf, her body posed as if seated.

The killing spree touched off a huge manhunt and plunged the huge university into panic.

The state of Florida is giving this psychopathic killer just what he wanted," said Mark Elliott of Clearwater, spokesman for Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

The attention surrounding Rolling's execution reopened old wounds in Gainesville and for the families of the victims.

"There are some things you just can't run from, this being one of those," Rolling told the judge.

"When he came up for trial in 1994, he shocked the courtroom with shocking poses. One girl's response, she remembers her laundry and curries downstairs to remove it from the machine. Scenes like this are a common occurrence nowadays, thanks partly to technology like the Internet and cell phones."

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Multi-tasking can cause more stress, according to U. Illinois experts

Bonnie Siemberg

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — A student sits in her dorm working on her history paper. She fields her phone, peruses her Facebook history, and listens to music while multitasking.

"There's a difference between multitasking and effectively multi-tasking," he said. "If someone's able to maintain a high quality of work while multitasking, then it can certainly be a valuable time management skill," Carson said. "But added that while multitasking may work well for some, it's not for everyone."

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SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Cal Poly’s 2007 baseball schedule, announced Tuesday by head coach Larry Lee and director of athletics Alison Cone, features three-game home series against a pair of Pacific-10 Conference schools, including defending College World Series champion Oregon State, and 2004 national champion Cal State Fullerton.

The 36-game schedule also includes road trips to Rice, UNLV and Fresno State.

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Ohm, who is now a member of Chicago Crosstown Classic's official TV analyst, the Bowie Bay Sox. "To me, that's a bush-league comment coming from a guy with that type of experience."

By applying pine tar to his pitch- ers, Rogers was able to create more movement because of its slippery and sticky texture. The rule states that a player cannot intentionally put a foreign substance on the ball. Unless the pine tar just magically flew out of the sky and landed on his hand, it's obvious that the act was intentional. If he was caught, he would not only have been removed from the game, but suspended for the rest of the series.

ESPN showed a video clip from the previous two series where the same magic yellow bleachers appeared on his throwing hand. Is this some sort of coincidence? I don't think so.

So it looks like Rogers has been using pine tar all postseason and having success by cheating. Rogers is a fraud and doesn't deserve any accolades for his recent success. It's sad that nothing will happen to him besides the video, officially no one will ever know of his act.

Baseball is a game of failure. It's a game where the No. 1 overall pick in the draft is the one who never make it out of the minor leagues. Getting three hits every 10 at-bats will make you an all-star. Mainly because of reasons like this, players will do everything in their power to avoid substitution.

In a game that has worked so hard to clean up its image, it's guys like Rogers who should set the example. With his clout and experience, Rogers should be an example of what hard work and "a refuse-to-give-up attitude" can pay off. Sadly, the phrase "America's Past Time" can't be used synonymously with baseball any longer. In a game that is predicated on numbers and records, let's hope another record doesn't fall to a player like Rogers.

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Poly ready for new challenge: Division I-A San Diego State

After blowing a 22-point lead in the final 8 minutes last week, the Mustangs will visit Division I-A San Diego State on Saturday.

Tristan Aird  
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Moments after a 29-28 loss to South Dakota State last Saturday, members of the Cal Poly football team were already pointing ahead to their next obstacle — a date at Division I-A San Diego State on Saturday.

The Mustangs don’t have time to mourn their stunning Great West Football Conference defeat last week. Cal Poly coughed up a 28-6 lead in the final 8 minutes on Homecoming night.

“I think this game is going to be important Saturday because we’ve got to rebound from this,” Cal Poly freshman defensive end Ryan Storwell said. “Our goal is always to win and the bigger the stage the better for us.”

The stage has been big for Cal Poly (5-2, 2-1) already this season. The Mustangs lost 7-17 at I-A San Jose State on Sept. 23. They were playing in that game without Walter Payton Award candidate sophomore tackle James Noble, who was sidelined with a sprained left ankle.

In three games since then, Noble has rushed for 425 yards and three touchdowns on 76 attempts, averaging 5.6 yards per carry.

