Student hit by train, requires leg amputation

Kristen Marschall

A run-in with a train cost psychology student Ryan West his right foot early Saturday morning.

Union Pacific Railroad contacted the San Luis Obispo Police Department (SLOPD) at 1:16 a.m. to notify authorities that a pedestrian had been hit, authorities said.

The train was traveling northbound when the conductor saw a pedestrian on the tracks and started sounding the horn, according to a SLOPD press release. However, police said West, 21, did not move and the train was unable to stop before hitting him.

"Those horns put out a pretty loud blare," SLOPD Sgt. John Bledsoe said. "Unless he was deaf, I don't know how he could miss it.

Police and medical personnel found the young man located at the railroad crossing at the intersection of California and Foothill boulevards. West lay unconscious and suffered substantial damage to his right leg, authorities said.

An ambulance transported him to Sierra Vista Hospital around 2:15 a.m. West's right foot was amputated on Tuesday to amputate a bit more. His stepfather, Martin Hedges, said he would undergo a second surgery on Thursday to amputate another six inches above it. His stepfather, Martin Hedges, said he would undergo a second surgery on Thursday to amputate another six inches above it.

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When West regained consciousness, he could only see pictures of the train. "It appears that he was by himself," Bledsoe said, citing that it is unknown whether alcohol was involved. "In that area, there's quite a lot of people out and about on Friday and Saturday nights."

However, the damage to West's right leg was substantial and doctors amputated his foot and the six inches above it. His stepfather, Martin Hedges, said he would undergo a second surgery on Thursday to amputate another six inches above it.

"He's doing fair — he's conscious and alert," Hedges said. Though West will be in intensive care for some time, he said that he wants to return to Cal Poly upon recovery.

When West regained consciousness, he could not remember anything, his stepfather said. "We're all very happy he's alive," he said. "We'd give up a foot to have the whole boy."

\[image of online poker ad\]

University introduces first scholarship coordinator

Tyler Wise

Cal Poly's University Advancement division has appointed Allison Jones as its first scholarship coordinator in order to increase the number of available scholarships and improve student-donor relations. In an effort to improve scholarships, internships and endowments, Jones will coordinate donor relations and will develop and maintain the scholarship-giving Web site.

"This position is the perfect match for what I am accustomed to doing," Jones said. A University of San Diego graduate, Jones received a degree in sociology in 2000. Having previously served as the director of resource development for Kids Included Together, a nonprofit organization based in San Diego, Jones comes to Cal Poly from Children's Hospital Central California in Fresno. She worked there as the foundation representative for major and planned gifts.

Though satisfied with her previous position at the children's hospital, Jones said that she had developed a strong interest in San Luis Obispo after visiting the city on numerous occasions. Jones said she had kept her eye on the local job market for quite some time, paying particular attention to opportunities that became available at Cal Poly.

"I really wanted to get involved in the San Luis Obispo area and when I saw that Cal Poly was looking for a scholarship coordinator, I felt that it was the perfect opportunity," Jones said.

When she came to Cal Poly to be interviewed for the position, Anne Harris, the director of special gifts for the University, said of West, citing that it is unknown whether alcohol was involved. "In that area, there's quite a lot of people out and about on Friday and Saturday nights."
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(overwhelmingly male) engage in online poker. With the new rules and the aforementioned numbers, the change is bound to affect many on the Cal Poly campus.

One such individual is biomedical engineering student Steve Coggins. Coggins, an avid online player, is disappointed in the latest measure.

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The ban is expected to weaken financial hoxes on the World Series of Poker, the premier tournament in poker.

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In turn, the winners usually wear apparel bearing the name of the site from which they came. The amateurs get to sit with the sharks, while the heaviest WSOP in history, with an estimated $43 million entry field and the name of the site from which they came.

Juxtaposed against the WSOP via online satellite. At $10,000 a seat, this year's tournament figures to be the richest, and stay the richest, WSOP in history, with an estimated loss of $16 million in revenue for 2007.

Another factor for the ban is the role of major casinos. Once upon a time, one had to travel to Las Vegas or Atlantic City for a high stakes game. Online poker changed all that. For example, pokerrum.com has regular no-limit games that run as high as $100 and $200 blinds, and some beyond that depending on the amount of players.

