Roxy visits Cal Poly

Coral Snyder

The Roxy “Get Outside” tour, sponsored by Schick Quattro for Women, concluded the college portion of its tour at Cal Poly yesterday on Mott Lawn.

Students lined up to spin a wheel and win free Roxy and Schick merchandise, such as beach towels, T-shirts and journals. Haircuts by Paul Mitchell Signature Salon were offered on the lawn for $5.

Proceeds from the haircuts will be donated to the Keep A Breast Foundation, a nonprofit breast cancer awareness organization.

“We’re promoting healthy lifestyles, strength of women and doing charity,” said Shaunne Freese, event coordinator and Cal Poly alumna.

The tour began June 11 and has traveled to approximately 120 different locations throughout the United States. At various store locations, professional, sponsored athletes joined the tour and participated in extreme sports and signed autographs for fans.

The tour stopped in Oregon for snowboarding at Mt. Hood and wakeboarding in Portland. They also surfed in Lake Michigan and tanked surfed in Texas.

“Getting to go tank surf was probably my favorite part because it’s not an activity many women get to do,” said Nossia Nassenberg, one of three women hired to travel along the entire tour.

The purpose of the tour is to promote the brand as well as the lifestyle that is associated with the apparel and products. “We’re developing new fans and faces and encouraging people to get outside and off the couch,” Freese said.

The tour’s previous stops in other states included New York, Illinois, Florida, Arizona and Nevada. Many of the stops have been geared toward attracting the college-age demographic.

“It’s a great idea because people in college get in mundane routines from school and end up spending a lot of time inside,” business junior Katie Turner said.

The tour has also been promoting a Roxy CD titled “Music From Our Heart,” which features various artists such as The Postmarks, Jessie Baylin and The Submarines, who have performed several locations throughout the course of the tour.

“We live the lifestyles ourselves and overall we’re encouraging people to get out and find their adventure outdoors,” Nassenberg said.

The tour will be ending this weekend at Cardiff State Beach, North County San Diego at the second annual Roxy Jam Cardiff. This event will host the Linda Benson Wom­en’s World Long Board Pro, a women’s amateur surf contest, along with a fair on the beach.

“We’re showing that Roxy’s not just clothing and products, but also a lot of heart,” Freese said.

Baker’s salary increased again

Kristen Marschall

Wednesday marked payday for Cal Poly President Warren Baker as he and 27 other top California State University executives received an 11.8 percent average salary increase, as approved by the CSU Board of Trustees.

Baker’s salary — which was previously $298,372 and is now retroactively effective at $328,269 as of July 1 — will continue to make him the highest paid and longest-serving president within the CSU system. With this raise, he is now the second-highest paid executive within the system, trailing only the CSU chancellor, Charles Reed. Baker’s salary does not include the $60,000 given to him for housing.

The follow 27 members include the other 22 CSU presidents, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed and four executives in the Chancellor’s Office.

Chancellor Reed’s salary was bumped up to $421,500 from $377,000, which also does not include the $12,000 car allowance he is given annually or the house in Long Beach.

Student Tasered at Kerry forum

Travis Reed

Video of police TASERing a persistent questioner of Sen. John Kerry became an Internet and TV sensation Tuesday, generating fierce debate about free speech and the motives of the college student involved - a known prankster who often posts practical jokes online.

University of Florida President Bernie Machen said Monday's breakdown, in which the student loudly yelled, "Don't TASER me, bro!" was "regretful." He asked for a state probe of campus police actions and placed two officers on leave.

The student in the middle of it all, 21-year-old Andrew Meyer, had no comment after he was released on his recognizance on various charges following a night in jail.

But details from his online writings and videos raised the question of whether his harangue during the forum was genuine or some kind of stunt.

Meyer, a senior telecommunications major from the Fort Lauderdale suburb of Weston, has a Web site featuring several police actions and placed two officers on leave.

“Student Tasered at Kerry forum”

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Protestors gather outside the University of Florida police department Tuesday in Gainesville, Fla., to protest the campus officers’ use of a Taser stun gun during a forum with Sen. John Kerry, on Andrew Meyer, a persistent questioner who is known for posting practical jokes online.
New technology a possible alternative to polygraph test

Eric Schwartz

An honest man has a firm handshake and a steady gaze. A liar will avoid your eyes as he or she tells an untruth. Right?

"Not if you ask John Allen, a University of Arizona psychology professor. When it comes to telling it like it is, that's printing," uses the measurement of brain waves to detect whether a subject knows what they are saying.

