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How safe are the tracks you walk on?

Students and officials ponder railroad safety in the wake of a recent accident near campus.

Tyler Wise

On the evening of Saturday, Nov. 11, psychology junior Ryan West was walking to a friend’s house near the student apartments on the Foothill Boulevard side of the railroad tracks when he was struck by an oncoming train at the railroad crossing near the California Boulevard intersection.

Though he has no recollection of exactly how the accident occurred, West was struck by an oncoming Union Pacific train at around 1 a.m. and suffered severe damage to his right leg. Unconscious and bleeding heavily, West was taken to Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center. West’s wounds were not life-threatening, but his right leg had sustained irreparable damage and was amputated below the knee.

Commenting on the current safety devices at the intersection, West said that in the future “it would help if they fenced off the railroad tracks passing California Boulevard” or “built a pedestrian bridge” at the intersection of California and Foothill boulevards.

In the wake of the recent accident, many Cal Poly students, San Luis Obispo residents and city officials have been discussing whether the railroad track safety precautions (particularly at the intersection of California and Foothill boulevards) could or should be improved to ensure that similar accidents can be prevented.

Christine Mulholland, a San Luis Obispo City Council member, said that trains already take several precautions when driving into the city, such as slowing down considerably before entering city limits and alerting pedestrians and vehicles more than 20 seconds in advance before crossing an intersection. But safety could still be improved.

Mulholland said that the City Council has attempted for years to improve safety along the California Boulevard side of the railroad tracks.

However, the City Council has not been able to resolve responsibility issues with Union Pacific, which owns the tracks.

“For years, we have tried to negotiate with Union Pacific about improving safety out there but it has been a very difficult process because the tracks are private property and not city property,” Mulholland said.

Though the City Council and Union Pacific agree that safety could be improved along California Boulevard, by erecting a pedestrian bridge, it is unable to resolve responsibility issues with Union Pacific.

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BY THE NUMBERS

47% of surveyed students think their high school did not prepare them

87% believe their grades would be improved if they were more organized

48% don’t think they have enough time to do their course work

23% keep track of their assignments by memory

Students feel unprepared for college, survey says

Lauren Zahner

Nearly half of college students surveyed by Greenfield Online, an independent data collection firm, do not think their high school prepared them enough with the organizational skills needed to succeed in college.

The same survey found that 87 percent of students believe their grades would be improved if they were more organized and better able to manage their time. Another 48.4 percent of college students don’t think they have enough time to do their course work. Naturally, most students want to improve their time management skills.

Industrial and manufacturing

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Cal Poly updates mission statement

Sara Hamilton

The Academic Senate Executive Committee has officially proposed changing Cal Poly’s mission statement. The new mission statement was written after consultation between the administration, faculty and staff.

The new statement emphasizes Cal Poly’s polytechnic, hands-on approach to learning, as well as the importance of a well-rounded education and involvement in one’s community. Also, it asserts that Cal Poly values and respects intellectual and cultural diversity.

The old mission statement portrayed Cal Poly in an undergraduate school mainly serving California, which provided students with opportunities of “direct involvement” in their areas of study.

It also described Cal Poly as an environment in which everyone appreciates...
The Cal Poly University Police Department, also has an active role in educating students about railroad safety, UPD Chief Peggy Mandeville said.

"On campus, we often have the railroad company bring a safety simulator, and we point out left rails and hazards to students to ensure that they are aware of the safety precautions and the dangers of crossing the tracks illegally," said Mandeville.

Because the railroad is privately owned, the tracks can only be patrolled at designated intersections, Watton said. It is considered trespassing to cross the tracks elsewhere.

"Risk of accidents also increases when students and other pedestrians walk along or cross the tracks to between designated crosswalks because of the absence of alert mechanisms that are activated when a train is passing," said Watton.

"Our primary concern is to ensure that students are well-educated of the dangers of crossing the tracks illegally. Prevention is the key," Watton said.

Watton said that the UPD wrote the first ticket to respond to the accident that occurred on Nov. 11, because a UPD patrolman was the closest officer to the scene of the accident. Normally, UPD does not play an active role in patrolling the railroad to ensure that students are crossing illegally because that is primarily the responsibility of Union Pacific, he said.

"Even the portions of the tracks that run through Cal Poly are not university property so we hold no jurisdiction over the tracks. That's up to the railroad company's own private security patrols," Watton said. The railroad company has its own security force that routinely patrols the tracks on UPTVs to ensure that students and other pedestrians are not crossing the tracks illegally.

Regardless of the money issue, the bottom line is that both parties (the city and Union Pacific) want to improve safety and discourage illegally crossing the tracks.

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Survey

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engineering professor Roya Javadpour teaches project management and organization, which involves time management skills. "Break big tasks into smaller steps and set deadlines for each of those," she said.

Javadpour works mostly with seniors and graduate students, however, who have taken enough college classes to not fall into these problems. "By the time their graduates and seniors, I see they’re pretty much well organized," she said.

FileMaker, Inc., the distributors of an organizational software program, commissioned the survey. Kevin Mallon of FileMaker said software programs are simply tools that can help students get organized.