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Advancement division and the person ultimately in charge of hiring for the new positions, said Jones left quite a first impression on her. The C'al Poly campus.

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Tuition still climbing but not as much, College Board says
Alexandra Rush
C-Rose (KIRKLAND, Ill. BUREAU)

Washington — Although the College Board recently reported that the rate at which college tuition fees are rising is not as rapid as in previous years, families are still feeling the effects of tuition increases faster than the inflation rate.

The College Board's data shows that although the inflation rate is 3.82 percent, tuition at a four-year public college increased at a rate of 5.3 percent this year. Private colleges had an increase of 5.9 percent.

The University of Virginia boasts an increase of 9.1 percent, the highest increase in tuition in 2006.

"We are middle class, so we suffer in terms of high tuition. We can't pay the high costs but do not get adequate aid," said Long Island parent and teacher assistant Mary Soldano. "My family has had to cut back on expenses in order to pay the interest alone on loans for colleges [for my two daughters]."

Soldano and her husband Rick began by making small sacrifices, such as limiting restaurant outings, canceling magazine subscriptions, and eventually deciding to restrict their spending, cease home improvements and lessen heat and electricity usage to save money.

The Soldano family's situation is not an uncommon one. Increasingly, families are finding that they can't keep up with rising college costs.

Keith Jacobs, a University of Virginia sophomore from New York, is becoming increasingly frustrated with his school's costs.

"I think everything at UVA involves over-pricing, and they take advantage (of their students)," said Jacobs. "The state should only fund 10 percent of the school. So the lower in-state tuition is being paid for by the high out-of-state tuition.

A representative from the University of Virginia's financial aid office could not be reached for comment.

There are a variety of explanations for why college tuition is unaffordable for many college families. Keep Howard P. McKoon, chairman of House Committee on Education and the Workforce, assured colleges of raising prices whenever Congress increases student aid. Maryland Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Mayor Martin O'Malley, blamed current governor Robert Erlich for not providing adequate federal student aid.

Many students have their own theories on the problem.

Nicole Soldano, daughter of Mary, and University of Massachusetts freshmen, attributed high tuition costs to improper spending by the schools. She says schools are at fault because they spend too much money "on professors' salaries, unnecessary projects like extra buildings and televisions in the lounges."

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\[ An article in Monday's Mustang Daily incorrectly stated that Proposition 94, for water quality and safety, failed and that Proposition 90 for government acquisition passed. The results shown were based on San Luis Obispo County results and did not reflect the overall statewide outcome. In fact, Proposition 94 passed while Proposition 90 failed.\]
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**State**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A pilot program in which police track sex offenders using global positioning technology led to the arrest of a man suspected of trespassing on an elementary school campus, police said.

Ronald Bryant, 37, was wearing an electronic ankle bracelet as part of his parole, police said Saturday.

Officers monitoring his movements Friday noticed he had walked onto the grounds of Panorama Avenue Elementary School around 10 a.m. and left after 15 minutes, police said.

The school was closed at the time.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — For those who think politics is a sport, there's now an online game modeled after fantasy sports leagues in which senators and House representatives can become virtual owners of their teams. Players use Web-enabled sports journals to decide about everything from injuries to injuries, coaches, the role of foreign aid, and World Series tickets.

The site already has more than 600 players from around the globe.

Now that control of Congress has shifted to Democrats, players are eager to assemble teams to compete in the upcoming session.

FONTE A (AP) — A dead newborn was found in a plastic storage bin by workers clearing a field for construction, authorities said.

The baby boy was wrapped in a plastic bag.

**International**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Insurgent activity in Afghanistan has risen fourfold this year, military leaders now launch more than 600 attacks a month, a rising wave of violence that has resulted in 7,701 deaths in 2006, a bleak new report released Sunday found. In the volatile border area near Pakistan, more than 20 Taliban militants — and possibly as many as 30 — were killed during several days of clashes, officials said Sunday.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Shiite prime minister promised Saturday to shuffle his Cabinet after calling lawmakers disloyal and blaming Sunni Muslims for creating sectarian violence that claimed at least 159 more lives, including 35 men blown apart while waiting to join Iraq's police force. Among the unusually high number of dead were 50 bodies found behind a regional electrical company in al-Sulimaniya, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, and 25 others found scattered throughout the capital. Three U.S. troops were reported killed, as were four British service members.