Allen refers to his device as a "recognition detector," a variation of it that may not detect false memories.

In the video game experiment, there was a 90 percent accuracy rate of true positives, in which the device recognized the subject when told, depending heavily on how well a subject knows what they're being asked.

"I'm not saying there are no false positives, but I am saying that false memories can easily be implanted, often by accident through the repetition of telling the same story or through a badly done interrogation. These false memories have the same brainwaves as real ones," he added.

Up to 50 percent of the time, polygraphs indicate falsehoods that do not exist. Using his "recognition detector," however, Allen said the rate of such misreadings has been lowered to 5 percent occurrence or less.

There's no such thing as a lie detector.

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University of Arizona psychology professor

In a simpler experiment done by Allen involving the memorization of a list of words, there was a 95 percent rate of true positives.

With the polygraph as an overly sensitive device and the recognition detector not being sensitive enough, there have been attempts to use the two systems together, but this has not enhanced their reliability, Allen said.

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The students' brain waves were measured, and researchers found that there is a particular reaction that occurs in the brain when it sees something it recognizes.

Although polygraph technology is popular, Allen cautioned "there's so much such as a lie detector," adding that polygraph tests, also known as lie detectors, are often "terrible at examining the innocent."

Those who are given the polygraph test often exhibit the same nervousness and arousal that typically indicate lying, he said.

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The systems used in other countries measure skin conductance, rather than brain waves, to determine whether or not there is recognition, he said.

Although the technology is imperfect at the moment, Allen and his team have hopes that it could eventually be used in the legal system.

San Diego council votes to support same-sex marriage

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Nearly 200 people crowded into chambers to hear the council's three-hour debate over whether to file a brief to the California Supreme Court.

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The pay increase is part of an effort to make the salaries of the CSU presidents on par with presidents of comparable four-year universities around the country. A study done by the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) determined that the salaries of CSU presidents lag behind similar universities by 46 percent.

"The Board of Trustees has made a commitment to reduce that gap," he said. Kelley added that though he isn't sure of the long-term plan, future raises can be anticipated. Richard Saenz, the physics chair and California Faculty Association president for Cal Poly, said the raise seemed "a bit disingenuous" considering the faculty negotiations that persisted last spring.

"While I'm sure the administrators deserve a raise, they said our 4.7 percent raise was breaking the bank," he said. "Charlie Reed now makes more than the president of the United States." He argues that in the last 10 years, a full professor's salary has increased from $66,000 to $90,000 while Baker's has increased from about $200,000 to $330,000.

"If they gave the presidents the same raise as us, probably no one would complain," Saenz said. "Clearly there are lots more of us than presidents ... but it just makes you wonder who they're looking out for.

Meanwhile, CPEC's study found that though the pay received by CSU faculty is less than the national average of comparable universities, it is not as great as the 46 percent difference for the presidents.

In 1991-92, the difference for faculty was 4.1 percent and by 2006-07 it was 15.2 percent. Kelley noted that this number decreased after the faculty negotiations took place.

"If in a year when we continue to raise student fees and classrooms are becoming more and more overcrowded, it is absurd to consider a pay raise right now," said Trustee Ricardo F. Icaza during the Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday. "Students are working multiple jobs trying to pay for their education."

Icaza and Lt. Governor John Garamendi were the only two present who opposed the pay increase.

"It's common for people to get a raise against a raise, especially when a person makes a high salary," said CSU spokesman Paul Browning, adding that the CSU wants to attract "the best and brightest." Kelley also defended Baker's increase, saying that "most people would say it's important to have a quality leader ... and the leadership he has provided is exemplary."

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Study says chivalry still alive

Maria Zinser
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Traditionally, romance is defined as the act of courting or pursuing someone or treating them with ardor or chivalrousness. Some would say the college definition has evolved into something more vulgar.

"Most people see romance as making out and having sex," University of Delaware freshman Belarus Buntz said.

The definition of romance, or the lack thereof, is the key factor which affected the results of a study done by Catherine Mosher of Duke University and Sharon Danoff-Burg of the University of Albany. The study showed male undergraduate students were more likely than female undergraduate students to choose intimate relationships over careers and education.

The results of the study, published in the journal Gender Issues in July 2007, were calculated after surveying 237 undergraduates, including 80 men and 157 women, about their life goals. The study evaluated the students' readiness to relinquish achievement goals for an intimate relationship. It found 51 percent of women studied and 63.3 percent of men studied would choose to pursue romantic relationships over achievement goals.