"The more tools that are available, the better," he said.

However, almost half of students use handwritten personal calendars to manage their contacts, assignments and deadlines. Another 23 percent keep track of everything by memory. Only 21.7 percent use database software.

"Whatever works. Everybody has their own preferences," Javadpour said. "As long as they use it appropriately."

She also pointed out that traditional notebook planners are probably the cheaper way to organize.

"Everybody might not have the ability to get the Palm Pilot," she said.

Yet Mallon argued that students who use paper planners run a major risk. "If you lose your notebook, you’re basically hosed," he said.

Students who use computer programs will have everything on their hard drive and can plug in a memory stick as well. "It’s the investment that you make as a student in your time and studies," he said.

Wine and viticulture sophomore Wes Levicki does not use any planners and said keeping everything in his head works perfectly well for him.

"I’m always in the library, that’s how I manage my time," he said.

In addition, Levicki said he thinks his high school did make him ready for college.

"I was able to enroll in honors classes, so I think I was pretty much prepared for what I knew was going to hit me."

The survey also found that only 26 percent of students spend more than 20 percent of their free time partying, almost half say that their grades are affected by partying. At the same time, only 10.4 percent think their grades would improve if they spent less time at parties.

These results were found from the 2006 survey of 221 full-time college students. Regional quotas were set to ensure that the study was a nationwide representation.
Question of the day:

Have you ever re-gifted anything?

“I’ve never gotten a gift that I hated so much I wanted to give it to someone else.”
- Chris Lee
manufacturing engineering freshman

“Once my grandma gave my mom some earrings and then I gave them to a girl.”
- Sam Weeks
manufacturing engineering freshman

“No, I think it’d be lame if someone else re-gifted what I gave them. I just take it back if I don’t want something.”
- Jonathan Thomassian
computer science sophomore

“I haven’t. I usually like the gifts I get — or return them and get something I like.”
- Carrie Bledoe
agricultural science senior

“If I don’t like something I usually just stuff it in my closet. Or I’ll give it to someone else, but not as a present.”
- Alan Tonissen
architectural engineering junior

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State

BURBANK (AP) — Rapper Snoop Dogg was arrested for investigation of illegally possessing a handgun and drugs as he left NBC Studios after performing on “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno,” police said Wednesday.

The 35-year-old rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, and two members of his entourage were arrested around 6 p.m. Tuesday after a search of his Diamond Bar home and car. Sgt. Kevin Granados said the rapper was arrested for investigation of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, possessing cocaine, transporting marijuana and having a false compartment in his vehicle.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The family of an 18-year-old inmate who hanged himself at a juvenile prison in Stockton last year has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the state.

The suit was filed Tuesday in federal court and contends that prison officials ignored Joseph Maldonado’s pleas for mental health care and well-being before he killed himself.

Maldonado’s pleas for mental health care were not being given proper consideration, the family said.

The suit charges that correction officials failed miserably in their moral and legal duty to prevent the inmate’s death.

The suit was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Sacramento.

The 3.5-year-old rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, was arrested Wednesday after the 2004 Madrid terrorist bombings because of a misidentified fingerprint has set off new legal wrangling death of a former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko.

A lawyer the FBI wrongly identified for the care and well-being of the victim as Brian Schlitter, 25, a senior from the St. Louis area.

“Not only does my detention as a material witness to the Madrid bombing underscore the fallacy that fingerprint identification is reliable, I hope the public will remember that the U.S. government also targeted me and my family because of our Muslim faith,” he said in a news release Wednesday.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A fire at a fraternity house near the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus killed a student early Wednesday, less than two weeks after a fatal blaze at the home of a Nebraska fraternity.

Three students lived at the Pi Kappa Alpha house in St. Louis, and two got out when the fire broke out around 3:30 a.m., university spokesman Bob Samples said.

Police identified the victim as Brian Schlitter, 25, a senior from the St. Louis area.

“The scene has changed that correction officials failed miserably in their moral and legal duty to prevent the inmate’s death,” the family said.

“We want to find out how it happened and work from there,” Samples said.

International

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — President Bush’s high-stakes summit with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki was put off Wednesday amid political unrest in Baghdad and public disclosure of U.S. doubts about the Iraqi leader’s capacity to control sectarian war.

The White House said Bush and al-Maliki would meet on Thursday.

The postponement was announced shortly after Bush arrived here for talks with Jordan’s King Abdullah II and al-Maliki. Bush’s meeting and dinner with the king proceeded on schedule at Rashidian Palace.

LONDON (AP) — Authorities found traces of radiation on two British Airways jetliners, and the airline appealed Wednesday to tens of thousands of passengers who flew the aircraft to or from Moscow to come forward as investigators widened the search for clues into the poisoning death of a former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko.

British Airways said the “risk to public health is low,” adding that it was in the process of contacting tens of thousands of passengers who flew on the jet.

Two planes at London’s Heathrow Airport tested positive for traces of radiation and a third plane had been taken out of service in Moscow awaiting examination, British Airways said in a statement.