NEW DELHI (AP) — A Californian who calls himself a Marxist has won a student election at India's premier Jawaharlal Nehru University on a campaign that accused the government of pursuing imperialist policies.

Tyler Walker Williams, a native of Berkeley, is perhaps the first foreigner to win university elections in India, where student politics is taken very seriously and is closely watched by national political parties.

Williams was elected Saturday to the post of vice president, contesting as a candidate of the All India Student's Association, an affiliate of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist). Left-wing group leader long dominated politics at Jawaharlal Nehru University, which tends to be an extension of the political parties. It often center stage during student elections.

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**Bush advisers adopt new tone on Iraq**

Ben Feller

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WASHINGTON — Responding to a humming election, White House aides said Sunday that President Bush would welcome new ideas about the unpopular war in Iraq, even when it had branded as soft on terrorists.

As Bush planned to meet Monday with a key advisory group on the war, his advisers adopted a new tone, days after a dispirited public hand­ed the White House a divided gov­ernment.

"Full speed ahead," in Iraq, as Vice President Dick Cheney put it in the final days of the campaign, was replaced by repeated calls for a "fresh perspective" and an acknowledg­ment that "nobody can be happy" with the situation in Iraq.

"We clearly need a fresh approach," said John Bolton, Bush's chief of staff, making the rounds of morning talk shows.

Democrats, meanwhile, showed they were not all in accord on how to proceed. Although party leaders back a multifaceted approach to stabilizing the country, lawmakers have not unified on when to bring troops home without risking more chaos in Iraq.

Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the incoming chairman of the Armed Services Committee, urged that U.S. troops begin coming home in phases within four months to six months. He and Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, the incoming chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, predicted many Republicans would support such a resolution now that the election is over.

"We have to tell Iraqis that the open-ended commitment is over," Levin said.

Yet the Senate's top Democrat, Harry Reid of Nevada, did not seem to go along with the idea. He said he thought the withdrawal of U.S. troops should begin within a few months, but when asked if he would insist on a specific date, he said, "Absolutely not."

The administration will not sup­port a timetable for drawing down, Bolton said.

"Nobody wants to get the troops out more than President Bush," he said. "But they need to be there to support the Iraqi government, to make sure that the Iraqi government succeeds. And as soon as we can get them out, we will.

As war dominated the U.S. political debate, there was more car­

riage in Iraq. Suicide bombs exploded in a crowd of police recruits in Baghdad, while Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki rebuked lawmakers for putting party and sectarian loyalty ahead of Iraq's stability.

Attention, too, turned to Bush's meeting with the bipartisan Iraq Study Group at the White House. Led by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton, the group expects by year's end to recommend an "exit strategy for peace and stability in Iraq."

Already, military commanders are re-evaluating their strategy under the leadership of Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Bush also named Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld right after the election, after saying days earlier that he would stay on.

"All these things are pushing toward one thing, and that is victory in Iraq," White House counselor Dan Bartlett said Sunday. "If there are good suggestions coming from either the Baker-Hamilton commis­sion or elsewhere — members of Congress, both Republican and Democrat — we want to listen to them."

The tone of the conversation changed when Democrat led in control of the House and Senate in Tuesday's elections.

Before Election Day, Bush said the Democrat's goal was to get out of Iraq, not win in Iraq, and that if see Iraq, page 4
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Democrat swept to power, the terrorists would triumph and America lose.
A majority of voters said the U.S. should withdraw some or all of its troops from Iraq.
"You know, it's a big disappointment for us in the White House to have lost control of both Houses of Congress," Bolton said. "But sometimes in adversity, there's opportunity, and hopefully we can take advantage of this opportunity." Biden and Levin appeared on ABC's "This Week," Bartlett was on "Fox News Sunday." Bolten appeared on ABC's "This Week." The report, titled "Students on the Move: The Future of International Students in the United States," was released by the American Council on Education in late October. The report says competition from other countries is reducing the share of international students coming to the United States. The Association of International Educators estimates that international students and their dependents pumped some $13.3 billion into the U.S. economy in the 2004-05 academic year.

