Guide dogs: the best friends of many Cal Poly students

Daniel Seguin
MUSTANG DAILY

Kate Cappe begins her day just like any other college student. When she wakes up in the morning, she showers, dresses, eats breakfast, and then she leaves for a full day of classes.

Cappe performs this morning ritual with her close companion, Sequoia, a midnight-black Labrador Retriever that would appear to be an average pet. However, that would be wrong; there is nothing average about this duo.

Sequoia is a guide dog in training for the blind, who is being trained through a local group called Paws 4 Sight. Cappe is her handler and trainer.

Coming to Cappe almost immediately following the dog's birth, Sequoia will spend a total of 18 months with her. An animal science sophomore, Cappe said she wanted to become involved with the program for a combination of reasons.

"I went to my first meeting in September of '05," Cappe said. "I thought it would be really cool to have a dog to be with me everywhere I go. "I also wanted to mix commun­ity service with my major. I thought they would blend well together."

Cappe said that she really got hooked on the program after she attended one very special event.

"I went to an outing and met some of the people the guide dogs see Dogs, page 2
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were placed with,” Cappe said. “It was an inspirational visit. After that day, I knew I would always be involved.”

Cappe said that she and Sequoia spend the day and night together, practically as a unit.
  “She’s like my little shadow, she follows me everywhere I go,” Cappe said.
  “I go to my classes in the morning, lab in the middle of the day and then classes at night. Out to lunch break, in the car, she just comes everywhere with me.”

Cappe said one of the requirements the handlers teach the guide dogs are a series of basic commands.

“One of the commands I teach her is ‘do your business,’ which is a relieving command,” Cappe said. “I also teach her sit, stay, down, and stand and come.”

Animal science junior Laura Ingels said that she has been involved with Paws 4 Sight since she was in high school and is currently raising her fourth dog.
  “I saw an ad and became interested,” Ingels said.
  “My mom and I co-raised our first puppy together.”

Ingels said one reason she has been involved so long is the great atmosphere the campus offers for training.

“The campus and the teachers are really great and accepting of the dogs,” Ingels said. “I can take my dog into any class or any building and not have a problem.”

Ingels is the handler for Gretchen, a yellow Labrador who has been with her for the last year.

Ingels said that when she is finished training Gretchen, the dog will go to the Guide Dogs for the Blind campus in San Rafael to finish training.

“There’s a 10-phase program that they must complete,” Ingels said. “It’s really intense, really rigorous. They have to pass each level.

“It takes about six months to do the phases, then they get placed with a blind person,” she said.

Ingels said she would like to remain involved with the program post-graduation.

“I would love to keep raising dogs after I graduate,” Ingels said. “It’s very important to me to keep doing it.”

Ingels also said that the program would have an effect on her finding work.

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“Those are the dogs we refer to as ‘career change dogs,” Cappe said. “The handler can either keep the dog through an adoption process or have it placed in another program.”

Cappe said other options that are available include Guide Dogs for Diabetes, Canine Buddies for young children or being placed in search and rescue jobs.

“These dogs are bred to work so there are a lot of dog jobs out there,” she said.

Susan King is the leader of the Paws 4 Sight group and said that having students as handlers is something that benefits everyone.

“I think it’s good for the school, I think it’s good for the kids and I think it’s good for us,” she said.

Other group leaders have concerns about using college students as trainers, but King said her experience with Cal Poly students has been a good one.

“I have found in my experience that every Cal Poly student I’ve had raising a puppy has done a magnificent job,” she said. “I have been very impressed with the quality of each student.”

Kate Cappe participates in the program Paws 4 Sight, which places Sequoia with her for around 18 months.

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“Improvements are done through student fees and past ref

“Other places like the library could be more crowded due to the construction,” Madisen said.

However, Souza said that the ideal situation for the campus is to be able to normalize the UU as quickly as possible.

“Our goal is to never close down an entire facility,” Souza said. “We pay these (UU) fees every quarter, and it should come

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“Lambda Theta Phi respects all opinions; nevertheless, our culture is not up for negotiation,” concluded the fraternity’s statement.

Lambda Theta Phi was founded in 1975 at Kent State University in New Jersey. It is the oldest Latino fraternity recognized by the North-American Interfraternity Conference. Lambda Theta Phi now has over 90 chapters and colonies across the United States. Cal Poly’s Lambda Theta Phi chapter was founded in 1998.