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Singer-songwriter Vienna Teng, who started her working career at the Bazaar Cafe on California Street, revisited the site Wednesday, Nov. 8, in San Francisco.

"The Bump House Gig," the woman, and Teng, the music. Through the Noise," Klein, best known for her latest release, "Dreaming. That nearly cost her. When she first sang a record deal, she heard from labels who immediately wanted her to develop "a look." She's since relented a bit, appearing on her second album in a pink ball gown. On her Web site and on her latest CD, she's wearing heavy eye makeup and her short hair is slightly fluffed. Some fans have criticized the look, accuing her of selling out. Instead, Teng says she's simply trying to make her appearance more accurately mirror her music. It's "a reflection of the conflict inside me," she says, in a voice much lower than her usual "I'm a Libra," she says, pointing out her astrology sign. The Tori Amos-Fiona Apple-Sarah McLachlan genre is conspicuously absent. "I feel like I always have to have a balance."
A survival guide to drinking and how to avoid the slammer

Sara Hamilton

Cal Poly's learn by doing philosophy really shouldn't be in effect when you're drinking at a party during the upcoming break. We all know that it is "unlawful for any person who is under the influence of any alcoholic beverage to drive a vehicle" in California. We're all aware that if you have 0.08 percent blood alcohol content (BAC), it's illegal to drive. Is there more to these alcohol laws than you know?

Under 21:

-Servers in California can be convicted of selling alcohol to a minor — even if the purchaser uses a false or altered ID to buy the alcohol.

-No one under the age of 21 is allowed to consume or possess alcohol.

-It is illegal to drive a motor vehicle with a BAC of 0.01 percent or more if you're under 21.

-A court may suspend the driving privilege of a person under 21, delay issuance of a license to a person who does not have a license, or require DMV to revoke a person's driving privilege for DUI violations.

-Anyone under the age of 21 who is convicted of operating a boat or motor vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.01 percent or higher can lose his or her privilege of obtaining or keeping a driver's license.

-If you're under 21 years of age, you may not have beer, wine or liquor in your vehicle unless accompanied by a parent or other person specified by law. (There's an exception to this one. You may carry alcoholic beverages while working for someone with an off-site liquor license.)

-If you're caught with an alcoholic beverage in your vehicle, it may be impounded for up to 30 days. The court may fine you up to $1,000 and either suspend your driving privilege for one year or require the DMV to delay the issuance of your first license for up to one year, if you are not already licensed.

-Those under 21 must submit to a preliminary alcohol screening (PAS) or one of the other chemical tests if you have beendetained by a peace officer, or specified by law. (There's an exception to this one. You may carry alcoholic beverages while working for someone with an off-site liquor license.)

-Your driving privilege will be revoked for one year if you are convicted of either driving with a BAC of 0.01 percent or higher or driving while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. On the first offense, you will be required to complete the educational portion of a licensed DUl program. A subsequent offense may require a longer DUl program.

Over 21:

-In California, it is illegal for anyone to operate a boat or motor vehicle with a BAC of 0.08 percent or higher.

-Adolescents convicted of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs will face the same penalties as if they were operating a motor vehicle under the influence. (Similar provisions apply when you operate any vessel, aquaplane, water skis, or similar devices.)

-California law is very strict about not carrying alcohol or drugs in a vehicle, whether the vehicle is on or off the highway. You must not drink any amount of alcohol in any vehicle.

-A BAC below legal limits does not mean that you are safe to drive. Almost all drivers show impairment by alcohol at levels lower than the legal limit. The impairment you exhibit at the time you are stopped may be enough to convince you of driving under the influence — even without a BAC measurement.

-If your PAS shows a BAC of 0.05 percent or more, the officer may require you to submit to either a breath or blood test. Some PAS devices provide a record, which may be submitted in court as evidence.

-Other PAS devices do not provide a record, so the officer may ask for a breath or blood test after the PAS. You do not have a right to consult with a lawyer before selecting or completing a test.

-If the officer still believes you are under the influence of alcohol and drugs after a breath test or PAS, you may still be required to submit to a blood or urine sample.

-Jail time, suspension or revocation of your driving privilege may be suspended even if you change your mind later and agree to a test.

Just so you know...

-If you refuse to submit to any of the tests, your driving privilege may be suspended even if you change your mind later and agree to a test.

-It is a violation of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act for producers of alcoholic beverages to use the names of retailers or restaurants that sell or serve their products in advertisements. This includes newsletters.

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-Keeping an opened alcoholic beverage in the glove compartment is specific to the law in California.

-It is illegal for any person to operate a vehicle requiring a commercial driver's license with a BAC of 0.04 percent or higher.

-If the DMV takes action against you, it is related only to your driving privilege. The court's actions may involve the payment of a fine, jail time, suspension or revocation of your driving privilege, and completion of a DUl program.

-When you drive in California, you consent to take a test of your breath, blood or urine if you are arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs or a combination of both.