According to the study, only 1

Everyone remembers their first time.
Mustang Maniacs bring madness to CP sports

Cassandra J. Carlson
October 13

Welcome to the Asylum. They might be called maniacs but to many they are the devoted leaders of Cal Poly fans. Formerly known as the Running Thunder, Mustang Maniacs are a student athletic spirit club actively involved in all the home games and various away games and are notorious for their love for Cal Poly athletics.

The group already has a filled road trip to UC Davis on Oct. 13 where the Maniacs will cheer for the Kunning Thunder, Mustangs on away games and are notorious for being loud and energetic with us. "Every student that steps on campus is a Mustang Maniac," Mustang Maniacs Advisor, Shawn Russell said. "They are a part of the road trip has more than 40 students on a waiting list. The students paid $25 to cover the cost of the hotel, game and bus."

"More than half of the students attending are freshman, and the" said business junior and Mustang Maniacs publicist Kristen Spencer. "We really would like the students to come to the games and be loud and energetic with us." Being part of the Mustang Maniacs allows students to meet new people while watching sports along with taking part in various activities such as lighting the P after victories, running the flag and ringing the bell at Cal Poly's games, along with leading the crowds with their energetic attitudes. Mustang Maniacs will also be doing various community service projects along with adding "Go Green! Games" for each sport where the Maniacs will be offering food and drinks for students an hour prior to the game, first come, first serve.

"We are already getting a lot of interest, we are getting better as a group and there are more and more freshmen wanting to get involved," said business junior and Mustang Maniacs publicist Randolph Garcia. More than half of the students attending are freshman, and the

"This year will be a lot different from past years; it will be a lot more organized," said agriculture business junior and Mustang Maniacs president Kristen Spencer. Without the student body the event just wouldn't have the same energy."

Mustang Maniacs have a lot of potential and are looking forward to huge attendances at games and good attitudes. "We like the idea of students to come to the games and have them as fans and members of the campus community. Without the student body the event just wouldn't have the same energy."

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Russell believes the Maniacs will have a very successful year saying, "The group and governing board of the Maniacs will be very proactive in reaching out to more students on campus by making them aware of home events, how they can get involved, and insuring the events have a great atmosphere and are exciting and fun for all those in attendance."

The 15-plus member board will be holding a general meeting where students can learn more about the group and take time to share ideas, questions, information and even win spirit items.

The Mustang Maniacs will be busy this weekend at Friday's "Be The Beach" game where the Cal Poly's women's volleyball team will be hosting the 3-time NCAA champions at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym and Saturday's football game where Cal Poly will be hosting undefeated NCAA Division II Independent Western Oregon (3-0), kicking off in Alex G. Spanos Stadium at 6:05 p.m.

Calendar of events
FALL QUARTER
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10/3 Davis Road Trip Meeting 6:30pm (Mott Gym)
10/12-13 ROAD TRIP Football at Davis (Mott Gym)
10/17 "GO GREEN! GAME" — Men's Soccer vs. UC Davis 6pm (Mott Gym)
10/24 Rally/General Meeting 6:30pm (Mott Gym)
10/26 "GO GREEN! GAME" — Women's Soccer vs. UC Davis 6pm (Mott Gym)
10/28 "GO GREEN! GAME" — Volleyball at UCSB 6pm (Mott Gym)
11/4 Rally/General Meeting 6:30pm (Mott Gym)
11/5 "GREEN & GOLD HOOPS BASH" — Women's Basketball vs Houston/ Men's Basketball vs Utah St 4:30pm (Mott Gym)
12/2 ROAD TRIP Men's Basketball at USC
WINTER QUARTER
1/19 ROAD TRIP Men's Basketball @ UCSB
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Come Celebrate Life!
Stanford adds transgender rights to non-discrimination policy

Andrea Fuller
THE STANFORD DAILY STAFF

Stanford students will likely not notice a two-word change when they crack open the first page of their 2007-08 Bulletin, but these two words are groundbreaking ones for transgender rights at Stanford.

The phrase "gender identity" has been added to Stanford's Statement of Nondiscrimination Policy — a change many in the transgender rights community celebrate, even though its practical impact remains unclear.

The Statement of Nondiscrimination Policy prohibits discrimination "in the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the University." The statement also forbids discrimination "in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships, and loan programs, and athletic and other University-administered programs," consistent with "its obligations under the law."