But the Mustangs’ defense was quite uncharacteristic in the fourth quarter last week, allowing 140 yards of total offense in the period and giving up more than 17 points in a game for the first time all year.

“We’re just going to take this and learn from it and build off it,” said Storwell, who leads Cal Poly with 5.5 sacks. “This season’s only lesson is to never give up and I think we learned that tonight. We need to rebound from this. We need to concentrate on next week and get things rolling again.”

Added Cal Poly senior cornerback Courtney Brown, “we’re going to go into it like it’s our last game.”

Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson hoped his team would be able to put most of the fourth-quarter collapse behind it.

“This is one of those games where, see Football, page 14

Coaches, media split in Big West hoops polls

The Cal Poly women’s basketball team was tabbed seventh by coaches and fifth by the media as the men’s team was picked sixth by coaches and fourth by the media.

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It’s a split decision as to who is expected to win the Big West Conference men’s and women’s basketball championships this winter.

At the conference’s annual media day Wednesday in Irvine, Pacific was selected by the coaches to win the men’s title while the media chose Long Beach State. Cal Poly was selected by the coaches to place sixth and the media predicted a fourth-place Mustang finish.

On the women’s side, UC Riverside was chosen by coaches and UC Santa Barbara by the media. see Polls, page 15

After hip replacement surgery, Jackson’s return nears

Phil Jackson plans to be on the bench for the Lakers’ season-opener Tuesday against the Suns.

Brett Harris  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leaning on a metal cane, Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson declared himself “pretty much pain free” Tuesday in his first public comments since undergoing right hip replacement surgery three weeks ago.

“I’m feeling pretty good,” he said after watching the Lakers scrimmage for season-ticket holders at Staples Center. “It’s good enough so I can go to practices and feel comfortable on the court.”

He plans to return to the bench for the season opener next Tuesday against Phoenix.

And he’d like to do so without the cane.

“I hope to throw it away next week,” he said. Also on the mend is Kobe Bryant, who participated in his first full-court scrimmage Tuesday since offseason right knee surgery.

“It was good enough to get through practice,” he said. “We had a lot of breaks in between plays.”

Bryant said he should be ready for the season opener, but Jackson wasn’t so sure.

“He’s stalled out a little bit on his rehab and on coming back,” the coach said. “I really want him to be healthy when he comes back because a lot is asked of him and he plays heavy minutes. If things don’t go right, it could be a setback.”

Jackson confirmed that centers Kwame Brown (right shoulder) and Chris Mihm (offseason right ankle surgery) will miss at least the first few weeks of the season, making Andrew Byrum, who turns 18 Friday, the starter.

Toward the end of practice, Jackson sat on the bench, his hands leaning on the cane propped in front of him. Bryant was next to him, a huge bag of ice wrapped around his knee.

“He has his arm on today, which is the Lakers’ warm suit,” Bryant said of Jackson. “He puts that on, it means it’s time for business.”

During Jackson’s recovery, assistant Kurt Rambis has been running training camp and coaching preseason games.

Jackson won’t make the trip to Anaheim on Thursday night when the Lakers play Denver in their final preseason tuneup.

“That’s still something I’m not quite comfortable doing,” said Jackson, who hasn’t recovered enough to drive.

For the first time in three years, though, Jackson made it through a couple hours of practice without pain. The hip replacement has also made it easier for him to sleep comfortably at night.

Johnny in the Box

This is the definition you will find when looking up the word “cheat.”

This is a word that has gone hand-in-hand with professional sports over the last several years. This weekend, we may have hit a new low when discussing cheating and how it relates to professional sports.

Steroids have been a recent controversy in Major League Baseball. They have plagued the game for the past two decades. It took Congress getting actively involved to get the ball rolling, and to baseball’s credit, it created a system to eliminate steroids.

Everyone around baseball feels the stuff penalties and embarrassment that would follow anyone who is caught. Everyone agrees that this will not happen overnight, but feels baseball has taken the proper steps.

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