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Popera revamps classics

Amy Dierdorff

MUSTANG DAILY

Urban Dictionary defines "popera" as "a merging of the musical terms and styles of pop or popular music, and opera. A classical-crossover term and style." According to its Web site, "Popera" is a special performance combining classical and popular music.

Cal Poly's music department is bringing this unique musical style to audiences tonight with the premiere of "Popera at Poly," a special performance combining classical and popular music. Students will perform songs made popular by Andrea Bocelli, Josh Groban, Opera Babes and others.

"It's a lot more contemporary, a lot more free in the sense that you have loads of ideas and knowledge, especially about pop music," Arthur said. "There are many different styles of singing, and we try to teach our students a bit of everything."

"Popera" gives voice students the opportunity to step outside the classical genre. "We like to give them chances to do things that are fun for them," Arthur said. "There are many different styles of singing, and we try to teach our students a bit of everything."

As part of a requirement for their performing class, music students are required to participate in a recital at the end of the quarter. When deciding on what kind of performance to put on this quarter, Arthur said the music department went to students for help.

"We talked with the students. They seem to have a lot of ideas and knowledge, especially about pop music," Arthur said. Tickets for "Popera" are $10 for general admission and $6 for seniors and students. They can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or over the phone by calling SLO-ARTS (756-4344). A 10 percent discount on admission price will be given to patrons who have attended four or more events hosted by the music department.

Proceeds from the event support travel costs for the choir and instrument-related activities. The event is sponsored by Cal Poly's music department, College of Liberal Arts, and Instructionally Related Activities Program.


"Popera" will be a special performance because students find the music less intimidating than most classical arrangements.

"It really helps the students to draw upon their feelings for rock, pop or classical, but it's not so scary."

—Jacalyn Kreitzer

Applied voice, diction and performance professor

"It really helps the students to draw upon their feelings for rock, pop or classical. It involves the same feelings as classical, but it's not so scary," Kreitzer said. "Popera is kind of a nice combination of singing beautifully without being so exact."

Applied voice professor Katherine Arthur has taught all of the performers and helped to organize the event. She said doing performances like "Popera" gives voice students the opportunity to step outside the classical genre.
Incubus reinvents itself with 'Grenades'

Candace Parker
Daily Mustangs (U. Mustang)

Incubus released their sixth album Tuesday, and the two year wait was worth every moment. On this 13-track disc, the band has not evolved, but completely transformed.

Incubus, the rock quartet from Los Angeles, consists of lead vocalist Brandon Boyd, guitarist/pianist Mike Einziger, sampler Chris Kilmore, drummer Jose Pasillas and bassist Ben Kenney.

"Light Grenades," the follow up to 2004's "A Crow Left of the Murder," far exceeds their previous hot rock soundtrack. "Earth to Bella (Part II)" and "Earth to Bella (Part III)" are two very interesting components on this album. The two are extremely similar, for obvious reasons. So similar that the differences in the two songs may not even be discernible to some. Just listen carefully, though, and you'll find them.

With that said, overall, "Light Grenades" is an amazing album, and it's definitely worth a listen. Old and new fans alike will most definitely love this disc.

Incubus' new CD "Light Grenades" is a follow up to their 2004 album, "A Crow Left of the Murder." The album was released in stores on Tuesday.

"Light Grenades" is track four on the album, that stands out most. This song is reminiscent of Rage Against the Machine without the rapping and screaming, which is definitely a good thing.

This record is full of songs that may remind listeners of other rock greats. But aside from "Anna Molly," track five "Love Hurts" sounds like it could be their next big single. This semi-pop guitar melody is full of harmonious guitars and effects one would expect to find on a Beatles single. But with lyrics and hooks as catchy as those in this tune, it's sure to be a hit.

Track two, "A Kiss To Send Us Off," is a hidden gem. At first listen, it wasn't nearly as striking and attention-grabbing as the second time I gave it a spin. Now, I'm easily convinced that it is one of, if not the, best tracks on the entire album.

In addition to those two tracks, "Earth to Bella (Part I)" and "Earth to Bella (Part II)" are two very interesting components on this album. The two are extremely similar, for obvious reasons. So similar that the differences in the two songs may not even be discernible to some.

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"Light Grenades" is an amazing album, and it's definitely worth a listen. Old and new fans alike will most definitely love this disc.
Finding home, comfort in a family of strangers

Maria del Mar, with her Nanny McPhee-esque appearance, ability to spoil the heck out of me, and amazing cooking skills, is the perfect Spanish señora. Unlike many people studying abroad, I was able to know how she was taken aback by the major American cities she had visited, because the gap between the rich and the poor appeared to be so extreme. The Scandinavian welfare system is Spanish on over half the money they earn, but in return, the Danes receive multiple benefits. For example, free healthcare, free emergency assistance, and my personal favorite — they are actually paid to receive not only high school, but college education. Maybe this is why so many of the Danes I met were so intellectual and cultured! Most seemed to know more about United States politics then the majority of Americans I know. It certainly does make sense to have education easily accessible. An Australian I befriended at a club shocked me when he admitted to being racist. I have met many narrow-minded people in my life, but I can honestly say he was the first person who openly stated to me that he had trouble trusting non-Caucasians. As I began to verbally attack him, he made a valid point. Australia is predominately full of Anglo-Saxon Christians. While growing up he had never been surrounded by the multi-racial communities of the United States, or received the liberal California upbringing that I had. His argument helped me to understand how