U.S. may lose its popularity among international students
Aditya Ramathan
U-WIRE (WASHINGTON D.C. BUREAU)
WASHINGTON — A new report suggests the United States could lose its position as the most popular destination for international students to other countries, affecting U.S. competitiveness and cultural diplomacy.
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International students constitute a large proportion of science and technology graduate students, whose skills are in high demand, said Madeleine F. Green, vice president for international initiatives and an author of the report.
International doctorate students are often teaching or research assistants, contributing their skills to their universities. Green said that the presence of overseas students exposed Americans to different experiences and outlooks. "An international presence on our campuses is a very important way for U.S. students to learn about the world." Green also believes that hosting international students is a form of public diplomacy. "You have half a million international students ... with a good impression of the U.S. ... many of whom wind up in influential positions in their home countries," she said.
Yet, despite efforts by both the government and schools to ease procedures, large numbers of international students are choosing to go to Curtin University of Technology, near Perth, Australia. Liong said he appreciates that Australia is less expensive and closer to his home than many other destinations.
Liong did consider other countries for pursuing his master's degree. "Actually, I was thinking about China."
However, though he speaks Chinese, Liong felt Australia was a better destination for someone studying information technology. Also, studying in Australia offered him the opportunity to get a permanent residency visa after he graduates. Liong said cultural adjustment was not much of a problem, particularly since there are many Indonesians and other Asians where he lives. Liong's experience highlights the greater choices international students have today as well as the tendency for some students to choose destinations closer to home.
Green believes a number of countries are trying to attract international students from their own neighborhood.
"Australia is a kind of regional front for us," she said. Singapore is also trying to attract Asian students while the United Arab Emirates is trying to become a "cooler little Middle East," according to Green.
The report also points out that several nations have developed national policies in which universities and governments work together to attract international students. They also hunt for students aggressively. Many Australian universities, for instance, send representatives to other countries to interview and recruit some of their international students.
European countries are pursuing a "Bologna process" to make the movement of students within Europe easier.
Despite these developments, American higher education, especially graduate education, is still well-regarded.
Kaustubh Jagtap, a 23-year-old graduate student from India, said he finds many aspects of graduate education in the United States different. Jagtap, who is pursuing a master's degree in telecommunications at the University of Maryland, points out that in the United States, he can choose the subjects he wants to study. He adds that his syllabus is not based on one set of exams and that faculty can relate what they teach to actual industry experience.
"Here the main stress is on practical stuff," he said.
Jagtap said he considered other destinations as well, finding studying in the United Kingdom too expensive and the career prospects in Australia unsatisfactory.
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All Wines Considered
by Lauren Jeter

To screw or not to screw

Shakespeare had it wrong all along. They screw you on parking, on tests, at financial aid, at work, even looking for an elliptical machine at the Cal Poly rec center. In a world where you get screwed left and right...do you really want to get screwed when you’re relaxing? Well, some of us actually screw to relax...so let me espouse that question. When enjoying a fine wine in the privacy of your own home, do you really want to feel like a hobo down in dark alley? Most people say no.

I’ve read a few wine magazine articles and snickered a bit when snooty wine critics have their go at it. Cork taint is a foul smelling odor in the wine transmitted by microscopic mold in the cork. This compound is called 2,4,6-trichloroanisole, or for those wine addicts “in the know,” it’s simply TCA.

Cork’s days are numbered. Another fault of cork is that it dries up or shrinks in size on older wines and can oxidate wines even when they aren’t opened. Shrinkage is never pretty, and in this case, shrinkage turns wine to vinegar. Yummm.

Yet, some forward thinkers have jumped past this inevitable cork funeral, onto something new. The previous alternative to using cork, dating back to the mid-1600s, was oil-soaked tags shoved down wine bottles. For some reason, I prefer the more recent alternative, Mr. Screwcap. Mr. Screwcap is a very attractive and appealing younger man. He may not necessarily have a lot of experience, but you conveniently forget all this when you look at what he’s got to offer. You can screw him in public (or unscrew, depending on mood). He’s very low maintenance and requires no use of tricky apparatuses. He’s a cheap date because you can’t pay a corking fee if he wasn’t corked right?