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State

Sacramento (AP) — The union representing California Highway Patrol officers is seeking to end in contract arbitration with the union representing prison guards, arguing that the state cannot bargain in good faith if labor negotiations are locked.

The 6,000-member California Highway Patrolmen Association filed an unfair labor practice charge with the state Public Employee Relations Board this month. State labor negotiators established the connection in 2002 when they gave the 31,000-member prison guards union a deal that included a promise to keep guards' pay $66 a month below the highway patrol scale.

San Francisco (AP) — David Halberstam, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author who chronicled the Washington press corps, the Vietnam War generation and baseball, was killed in a car crash early Monday, a coroner said. He was 73.

Halberstam, a New Yorker, was scoffed at Bush's claim of having more confidence in his attorney general after Gonzales' Senate testimony last week that was filled with memory lapses.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bolstered by a fresh dose of support from President Bush, Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez sought Monday to move beyond calls for his resignation and lingering questions about his credibility after the firings of federal prosecutors.

Critics reluctantly conceded that Gonzales was likely to weather the political storm. But many scoffed at Bush's claim of having more confidence in his attorney general after Gonzales' Senate testimony last week that was filled with memory lapses.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer benefits, more tax money and some accounting magic have bought an extra year of life for Social Security and Medicare, trustees of the government's two largest benefit programs said Monday. The increasing crush of 78 million retiring baby boomers still will crash the Medicare trust fund by 2019 and the Social Security trust fund by 2041, unless Congress and the White House can agree on a way to save the programs, the officials said. Those dates are each one year later than the trustees estimated in last year's report.

International

Tehran, Iran (AP) — Iran's hard-line president proposed Monday to hold public talks with President Bush on a wide range of issues, without saying whether that included international suspicions of the Iranian nuclear program or allegations of Iranian meddling in Iraq.

The Iranian leader did not elaborate on what specifically he was willing to discuss with the U.S. president, but he said the talks "should be held with media present." • • •

Abuja, Nigeria (AP) — A former chemistry professor hand-picked by President Obasanjo to run Nigeria's presidential election in a landslide Monday, a vote denounced as deeply flawed by international observers and the opposition.

Umaru Yar'Adua must now fight for credibility in Nigeria, Africa's largest oil producer, where some 15,000 people have died since strict military rule ended in 1999.

Yar'Adua is a 56-year-old Muslim from the north of a country of 140 million people nearly equally split between northern Muslims and southern Christians.
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since Democrats took control of Congress in January and promised to change policy in a war that has claimed the lives of more than 3,200 U.S. troops.

Congressional negotiators for the House and Senate met in late afternoon and ratified the details of the legislation. Republican leaders voiced opposition, but made no attempt to delay or even seek changes. "We all know this bill is going nowhere fast," said Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., referring to Democratic influence, "to save his political legacy," only to watch U.S. casualties climb steadily. Bush, he said, "is the only person who fails to face this war's reality — and that failure is devastating not just for Iraq's future, but for ours."

Bush had made similar comments in a White House meeting last week among Bush and top lawmakers, and the president dismissed the comparison with Johnson, according to several participants in the session. This time, Dana Perino, the president's spokeswoman fired back. She said it was Reensus who was ignoring reality, not the president.

She said Reensus is in denial about the vicious nature of the enemy and about the U.S.-led plan to provide more security in Iraq. "He's also in denial that a surrender date — he thinks it is a good idea. It is not a good idea. It is definite." A death sentence for the millions of Iraqis who voted for a constitution, who voted for a commander in chief. Reid and other Democrats have said repeatedly they will not back the president. Republicans who have said they will meet in late December, all combat troops would be withdrawn.

Democrats jettisoned some of the additional domestic spending that Bush has held up to ridicule, including funds for spinach growers and peanut farmers. But Reid, Pelosi and others decided to include money to help farmers hit by natural disasters as well as the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Reid's speech blended criticism of Bush, an appeal for patience to the troops and a return to give Democrats control, and an attempt to shape the post-veto debate. "I understand the restlessness that some feel. Many who voted for Bush have been anticip­ated dramatic and immediate results in January," he said. "George W. Bush is still the commander in chief — and this is his war," Reid said.