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Nightsclubs offer life lessons with a twist

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These tales from my abroad nightlife experience are attempting to prove that you can learn a lot about a girl image I left behind at Cal Poly is in fact being beneficial to me in my travels. Since coming to Catalunya, the Spanish autonomous region of which Barcelona is the capital city, I have read that, especially in comparison with the rest of Spain, in people were reserved and shy. Now that I am here, I have found that this couldn't be further from the truth. But Catalyanas also have a repu
tation for being friendly after the proverbial ice has been broken, and my señora is a prime example of this. I love hearing stories about her life, and she loves having two silmy American girls living with her. I have overheard her multiple times talking about her family, our encounters with the nightlife, and her personal favorite, our friends' love lives. One friend in particular had a month-long relationship with a Spaniard, and our señora wanted anxiously every evening to hear more of the juicy details sur­rounding their romance. It was like a real-life novella, and she loved it. They say that the people you spend your time with can either influence you positively or negatively. As far as that has certainly been the case in Barcelona, I was looking forward to living with a family before coming here, and luckily, my expecta­tions have been far exceeded. "Megan shown left"

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"Here you ever had a blow job?"

I've climbed the Eiffel Tower, the Sagrada Familia and the Vatican. I've seen the David, the Anne Frank house and the Budapest baths. I've perused museums in Vienna, Madrid and Florence. And all of these experiences have been incredible, to say the least. Although, I must say, nothing has taught me as much in my study abroad experience as the European nightlife.

What comes to mind when you think of the after­ dark scene in Europe? If you picture five-story clubs, crazy pubs and a multitude of foreign languages, then you are, in fact, correct. And yes, those images of European nightlife are what I am refer­ ring to.

But it's not just getting intoxicated and dancing around where I have learned so much about myself — although yes, this has been known to happen on occasion. However, I have found that using nightlife as a gateway to hold conversation with people from all over the world is what I believe to be the best cultural seminar you can receive.

My party in Copenhagen, learned how completely different the Danish political system is com­ pared to America's. I find it mind boggling how he was taken aback by the major American cities he had visited.

I would say: na zdravi! Better known as "cheers" in the Czech language. Since coming to Barcelona, I have not cooked one of my favorite things (lana, my favorite dessert), cleaned, or done laundry (as a note, she irons all our clothes). When most of our classmates were butchering, I found it unfortunate when they laughed in my face as I introduced myself as Megan Mahoney in my "American accent," and was then told that I was in fact say­ ing something very vulgar that I choose not to repeat in this article. Good to know.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No difference between gay sin and straight sin

Patrick Molinar, thank you for your bold willingness to tackle a very controversial issue in our society. Many people need to have the courage to tackle issues like homosexuality. I do, however, disagree with your conclusion.

First, the Bible makes it plainly clear that there is no difference between heterossexual sin and homosexual sin. What science proves or disproves about sexual preference has very little to do with the topic in question. Regardless of our natural inclinations, we still make the choice to act on those impulses. I am no less of a sinner in my heterossexual sin than one who is committing homosexual sin; the eternal consequences are the same.

Somewhere in this world there is a person whose natural inclination (by chemical imbalance from birth) is to be destructive and murderous, but you would not claim that someone is intolerant by helping that person to choose to not murder and destroy. As for “What would Jesus do?” he would eat with homosexuals just as quickly as he would eat with tax collectors. But he would never condone their sin. Jesus loves each of us enough to reveal our weakness, but love is not tolerance. We have sinned against the gay community, and for that, we ask your forgiveness. Just please, don’t interpret my intolerance of the sin as a lack of love for the sinner.

Zach Wise
Industrial technology junior

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Condoms, cocaine and convicts

“Father of slain groan speaks out.” “Republicans want vote on abortion pill.” “Break from medications dangerous.” These are just a few of the headlines that graced the pages of UToday News yesterday. News yesterday showing that sex, drugs and violence really do dominate the news. And not because we live in a world plagued by promiscuity, illegal substances and cruelty but because that is what people want to read.

The Mustang Daily Web site received more than 300 hits when a student was hit by a train and more than 200 hits when porn star Ron Jeremy came to campus to debate. The number of hits for the poetry writing professor and Poly Rep with passion pale in comparison to the stories about sex, drugs and violence.

Many complain about all the negative headlines scattered across front pages and television stations every day but they don’t realize that they are the ones showing editors what interests them. Journalists report the news for the reader and when the reader wants death and destruction, news organizations often give it to them. Have you ever flipped past CNN, Fox News or local NBC during prime time hours? Is there ever a straight news report, but rather Nancy Grace or Bill O’Reilly yelling at people (or interviewing as they call it) about crime, thrown to society and sex scandals. Cable news stations know that’s what they can pull in the most viewers with flashy topics. There are plenty of stories out there about condoms, cocaine and convicts, but there are also stories about teachers who inspire their students and clubs who are helping the homeless.