There’s no sipping estranged bits and pieces of him in your wine; That could be awkward. He is just as easy to open up to after four glasses as he was your first glass. He is backpaking friendly, which makes him popular with all your flannel shirt, beard-wearing REI friends. He enjoys attending bonfires and picnics. He enjoys lawn seats at concerts and laughs at all your friends who pay $10 for margaritas.

Screw caps, also called “Stelvins” caps, are beginning to be more and more prevalent in the wine industry. New Zealand is currently producing the majority of their wines solely with screw caps. Bonny Doon Wines is a local company that stepped up in 2002 to announce their switch. By 2004, all wines including their high end wines ($25 to $45) were completely screw capped.

So after all that talk, are you still in the mood to screw? I hope you are, because I have some excellent recommendations and a Screw Kappa Napa 2003 Zinfandel ($5). The label depicts a good looking cork screw with a halo going to heaven. While the nose was nothing short of mundane, the first sip was surprisingly full of berries and a deep oak.

My second selection was a Puzzo 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon ($6). On its label, it had a acroitic word puzzle. While the smells were vibrant and delicious, ironically, I was puzzled when I tasted it. For such a vibrant and wonderful smell it was just bland and dry.

The best food to pair screw caps wines with is whatever you have on hand! Be it Burger King (BK Lounge for cool kids) or spicy beef tatas. Trashy or classy. It all depends on how you like to get screwed.

Feel free to submit any recommendations, accolades, favorite wines or recipes to laurenjeter@gmail.com

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In the mood to screw?

Daniel Schoenfeld
WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWSPAPER

NEW YORK — It happens almost every four years. It’s not the Olympics or the presidential election. It’s the release of a new generation of video game consoles.

And this means one thing: It’s time to start spending all your free time weighing the pros and cons of upgrading your system, or buying one for the first time. In the next two weeks, Sony will release PlayStation 3 and Nintendo will release Wii — pronounced like the sound heard in playgrounds everywhere. Last year, Microsoft released Xbox 360, beating everyone to the shelves.

First out of the box this year is the PlayStation 3, which will be released Nov. 17 at a whopping $599. That makes it one of the most expensive mainstream systems.

Two days later, on Nov. 19, the Nintendo Wii arrives, at a cost of $250. Forcusing for innovation, it’s Wii will be the least expensive system ever released, according to CNN.com, a popular technology Web site.

The PlayStation 3 will have a 60-gigabyte hard drive (20-GB system will also be available at $499), a 3.2-gigahertz processor, 512 megabytes of memory and a NVIDIA RSX graphics processor — for those not fluent in nerd, it’s just going to be one mean machine.

It also means games will load faster, play more seamlessly and have graphics that will blow gamers’ minds away. The PS3 will also display its games in high definition, like the Xbox 360 does. So for those of you who’ve always wanted to see Lara Croft’s, uh, guns in high defini­tion, your time has come.

The PlayStation 3 will also sport a Blu-Ray DVD player, which costs $1,000 and completely affordable for the hefty price tag. The Blu-ray lets users play their DVDs in true HD and standard DVD players — which also limits the buying Blu-ray DVDs instead of typical HD-DVDs.

Like previous Playstation consoles, the new PS3’s games shouldn’t disappoint and more than 20 are slated to be out by the end of the holiday season, according to Sony.com.

New York University junior Garrett James, who feels Sony is more reliable than Nintendo, said

Hollywood's latest cruel joke about how ignorant and disconnected America is with humanity might be starting to depress some of you. If the joke hasn't blissfully socked you in the face yet, however, "Babel" is certainly a great start. Using the growingly popular form of film writing known as nonlinear storytelling, "Babel" is told through four different cultural stories, all centering on a theme of being lost and disconnected. Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett play a couple whose marriage is falling apart while on a rather depressing vacation in Morocco. Meanwhile at their home in San Diego, their housekeeper decides to take her children to her son's wedding...in Mexico. The other two stories, which involve a Japanese deaf girl with an unstoppable urge to lose her virginity and a Moroccan family simply trying to survive in the mountains, are pretty poorly linked, but whether they even need to be is up for debate.