"Gender identity" is specifically listed in the second sentence. Vice Provost for Student Affairs Greg Boardman said that a committee of student and staff members were convened to propose this policy revision, which President John Hennessy recently accepted. Boardman said that the phrase will be added to the Administrative Guide "for ease of reference." Boardman asked not to be identified by her name.

"Regarding the ramifications of the policy," Boardman's addendum read, "I believe that the revision sends a strong message that Stanford is interested in addressing and supporting the needs of the transgender community."

The policy change comes in response to a group of transgender students and allies who granted a campus campaign for transgender rights during the 2006-07 academic year. Harriet '07, a transgender student and movement organizer who was not to be identified by her name, estimated that the University is home to "several dozen" transgender students, faculty and staff.

With the backing of the LGBT-CRC, a LGBT low student group called OUTLAW and Safe and Open Spaces at Stanford, the students called for a policy change, which began gaining traction in top-level administration. LGBT-CRC Director and Assistant Dean of Students Ben Davidson "said administrators were willing to learn more about gender identity issues and ways for their office to help them."

"I think the change will send a strong message to current and prospective students — as well as to faculty and staff — that Stanford takes the needs of the transgender members of our community seriously" he said. "I imagine it will be especially encouraging to those who are closeted or questioning their gender identities."

According to Harriet, the central issue of the transgender rights campaign was health care discrimination. Harriet said that the student and faculty health insurance plans contain clauses that deny care for transgender-related issues, such as hormone level monitoring.

"[Vaden administrators] were very receptive," she said. "They said they'd start looking into making changes. The clauses weren't there because of malicious intent — it just common for any health insurance plan."

Although Harriet celebrated gains for the transgender community, such as the addition of gender-neutral bathrooms to Old Union, she said that transgender students face a number of other obstacles besides health care — such as roommate pairing.

"It's a start," she said. "More work needs to be done, but it is a step forward."

While students and faculty said that Stanford truly feels like a place where they can go in ensuring transgender rights, Biological sciences professor Joan Hasselquist said that breaking the silence about the phrasing of the Statement of Nondiscrimination Policy is "an important first step," in which "gender identity" is mentioned, says only that Stanford will do whatever is required by the law. Hasselquist said. "The first sentence is where the principle of non-discrimination which includes 'gender identity' is conspicuously missing there. This revision is an evasion of responsibility."

"Only Stanford of all the major Ivies and leading public universities is silent on the issue of equal rights and privileges with respect to gender identity," she added.

Hasselquist also noted that the city of San Francisco provides health insurance coverage for transgender issues and that the University of California (UC) system has adopted a similar policy for faculty and staff.

"Stanford behind the UC system," she said. "Stanford has taken a step forward with the nondiscrimination clause, but they're still behind in many respects."

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The percentage of the participants were living with a partner, although approximately 50 percent of the females and 40 percent of the males reported having a current dating relationship.

Daniel Kruger, a social and evolutionary psychologist at the University of Michigan, said he found the results a bit hard to evaluate. The results are a little ambiguous because I'm wondering if the questions were asked," he said.

He said that the definition of romance varies and the study never defined what romance or intimate relationship means.

Freshman Matt Morelli said males may have a different perception of what romance was. "Guys don't really think with their brain that often," Morelli said.

Senior Kristin Johnson said she was "surprised at the study's result because it did not coincide with her image of men. "Men just don't seem to care about relationships as much as a woman would, for the most part," Johnson said.

"Other students, such as Beans, said they were not surprised by the results.

"Men always want to take risks while women just analyze," she said.

"Kruger said women often take education more seriously than men do."

"Women are, in general, more future-oriented and more willing to have delayed gratification, so they are taking the tried-and-true path in education," he said.

"Men are opting to do something that they think will get them to the top faster, like start a company [or] get into sales so they don't have to spend all that time getting a degree." —Ben Davidson

LGBT-CRC Director and Assistant Dean of Students

Senior Alexandra Villalobos highlighted the effects of the stress that is placed on women.

"Girls might feel more pressure on them to get a career and be successful to show that they can," Villanul said.

Johanson gave her own hypothesis for why she thinks men would treat relationships differently.

"Men seem to always need to be nurturing and if mom's not going to be there anymore for them, they are more likely, if they say they need it, to pick a relationship they know they can stay in to continue being nurtured," she said.

Kruger used his knowledge of evolution to predict a major difference among men and women.