Looking beyond Bush's expect­ed veto, he said, "If the president disagrees, let him come to us with an alternative. Instead of sending us back to square one with a veto, some tough talk and nothing more, let him come to the table in the spirit of bipartisanship that Americans demand and deserve."
Yeltsin

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“Yeltsin has been quoted as saying: "In the end, he burns out that this is better than a mean, little flame."

Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin was born Feb. 1, 1931, into a peasant family in the Sverdlovsk region of the Ural Mountains. When he was 3, his father was imprisoned in dictator Josef Stalin’s purges for allegedly owning property.

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Yeltsin is better than a mean, little flame.”

From a peasant family in the Ural Mountains’ Sverdlovsk region, he rose to become his nation’s first popularly elected president.


Aug. 23, 1999: Cabinet defaults on some debts, currency devalued, setting off an economic crisis.

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NATO expansion and Russia’s close relations with Iran and Iraq. But as Russia’s political and economic might withered, Yeltsin had little to offer other nations.

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What set him apart was that he had never physical removal of political opponents, and that was his personal contribution.

But there was another Yeltsin.

He was hesitant to act against rampant crime and epe corruption — beginning in his own administration — as both sapped public faith and crippled the young democracy. Millions were impoverished when wages and pensions went unpaid for months.

In the course of the Yeltsin era, per capita income fell by a staggering 75 percent, and the nation’s population fell by more than 2 million.

Vodka consumption soared.

Yeltsin was a master of Kremlin intrigue, hiring the entire government four times in 1998 and 1999.

The economy sank into a deep recession in 1998, but Yeltsin rarely commented on the troubles and never offered a plan to combat them.

While he seemed to lurch from one political crisis to another.

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How did you come to be?”

He made a public appeal to stay in office, but left the way open to a successor.

But he also struggled to preserve a role for the former superpower to offsets U.S. global clout, and in 1999, he sent Russian troops to Kosovo — ahead of NATO peacekeepers — to show that Moscow would not be elbowed out of European affairs.

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Adventures of a slightly frazzled music lover

Folk-pop bands Whalebones, YATCH and Howlin' Rain rock Folk Yeah!

Things are intentionally a bit out of order in this article. Just a warning. I’m a wreck of fizzling nerves. My brain only encases the fog of excess, effeminate dancing and awkward collisions. And wherever I turn I’m awaken by Yacht for the last three days. My short story contest is underperforms. Their voices combine to make a band that doesn’t exist. Their music after hearing my hazy memories. Instead, I catch Citay, who unleash a sea of too much drugs and too much noise. It’s their best show I’ve seen. When they close with “I Woke Up Today,” there’s dancing and singing and a deep lasting satisfaction.

Sunday afternoon: I run into April, the girl with a beautiful European accent who asks me if she can catch a ride up north. Myself doing lots of awkward dancing and saying, “That guy was really into Yacht because of me staggering around him to the bar. Two hours pass by.

“I Woke Up Today” was recorded on a camcorder, and the video itself is worth watching for the footage of the audience. People are dancing and singing along, and some people are even acting out the music video on stage. The girl in the audience in a white dress and a tiara is taking pictures and videos of the performance. She is a professional photographer, and her presence at the show is evident from the high-quality images she captures.

Yacht is a group of four people who are all friends, and they play a mix of musical styles, including indie rock, folk, and pop. Their music is often described as ethereal and dreamy, with catchy melodies and harmonies. They are known for their live performances, which are energetic and engaging. The audience is often seen dancing and singing along, creating a lively and joyful atmosphere.

The lead singer of Yacht is Van Pierszalowski, who is married to Britt, who runs a restaurant called Yacht. The restaurant is located in the heart of the city, and it is a popular spot for locals and tourists alike. The menu features a variety of dishes, including burgers, sandwiches, and salads, and the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming.

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The other Potter movie

Zellweger embodies famed 'Peter Rabbit' creator

Janelle Eastridge

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all its beauty and a special talent 
for creatively telling stories, and 
that the movie itself is not make-
believe.

The beauty of this movie comes 
not in its plot, but in its characters 
and tale of this favorite author. Like 
her much-loved children's stories, "Miss Potter" proves that every tale 
is worth telling — especially that of 
this imaginative storyteller herself.

"Miss Potter" is an intimate look at 
the real Potter, the beloved 
English children's 
author. The idea is that, if Norman 
screws any of her other beloved "friends" 
away, at least in their eyes. Potter 
has just joined the family 
business.社会 norms, which 
aren't too thrilled with the prospect. 