Where "Crash" set the precedent for modern nonlinear storytelling, "Babel" is more of a less tight and slightly less emotional version. However, the return of director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu and writer Guillermo Arriaga, who teamed up for "21 Grams," were still able to make the attempt an invigorating and worthwhile 2 1/2 hours (even if it's only to hear one of the best soundtracks of the year).

When a filmmaker can drag you out of your uninformed view of the world and dump you into a foreign place where you're as lost as the characters, then something, some form of film writing known as nonlinear storytelling, "Babel" is told through four different cultural stories, all centering on a theme of being lost and disconnected. Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett play a couple whose marriage is falling apart while on vacation, in "Babel" directed by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu.

When a filmmaker can drag you out of your uninformed view of the world and dump you into a foreign place where you're as lost as the characters, then something, somewhere went right. Arriaga and Inarritu's portrait of humanity is not, it's hard not be compelled by it all.

On top of that, who isn't compelled by the sight of Brad Pitt with a greasy gray beard! One of the greatest parts of watching foreign-directed/written films is that they make the best American actors seem like nothing compared to the foreign talent we never get to see. Listing the names of the other cast members in "Babel" will be meaningless to you, but let me make it clear that there isn't a single character who you won't connect with simply because the acting is done so well.

Where "Babel" loses its clear-cut direction is as stylistically uncomfortable and housekeeper brilliant as "Man on Fire," it sometimes goes too far and for no apparent reason either. His use of flashing lights (a warning to any epileptics out there) directly in your face for painfully long periods of time is never followed by anything to where the style would be considered necessary (watch "Jarhead" and you'll see what necessary means). While his montages are brilliant, his transitions between scenes, a far simpler task to get right, are sometimes ridiculously random.

But while these are all minor complaints that only someone like myself would throw rocks at pigeons about, the real problem lies in whether or not the film gets anywhere in the end. Some will see its conclusion as brilliant, while others will try to get money back for an open-ended, and slightly too vague, big finish. Personally, its slightly weak ending is the only factor holding it back from being the best nonlinear film since "Crash."

If watching films with characters that actually get developed, mostly thanks to its 142 minute hour runtime, isn't your idea of a good time without a keg, perhaps another viewing of "Borat" would be best. Anyone looking for a well-crafted and emotional look at humanity, however, might want to consider seeing this possible Oscar contender.
Bob Saget returns to the small screen

Rafael Sangiovanni
Coral Gables, Fla. — You can call Bob Saget a lot of things — wholesome, vulgar, even unpredictable. But what you shouldn’t call him is a game show host, at least, that’s how he sees it.

"I just consider myself a comedian who wound up on TV," Saget said. "I don’t look at myself as a game show host, but I guess people do because I’m hosting one, right?"
The man formerly known as Danny Tanner is referring to his new role in the new trivia show "1 vs. 100," an international hit that’s made its way to the States courtesy of NBC and Rodenstock USA. Saget, whose credentials include involvement in two little shows known as "Full House" and "America’s Funniest Home Videos," said he’s been approached by a lot of people to do reality TV and other game shows in the past, but that this one especially caught his eye.

The show is basically "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" with a twist—a rather large one at that.

"I heard a lot of stuff about the Wii, and I’m not interested in the new controller," he said, referring to the Wii’s new motion-sensitive element.

"When you raise the controller up or down in the air, your character moves accordingly. Swing the controller like a baseball bat and the character on the game will swing. Hold it like a light saber and fight with your friends as the characters fight on the TV."

Nintendo’s Wii is a significant upgrade from its predecessor, the GameCube. Back in the day, Nintendo was what we all played, but after the Nintendo 64, Mario and Co. seemed to lose their footing. GameCube had some gems, like "Zelda," but the system was marketed more towards younger age groups with very few adult-oriented games.

NYU game design professor Wells Packard, who is also vice-president of interactive services at KathodeRay Media Inc., said the Nintendo Wii emphasizes extensive game-design opportunities instead of totally immersive visual effects.