"What I would like to predict is [this]," he said. "Sure, more women will become educated in connection with these careers, but it will be less competitive about it," he said. "Women are more often motivated to get a degree to what extent that they will go to less competitive careers."
Army testing soldiers’ brains before sending them to Iraq, Afghanistan

Kristin M. Hall  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOR T CAMPBELL, Ky. — Before they leave for Iraq, though, thousands of troops with the 101st Airborne Division line up at laptop computers to take a test: breath through the nose and hold their breath, the right leg up in the air for a minute, then put their hand on their forehead.

They are on the Army to be "much more productive," said Lt. Col. Mark McGrath, division surgeon for the 101st. "We don't want to wait until the soldier is getting out of the Army to say, 'But I've had these symptoms.'"

The mandatory brain-function tests are starting with the 101st at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, expected to spread to other military bases in the next couple of months. Commanders at those bases will decide whether to adopt the program.

The tests provide a standard, objective measure for each soldier's reaction time, their short-term memory and other cognitive skills. That data would be used when the soldiers come home to identify mild brain injuries that can often go unnoticed and untreated.

One veteran group wants to ensure the Army doesn't use the results to deny treatment by claiming that soldiers' problems came from pre-military trauma.

"We certainly think these tests shouldn't be used to reduce the responsibility that the Army has to treat the soldiers who have served," said John Foret, director of policy for Veterans for America.

About 7,500 Fort Campbell soldiers have completed the tests, said Dr. Robert Schlegel, a University of Kentucky psychologist who administers the 10-minute exams to soldiers as they file quickly through a testing center.

The question asks soldiers to memorize patterns on the screen and then identify them later among several that did not indicate when he would rule on the defense motions.

Dr. Robert Schlegel, a University of Kentucky psychologist who administers the 10-minute exams to soldiers as they file quickly through a testing center. The question asks soldiers to memorize patterns on the screen and then identify them later among several different patterns. Other questions require soldiers to match numbers and symbols, or complete simple addition and subtraction problems.

"Everybody functions a bit differently in terms of how quickly they react to things, how well they process things and remember things and so forth," Schlegel said.

Brain injuries caused by explosions have become some of the most common combat wounds suffered in Iraq. Thirty percent of soldiers taken to Walter Reed Army Medical Center since 2003 suffered traumatic brain injuries, according to the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center.

The brain-injury center, which has seven facilities around the country, has seen 2,669 patients since 2003 and 2007. But doctors believe many less obvious brain-injury cases go undetected.

Soldiers sometimes walk away from explosions with no obvious injuries. But the concussion from the blast can have a lingering effect that is not always immediately apparent.

"They look physically normal, but their neuropsychologic performance is off," said Col. Mary Lopes, a physician specializing in occupational therapy.

Injury to the brain injuries are mild, and soldiers can recover with rest and time away from the battlefield. But the military estimates that one-fifth of the troops with these mild injuries will have prolonged or lifelong symptoms requiring continuing care.
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People watch a crater in Puno, Peru, caused by a meteorite that crashed in southern Peru over the weekend, possibly causing hundreds of people to suffer headaches, nausea and respiratory problems.

**Meteorite strikes Peru**

Monte Hayes
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A fiery meteorite crashed into southern Peru over the weekend, experts confirmed on Wednesday. But they were still pursuing over claims that it gave off fumes that sickened 200 people.

Witnesses told reporters that a fiery ball fell from the sky and smashed into the desolate Andean plain near the Bolivian border Saturday morning.

Jose Mechane, a scientist with Peru's Geological, Mining and Metallurgical Institute, said a geologist had confirmed that it was a "rocky meteorite," based on the fragments analyzed.

He said water in the meteorite’s muddy crater boiled for maybe 10 minutes from the heat and could have given off a vapor that sickened people, and scientists were taking water samples.

"We are not completely certain that there was no contamination," Mechane said.

Jorge Lopez, director of the health department in the state where the meteorite crashed, told the Associated Press on Tuesday that 200 people suffered headaches, nausea and respiratory problems caused by "toxic" fumes emanating from the crater, which is some 65 feet wide and 15 feet deep.

But a team of doctors sent to the isolated site, 3 1/2 hours travel from the state capital of Puno, said they found no evidence the meteorite had sickened people, the Lima newspaper El Comercio reported Wednesday.

Modesto Montoya, a member of the team, was quoted as saying doctors also had found no sign of radioactive contamination among families living nearby, but had taken blood samples from 19 people to be sure.

He said fear may have provoked psychosomatic ailments.

"When a meteorite falls, it produces horrible sound when it makes contact with the atmosphere," he told the paper. "It’s as if a giant rock is being tossed. Those sounds could have frightened them."