What does it say about society when people pass over the do-gooders and skip straight to the drug addict who shot his girlfriend? The Mustang Daily, editors are curiously avoiding the hot results of this editorial just because of its headline. It’s kind of become a rule of thumb that the more people read the headline, the more people will read our stories. This fact is a sad reflection on what interests people today. With so much to lose in violent video games and movies, scandalously stupid men and women glowing embers compared to getting headlines, society as a whole has become desensitized.

What if everyone went home and repeated a story they saw about a great teacher and remarked about someone who did something foolish? What if all hot topics always need to be about the grisly details of a car accident? Maybe the world would be a little better off. At the very least we would remember the good things instead of the bad.

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STAFF COMMENTARY

Creative arts classes lack hands-on learning

At Cal Poly you can get credit for driving tractors, making stickers, butchering hog carcasses, sleeping in homeless shelters and even writing newspapers. This truly is a "Learn By Doing" institution. Except when it comes to the fine and performing arts. I remember when I came to Cal Poly, my introduction to the senior year of high school was so excited to be able to sit in on a theater class. Drama at my high school was a very controversial subject with performances nearly every week. For me it was wonderful because I love the theater: costumes, makeup, set design, and most of all, acting.

But I found none of that in the Theater History class I sat in that day. In fact, left early because the lecture was boring.

All of the theater and dance general education courses this school has to offer are composed of nothing more than four lectures. It's the same for a number of arts classes. How can a class on dance appreciation, or introduction to the arts, be taught without any hands-on experience involved? Shouldn’t the word “performing” make it obvious that this should be an activity course?

I know we are only talking about general education, but I still argue that there should be less lecture and more activity in fine and performing arts courses. I had to suffer through a three-hour, hands-on biology lab, so I think the less artistically inclined can stand to dabble in a bit in creation.

Even when arts classes do involve the “doing” part of our motto, any creativity is bound up by rigor and rules. My parenthesis, for example, is in taking creative writing which involves research and forced epiphanies. What was that line from “Dead Poets Society”? “We’re not laying pipe! We’re talking about poetry.” How can anything be creative when it is stymied by rules? I understand that structure is a good foundation, and that sometimes you do have to know the rules before you break them. However, most people will never break them unless encouraged. They’ll spend their entire lives without true freedom of expression. I am long over creative anxiety.

Now if I care so much about the arts, maybe I’m at the wrong school. This is California PolyTECHNIC State University after all. But that name dates back to 1901. Things change. And as college-bound high school students, we were expected to be well-rounded with musical, theatrical, athletic and philanthropic talents aboundigg. Shouldn’t colleges be well-rounded too?

I know some professors understand the very nature of art enough to realize what the caregiver’s course descrip­tion is missing. They have taken the trouble of adding par­ticipatory elements to their arts classes and I applaud them.

But my point is that it should be an inherent part of the curriculum.

We pride ourselves on being a school that gets away from stale theories about how the world works, and on being a school that actually explores the world in all of its workings. But art seems to get the burden of being strictly for the books. Art is an interaction, an experience, an extension of its creator. Of all the academic areas to focus solely on theory, I think art is the worst choice.

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court stepped gingerly into the national debate over global warming on Nov. 29, asking how much harm would occur if the Environmental Protection Agency continues its refusal to regulate greenhouse gases from new vehicles.

In the first case about global warming to reach the high court, a lawyer for 12 states and 13 environmental groups pressed the justices to make the government act, saying the country faces grave environmental harm.

Their argument is like lighting "a fuse on a koala," said James Milke, an assistant attorney general for the state of Massachusetts.

"Opening up an hour of argument, Justice Antonin Scalia asked, "When is the predicted cataclysm?" Is it not cataclysmic, but rather "ongoing harm," Milke replied.

"Deputy Solicitor General Gregory Gare, representing the Bush administration, cautioned justices that EPA regulation could have significant economic impact on the United States since 85 percent of the U.S. economy is tied to sources of greenhouse gas emissions.

Gare also argued that EPA was not right not to act given "the substantial scientific uncertainty surrounding global climate change."

Chief Justice John Roberts pointed out that regulating carbon dioxide emissions from new vehicles addresses just one aspect of an issue of global dimensions.

The argument by those pushing for EPA action on vehicle emissions might or might not be valid, but it "assumes everything else is going to remain constant," Roberts observed.

Several justices questioned whether the states and environmental groups have met their legal burden to show they will be harmed by continued EPA inaction. Petitioners to courts must meet that threshold before the merits of a case may be addressed.

"We own property, 200 miles of coastline, that we're losing," Milke said, trying to allay justices' concerns.

But Justice Samuel Alito, who with Roberts seemed most skeptical of the states' position, said that even in the best of circumstances, the reduction in greenhouse gases would be relatively small.