"Even (games) most die-hard fans have to admit that they feel a little silly trying to dominate the universe by twiddling their thumbs," Packard said. "Wii offers us a new range of motion that’s the next logical step in the progression of user-input devices as we move beyond simple buttons with basic shapes and began to invent a new vocabulary of gestures.

"Maybe I was held back emotionally," he said with a laugh. "In truth, it’s probably Saget’s ability to appeal to a lot of age groups, especially college audiences. His work in "Full House" turned him in 1980s pop culture (no there’s the nostalgia factor), while his infamous perverse stand-up routines and cameos in movies like "Half Baked" and "The Aristocrats" showcased a surprisingly darker side to Danny Tanner that college crowds have eaten up.

"I relate to them more," he said. "Maybe I was held back emotionally."

Whatever it is, it’s worked. "I vs. 100," debuting on NBC’s highest slot result since December 2002 and the original plans to only air five shows have been extended to 10 more.

Saget said he was attracted to the concept and unscripted nature, which would allow him to flex his stand up skills and grill contestants like Louie Musto in "You Bet Your Life." After talking it over with Mandel, his good friend of 25 years, he was in.

"I just feel a lot of passion," Saget said. "And I seem to have found an audience for that in different aspects of my career. I think this is real good entertainment for a lot of people, and I’m proud of that."

"1 vs. 100" airs Friday nights at 8 p.m. on NBC.

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  If you would like to learn more about study abroad programs, come to UU Hour and find out what Cal Poly has to offer.

• Friday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
  Multi-award winning poet Donald Revell will read in Phillips Hall at the PAC.

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  Want to represent your dorm in the fifth annual Battle of the Halls and be crowned hall champion? Come down to the Rec Center Friday for some games and prizes to show your dorm spirit.

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BUSH STUCK BETWEEN IRAQ AND A HARD PLACE

One would think that coming off an election year we would be very well-informed about our government's plan to deal with the Iraq puzzle. Sadly, after being force-fed abundant campaign slogans and talking points from both political extremes, Americans are left thinking in terms of only two heavily-flavored strategies for dealing with Iraq: "Cut and Run" and "The Guns." STILL, James Dobbin's, a national security expert with experience in the past three administrations, claims that there are "some options between keeping 160,000 troops on the ground and just pulling out." With that said, though what exactly are our president's options and more importantly, will both political sides, especially President Bush, consider them?

Most of the United States' strategic options will be explored in an upcoming speech by the president and the Baker-Hamilton commission. As a member bipartisan Iraq research group led by former Secretary of State James Baker, the commission will be led by former Secretary of State George Shultz, and former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney.

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For example, one of the Baker commission's new suggestions is that the president will be to use diplomacy to ease the situation in Iraq. Baker has publicly said that in order to reduce insurgency financing and weapons supplying, he favors opening talks with regional adversaries Iran and Syria, something Bush has refused to do. However, coming off such an election "thumping," which most view as a national referendum withdrawal from Iraq and to exchange the country's brittle democracy in return for stability. Many experts expect the commission to suggest installing a strong man (military ruler) or splitting the country into three parts as the best ways to achieve this stability. If President Bush follows either of these recommendations it would mean changing his policy in radical and humiliating ways, not something this president is used to doing. Yet if recent events are any indication, we will continue to see the president succumb to the political pressure, like all politicians do, and adopt the Baker-report in order to save himself. Consider that merely two weeks ago the president was extolling Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and explaining that he would stick with him for the remainder of his presidency, yet only one day after the resounding referendum, Rumsfeld was let go. Such an action by Bush immediately following an election upheaval is indicative of the president being driven by political survival and not by his customary self-righteous cause to bring democracy to Iraq no matter the cost. Compare the firing with the fact that Bush chose Robert Gates, a member of the Baker commission, to be Rumsfeld's replacement and it becomes clear that Bush intends to use the Baker commission's policies as political shelter from the Iraq storm. President Bush has staked his entire presidency on this war, so there is a strong chance he might not adopt any of the Baker commission's recommendations, as it will be admitting years of failure. Nevertheless, watching President Bush's actions in the immediate aftermath of a disastrous election, one can't help but think he has been humbled by the multiple mistakes and might be looking at the commission as his last chance to salvage the remainder of his tattered political legacy.