"Miss Potter" is the story behind the 
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Victorian, pseudo-aristo-
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holding her own — another reason 
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The Grad gets 'Grounded'

Reggae/Rastafari band plays to SLO crowd

Brian McMullen

Peace, love, togetherness and marijuana smoke were all in the air last week when Bay Area reggae band Groundation took the stage at The Graduate. The band, which has toured the world playing to large crowds, such as the crowd of 45,000 they played for in Morocco, moved a packed floor to bounce, sway, ciince, or at least nod as they dropped their blend of reggae, dub and jazz.

Arriving an hour late and not saying a word to the crowd, the band took the stage and began playing. Two minutes later when they had finished jamming, lead singer and guitar player Harrison Stafford addressed the crowd in his half-Scottish-half-Jamaican-sounding accent, "This is Groundation if you don't know, let's have a nice evening." And with that, the band played two flawless sets totaling two and a half hours and shifting between uptempo reggae, dub and downtempo dub that would often erupt into a chorus with horns blaring, back-up singers wailing, and Stafford singing protests and appeals.

The band's solos, where their jazz influences bleed through their reggae and dub beats, were on point. One song in particular had a swinging to it like a jazz song, upbeat guitar licks like a reggae song, and a keyboard solo like a Dooms song.

Trombone player Kelsey Howard and trumpet player David Chachere were solid as they traded off solos, sometimes in call and answer form, and keyboardist Marcus Uriah was unstoppable playing a stacked pair of keyboards.

Stafford's singing walked the line of monotony at some points, but his charisma could not be denied. During a breakdown he said, "There is a heaven upon Earth, I have been there in the music." Groundation's set didn't seem to lull until right before the climax. Before it, every song had another tight, rocking end. The climax of the set came as Stafford appealed, "Marcus Garvey, great African leader, Marcus, Marcus, we need you Marcus!" Stafford then explained, "Marcus Garvey is not only important for the black person, but the white person too because we believe in equality and freedom for all people."

The last song was slow moving and catchy. It ended with the words, "People, if I had just one more day, I'd live my life right I would," and Stafford addressed the crowd. "You are not alone you who want love and togetherness, you are not alone," to which an audience member responded, "Spread the love!"

The band left the stage to enormous applause. While waiting for an encore, Stafford said, "I love the crowd. I love the people. We do our music for the people."

After a couple minutes of continuous audience cheering, the band rocked an encore that was horns-laden, bass-heavy and bright. Those who stayed for it were treated to a less crowded dance floor on which they spread their arms and kicked their feet moving to the last song of the night.

It was apparent on that night why Groundation has been successfully touring the world without a video on MTV. Their reggae, dub and jazz style blends perfectly and never feels redundant, and their peace-loving message could never offend.

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**Mustang Daily attacks El Corral again**

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Billups scores 21, points Pistons to 2-0 lead over Magic

Detroit is two wins away from reaching the Eastern Conference semifinals for the sixth straight season.

Larry Lage
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN HILLS, Mich.—Rashard Wallace usually needs to get mad at an official or face a late-game situation to get motivated.

The opening tip was enough for him Monday night.

Wallace blocked a shot and made a 3-pointer on the opening possessions and finished with 17 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks to help the Detroit Pistons beat the Orlando Magic 98-90 and take a 2-0 lead in the first-round series.

“Shaed has been very focused ever since we started practicing for the playoffs,” Pistons point guard Chauncey Billups said. “You can see the difference in him. When he’s like that, we’re a difficult team to play.”

Former teammate Caron Arrojo agreed.

“It’s so tough to defend carlos when he’s stretching the defense shooting from the outside like a guard,” Arrojo said. “He can also score inside and defend, so he really creates problems all over the place.”

Wallace insisted the Pistons will not lack incentive in Game 3 on Thursday night in Orlando even though the Magic need to win four of five to eliminate the Eastern Conference’s top seed.

“We can’t let them get back into the series,” Wallace said. “We have to get that third win.”

In Game 2, Detroit’s balance was too much for Orlando’s two-player attack.

Detroit’s starters each scored at least 10 points and top reserve Antonio McDyess added nine points and 11 rebounds.

Richard Hamilton, scored 22 points, and Billups had 21 points, eight assists and only one turnover.