Milke replied that even small reductions would be meaningful, pointing out that very small rises in the sea level would inundate significant portions of low-lying coastal land.

The Bush administration argued in court papers that the EPA lacks the power to regulate carbon dioxide as a pollutant under the Clean Air Act. Even if it had such authority, the administration said, the EPA still would not use it at this point because of uncertainty surrounding the issue of global warming, the administration said.

Global climate change is "a controversial phenomenon that is far from fully understood or defined," trade associations for car and truck makers and automobile dealers said in a court filing signed by former Solicitors General Theodore Olson and Kenneth Starr. They backed the administration position.

Twelve states, mainly along the nation's Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and three cities, a U.S. territory and 13 environmental groups are arguing that the EPA ignored the clear language of the Clean Air Act. Under the 1970 law, carbon dioxide is an air pollutant that threatens public health and the EPA must regulate it, they said.

Michigan, home of the U.S. auto industry, and eight other states are backing the EPA.

Carbon dioxide is produced when fossil fuels such as oil and natural gas are burned. It is the principal "greenhouse" gas that many scientists believe is flowing into the atmosphere at an unprecedented rate, leading to a warming of the Earth and widespread ecological changes. One way to reduce those emissions is to have more fuel-efficient cars.

A federal appeals court in Washington, in a fractured decision in 2005, upheld the administration's position. The Supreme Court is expected to rule before July 2007.

A separate case involving the EPA's claim that the Clean Air Act similarly does not give it authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants also is making its way through the federal courts.

Together, U.S. power plants and vehicles account for 15 percent of the world output of greenhouse gases, said David Doniger, counsel for the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group involved in the Supreme Court case.

An association of electric utilities, the Utility Air Regulatory Group, opposes greenhouse gas regulation. But two individual power companies, Calpine Corp. and Entergy Corp., are on the other side.

Entergy said it has to be able to make plans 25 years in advance and that the EPA's current rules will not "stand the test of time."

The case is Massachusetts v. Environmental Protection Agency, 05-1120.
Pope offers message of strength to Christian minorities in Turkey

Brian Murphy
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ISTANBUL — Pope Benedict XVI began his pilgrimage to Turkey by paying homage to an Italian priest slain during Islamic protests and expressing sympathy for the pressures facing religious minorities in the Muslim world.

The pope is expected to sharpen his calls for what the Vatican calls "reciprocal respect" for the demands of Muslims for greater respect in the West but must be balanced by increased tolerance and freedom for Christians in Islamic nations.

But too much pressure by the Roman Catholic pontiff could risk new friction with Muslims after broad gestures of goodwill in the past year in Turkey, where Christians have suffered decades of civil rights abuses.

Benedict's homily at an outdoor Mass marked the solemn opening of the pope's visit to Turkey, a nearly 1,000-year-old nation, in front of about 2,000 invited guests, the pope noted on Tuesday.

But winning over Turkish sensitivities may be easy compared with the complexities ahead.

The legacy of Christianity in Turkey is a tangle of historical and religious sensitivities.

Turkish armies captured the Byzantine capital Constantinople — now Istanbul — in 1453 to begin a steady decline for Christians, who had dominated many of the nation's religious activities in Asia Minor since the time of the Apostles.

As the Ottoman Empire collapsed in the early 20th century, large numbers of Armenians and Greeks fled, religious minorities in the Muslim world.

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Ahmadinejad's letter to "Noble Americans," which was distributed by Iran's mission to the United Nations, also said that the U.S. invasion of Iraq had led to hundreds of thousands of deaths, an exponential growth of terrorism and the destruction of Iraq's infrastructure.

"I consider it extremely unlikely that you, the American people, consent to the billions of dollars of annual expenditure from your treasury for this military misadventure," he said.

He suggested that it would be beneficial for the U.S. to withdraw its troops from the country and spend its money instead on domestic problems, citing the "many victims" of Hurricane Katrina who continue to suffer.

The letter makes no mention of Iran's disputed nuclear program, which the U.S. alleges is geared toward secretly developing atomic weapons.

Ahmadinejad wrote a rambling, 18-page letter to Bush in May, which Washington criticized for not addressing Iran's nuclear program. The U.S. is leading the drive to impose U.N. sanctions on Tehran for its refusal to stop enriching uranium.

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UNC men's hoops uses 17-2 run to upset Ohio St., 98-89

Sophomore post player Tyler Hansbrough has 21 points, 14 rebounds and two blocked shots for the Tar Heels.

Jim O'Connell
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Tyler Hansbrough started and ended North Carolina's game-breaking 17-2 run in the second half and the seventh-ranked Tar Heels went on to a 98-89 victory over No. 3 Ohio State on Wednesday night in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

In a game featuring two of the country's top freshmen classes — with Greg Oden, the best of the bunch, sitting on the Ohio State bench in street clothes with a towel around his neck — Hansbrough, a preseason All-America as a sophomore, took over down low.

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The two-time MVP loves playing the game more than any athlete on any level, at any sport.