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Poly volleyball team sweeps UOP on Senior Night

The Mustangs limited the Tigers to a .080 hitting percentage.

Rachel Gillman
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT - M proposal NEXT

The Cal Poly volleyball team snuggled in first overall conference title in 22 years with a 30-19, 30-24, 30-19 victory over Pacific on Senior Night in front of 1,511 fans in Mont Gyn.

Cal Poly is the first program other than Long Beach State, UC Santa Barbara or Pacific to win the Big West Conference championship since 1990. It was the Mustangs' first overall conference title since 1984, when they were members of the now-defunct Pacific Coast Athletic Association.

"We believed in it more this season," Cal Poly senior outside hitter Candace Milton said. Milton and senior setter Aislinn Paperny celebrated what could be their last game in Mont Gym on Senior Night with family members and friends before and after the match.

The Mustangs (21-5, 13-1) had their highest percentage in a regular season match since record attendance of 56,274 at the L.A. Coliseum in 1960.

The only good news is we get to use back at No. 3 in BCS rankings. When first-place Oregon State (11-0-0) and second-place Michigan (11-0-1) play Saturday it'll mark the latest the Mustangs have been rated in the regular-season BCS standings.

Cal Poly, trailing 34-32 at intermission, was outscored 41-7 in the first three minutes of the second half. The Mustangs closed the gap to 53-51 on a jump shot from senior forward Jessica Eggeston with eight minutes remaining.

Cal Poly scored the first four points before losing three weeks ago against North Dakota State. Cal Poly, however, drew no closer than the Wolf Pack ended the game on 23-11 run.

A plethora of upsets help the Trojans slide in behind Ohio State and Michigan.

USC back at No. 3 in BCS

Ralph D. Russo
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Southern California bounced back in the Bowl Championship Series standings. The Trojans were in third place, right behind Ohio State and Michigan.

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which beat NAIA Edward Waters 28-7 Saturday. The season finale for both teams will be played at the completed Alex G. Spanos Stadium, which officially will join the Big West next year.

For now, the team's eyes are on the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2000. "We're not done yet," Bertoni said. "I don't think we're going to stop short of our goal (of the final six)."

The freshman hitting sensation expects practices to be much more intense leading up to the tournament. With sentiments similar to Bertoni, second-year Cal Poly head coach Jon Stevenson believes that the victory for the Mustangs will help the season to end, Stevenson repeated, "I just want us to play great volleyball."

Instead, Stevenson also said that the victory for the Mustangs will make a huge impression on the NCAA selection committee in determining a playoff seed.

In the No. 6 RichKern.com Poll Rankings, which simulate the secret Ratings Percentage Index formula used by the selection committee to determine playoff teams, Cal Poly is No. 12 and may rise this week.

"We're hoping to host in the playoffs," Bertoni said. "I think we can be a great team. We can be a good team. If we were going to be a great team, we had to come away with a win at Montana or North Dakota State. The only good news is we get to play again."

Indeed, there was not much for the Mustangs to be happy with Saturday after being outplayed on offense, defense and special teams.

Consider these staggering statistics:

North Dakota State: had 26 first downs to just six for Cal Poly.

Cal Poly: had more yards punting (272) than total offense (169). The Bison outgained the Mustangs 466-169 in yards from scrimmage.

North Dakota State: scored on 7 of 10 possessions.

But that paled in comparison to turnovers.

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Mustang volleyball team grabs first conference title since 1984

With sweeps of both Northridge and Pacific over the weekend, the Mustangs clinched their first NCAA Tournament berth since 2000. Tyler Wise

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Cal Poly allowed its most points since a 63-28 loss to UC Davis in 2000. Tristan Aird

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Poly men's hoops squad falls at Oregon State, 78-65

Earlier at the Oregon Rain Invitational in Corvallis, Ore., the Mustangs lost 76-64 to Southeastern Louisiana and beat Portland 56-53.

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Mustang men's cross country team receives at-large bid to NCAAs

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