Detroit Pistons guard Chauncey Billups directs a play during the second half of the Pistons’ 98-90 win over the Orlando Magic in Game 2 of the two teams’ Eastern Conference first-round NBA playoff series at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Auburn Hills, Mich., Monday night.

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Rollins men’s volleyball head coach Kristie Albritton knew she was going to set it. It would just say the different conditions.

You have the sun and wind factors in there as well.”

Albritton, who led the Big West in kills (505) and was third in aces per game (0.35), parlayed her break-out season into a selection to the U.S. Women’s National A2 Team, which is the squad just underneath the national team.

She was one of only 20 collegiate players nationwide to make the A2 squad and practice at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., in March.

"On Atherstone, Hayes said: "Kyle's an amazing player. She showed a lot of courage this weekend. I think we had the most heart of all the teams there. It was fun to compete and see how much we wanted to win."

The scary part

Atherstone and Hayes are only two of six returning starters for the Mustangs in 2007.

Having nearly completed its spring schedule, Cal Poly is already eying next season, in which the program feels earning the school’s first national title in a team sport since moving to the Division I level in 1994 is a possibility.

"It's fun to see everyone improving from last season," Hayes said of the spring season. "We still have a long way to go."

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The 6-foot-7 Wolfer went 11-2 as a Los Angeles Angels rookie in 2005 and appears on his way to stardom if he wasn't already. But there he was, on the cover of a hugely popular video game, representing a Big West Conference school.

Individual leader for the women is Patty Chandler from UC Irvine with a five-under-par 139 total.

The final round tees off at 7:30 a.m. today.

The course thereas well.”

DLUANE BURLESON
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The scary part?

The eight Big West teams have combined for a winning overall record (161-152) despite playing what the Web site calls the toughest schedule of any conference.

The reason?

The Big West eight teams possess one of the 12 toughest schedules. Cal Poly — ranked 96th among 293 Division I teams in the Web site's RPI — is No. 5 in terms of strength of schedule.

• Speaking of the Big West, how good is the baseball version?

Pretty good.

So good that it was ranked Monday the sixth-best among 31 Division I conferences, according to Boyd’s World.com, which uses a widely acknowledged simulation of the NCAA’s secret Ratings Percentage formula to predict what teams will reach the postseason.

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PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns knew they shouldn’t be too comfortable Tuesday night’s Game 2 of their first-round playoff series against the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Suns won the opener of the best-of-seven series, but they’re being here before.

A year ago, Phoenix won Game 1 against the Lakers, then lost the next three and needed seven games to put away Kobe & Co.

“It’s a huge lead,” said forward Amare Stoudemire, who watched that series-closing victory exactly a year ago.

Suns guard Steve Nash admitted that this Phoenix team has one muscular, 6-foot-10 difference from last season, watched last Wednesday’s victory but said he and his teammates could have done better.

“I missed a couple of easy jumpers I normally make,” he said. “So we had a lot of guys missed some jumpers they normally make. There were a few easy baskets we had to have to be made for us to stay in the game at first half. But the thing about it is we stayed aggressive, we didn’t give up. We stayed focused and got a win.”

The Suns felt good about winning despite a sub-par performance, the Lakers felt they showed they can stay with Phoenix.

“In many ways, we realize we were lucky to win,” Suns guard Steve Nash said. “But it didn’t feel like we’reweightless. We didn’t make shot. We didn’t come out with a lot of energy, but we were mentally strong enough defensively gave ourselves a chance to win.”

The Suns shot 43 percent Sunday, but were 6 of 23 on 3-pointers. Raja Bell, James Jones and Boris Diaw were a combined 4 for 16 from the field.

“I didn’t think we played our A game, and against these guys you need to,” Phoenix coach Mike D’Antoni said. “I was really happy with the way we fought, the way we defended. You just don’t give up Kobe a chance to go down the shot clock. The first half, we played our game.”

For two quarters Sunday, Bryant looked as if he would do just that.

He scored 28 points in the first half, capped by a series of spectacular dunk attempts. Bryant was 6 of 10 in the second half, and for the fourth quarter, when the Suns — led by Leandro Barbosa — pulled away.

It’s familiar scene for Bryant, who has long contended that he needs more help from his teammates when the defenses clamp down on him.

“Yeah, it makes it frustrating,” he said before Monday’s practice. “It’s not only that when I miss we struggle, it’s that I’ve got to shoot through three guys. If everybody else is not hitting shots, it’s going to be a very, very tough night.”

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