Most people in this life never have the opportunity to do what they truly love for a living. Not Favre. He has been living his dream ever since he was a boy growing up in Mississippi. At age 37, he represents the greatest game in the world with more class and dignity than any other player in the league.

You will never pick up the morning paper and see Favre on the front cover for beating his wife or being arrested at 2 a.m. at the local strip club like so many others in pro sports. He's the first one in the office and the last one to leave. That's the way he has always approached the game he loves so much.

For those who say he can't play, his name still sits in all the top-10 categories for all the major statistics for a quarterback. He plays with a bunch of backups who probably don't deserve to be starting in the NFL. But when they play with Favre, he gives them everything he has and raises their level of play to levels no one can even fathom. Some may call him an out-of-control gunslinger who has no regard for opposing defenses, but if you watch his receivers closely, they are rarely open.

People should be grateful they get to watch such a legend play every Sunday. Favre has thrown 410 touchdown passes in his career, but still cele-
brates each as if it's his first. He has started 251 straight games for the Packers.

Even after being hit in the elbow the week before and losing all feeling in his non-throwing hand, Favre refused to miss a Monday night game the following week. That's just pure heart.

Favre is the Cal Ripken Jr. of his sport, but yet so much more.

He is what you call a once-in-a-generation type of player. They make everyone around them better and remind others of why this game is so much fun.

This is a game in which such a small percentage of people can play in the first place, let alone at the professional level. Even at age 37, he is still one of the most entertaining players to watch and constantly reminds fans how lucky we are to still be able to watch him play. I've never met a fan, regardless of the team they rooted for, who didn't love Favre.

He just keeps on playing and those doors in Canton, Ohio, will be wide open when he's all done. Because when it comes to Favre, winning isn't everything, it's the only thing.
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four-point lead with 3:46 to play.
McNamara said the fatiguing effects
of applying a full-court press
throughout the game took a toll on
her team's decision-making and
energy, especially when it came to
rebounds.
"There were too many offensive
rebounds," McNamara said.
"If there's one thing to improve upon
in crunch time, it is to make contact
every time. Many times we go
against the ball instead of taking it.
That's a habit we have to develop.
Both teams finished nearly identi-
cally in rebounding, 39-38 in favor
of Cal Poly.
For the game, LMU shot slightly
better than Cal Poly, 43 percent
compared to 40 percent, but the Mustangs
shot the ball 11 more times.
LMU shot twice as many free
throws in the game and held a seven-
point advantage in that category.
Cal Poly went on a 9-4 run and
cut its deficit to 32-29 to end the
first half. After Eggers took back a rushed
free throw and Howell stole the ball
with 10 seconds to play.
"Our guard Tony Newmann grabbed
a game-high nine rebounds to
go along with 10 points.
Jennifer Hall led LMU with 18
points and four boards.
It was the Mustangs' first home
loss of the season. Earlier this season,
they had come up with wins over Oregon
State (68-65) and San Jose State (71-
59) in Mont Gom.

Baseball
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June. He hit .499 with runners in
scoring position and earned a berth
on the Rawlings Sporting Goods All-
Region Team. As a senior at Coronado
High School in 2005, Ortiz hit .499
with 12 doubles, six
triples and four home runs, driving in
34 runs and posting a .585 slugging
percentage. Coronado was 21-4 in
2005 and Ortiz was named team
MVP and also earned all-region and all-state
honors. He attended Chaparral High School
during the 2005-06 basketball season and
was named team MVP.

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Lions hand Mustangs 64-62 loss

The Cal Poly women's basketball team suffered its first home loss of the season Tuesday night.

Josh Krane

Turnovers and a failure to secure rebounds down the stretch proved costly for the Cal Poly women's basketball team in a 64-62 loss to visiting Loyola Marymount in a highly contested nonconference game Tuesday night in Mott Gym.

The Mustangs (3-3) led 36-34 with 2 minutes, 24 seconds to play when guard Kyla Loyd's lay-up extended the lead to seven.

The Mustangs, however, turned the Lions (4-3) to tie the game twice more, they lost the lead for good.

When guard Kyla Lovell's drive to the basket, guard Larry Lee and director of athletics John Middlekauff.

No reason for Favre to retire

John Middlekauff

W inning isn't everything, it's the only thing.

This is a phrase made famous by one of the most storied coaches in the history of sports, Vince Lombardi. He was a master that revolutionized the coaching profession while creating a dynasty in a franchise that once symbolized the NFL.

The Green Bay Packers are followed by loyal fans who can be found wearing large pieces of cheese on their heads wherever their beloved Packers play.

But when you think about the Packers today, neither Lombardi nor cheese comes to mind — Brett Favre does.

The All-American, blue-collar quarterback who has played for the Packers for 15 seasons. Favre is easily one of the toughest and giest players to ever wear a jersey in the NFL.

Without question a first-ballot Pro Football Hall of Fame, Favre has been the poster boy for this league for over a decade. Let alone being one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever play in the league.

Because of recent struggles, many have called for No. 4 to hang up his cleats and call it a career. He is just holding back a franchise, and is diminishing in chances of moving in a positive direction, they say.

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