Juttun Livache, 74, told El Comercio that when she heard the thunderous roar from the sky, she abandoned her flock of alpacas and ran to her small home with her 8-year-old granddaughter. She said that after the meteorite struck, small rocks rained down on the roof of her house for several minutes and she feared the house was going to collapse.

Meteor expert Ursula Marvin said that if people were sickened, "it wouldn’t be the meteorite itself, but the dust it raises."

A meteorite "wouldn’t get much gas out of the Earth," said Marvin, who has studied the objects since 1961 at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass. "It’s a very superficial thing."

**International Briefs**

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israel declared the Palestinian-controlled Gaza Strip an “enemy entity” on Wednesday and said it would cut utilities to the territory, complicating the U.S. plan to relaunch peace talks aimed at setting up what President Bush hopes will be a pivotal international Mideast peace conference this fall.

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**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** — Taliban fighters carrying machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades used children as human shields during a clash in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday, forcing U.S.-led coalition soldiers to hold their fire for a time, the coalition said.

The clash in Uruzgan province began when more than 20 insurgents attacked a joint Afghan and coalition patrol, the coalition said in a statement.

As aircraft prepared to bomb the site, “coalition forces as well as the aircraft identified several insurgents in one compound using children as human shields,” the statement said. Ground troops and the aircraft withheld fire to avoid injuring the children, it said.
Janelle Eastridge

“Wickedly’ entertaining

“Wicked” acts as a prequel to “The Wizard of Oz,” telling the back story about what supposedly happened in Oz before Dorothy even left her home over the rainbow.

The story centers around the unlikely friendship of two very, very different people: the freakishly green-skinned social outcast Elphaba (played by Eden Espinosa), who later becomes known as the Wicked Witch of the West, and Glinda, the über-popular, beautiful blonde who later becomes the Good Witch.

The two are unwillingly paired as roommates while studying at the university in Shiz. And as the story line evolves, they go from utter loathing of the other to the best of friends.

The actors, the music (especially the music), the dancing, the set, the costumes — everything, really — is amazing. It’s that simple.

But what made the experience, what gave me an even greater appreciation for what I later saw was the “Behind the Emerald Curtain” tour my mom inadvertently signed my dad and I up for.

When my father and I initially entered the lobby, we expected what we thought was an early-evening show to begin soon and thought that the show-and-tell area was just a production, and Matthew Stocke, who plays the witch’s father, arezyk, a swing (someone who is required to know all the parts) in the production, and Matthew Stocke, who plays the watch’s father — and includes an up-close look at the elaborate costumes, intricate wigs and preliminary models of the set used by the cast and crew.

The pair provided detailed explanations of each of the items on display. I see Wicked, page 11

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M83 — “Digital Shades Vol. 3” (EMI)

Not an official M83 release, but a krautrock via shoegaze, beginning to M83’s exquisitely molded ambient side projects.

Thurston Moore — “Trees Outside the Academy” (Lustful Arts) A rather straightforward, no-effort by Sonic Youth’s noise, art rock aficionados, features a few tracks with J Mascis.

Signal — “Robotron” (Racket Noise) A tidy wave of noise, clicks and cuts come together in glorious percussion, transforming the virtual domain of data into object.

Animal Collective — “Strawberry Jam” (Domino) The pieces of the pop song are pushed to their limits in sound, imagery and emotion.

Les Savy Fav — “Let’s Stay Friends” (Infrasonic) Twelve years have gone by since Les Savy Fav’s debut and every album since has made us think differently about what rock can do. This album is no exception.

Paul Cambon and Brian Cavaye are music directors at KCPR, San Luis Obispo, 91.3 FM. These are their favorite new albums of the week.
Matt Brennan

Sleek Voss water bottles and goblets of juice, the thread is lost.erring Emmy night "and "There hasn't been an original movie

Matt Brennan
Stars, director talk 'Jane Austen Book Club'

The minds behind "The Jane Austen Book Club," which opens
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New MTV show dares to swing both ways

Jennifer Heine
THE NEWS (S. DALLAS)

Sixteen lesbians and 16 heterosexuals will charm the audience of a bisexual woman in the upcoming

The final will live together in Tequila's mansion. Each episode she will eliminate suitors in a dramatic ceremo-

Larry Peterson, faculty coordinator for the minor in sexualities and gender and professor of music at the University of Delaware, says he likes how bisexual issues will be given

attention.

"I like the idea that a show is dealing with bisexuality," Peterson said. "I think that anything that will stimulate conversation about it is good."

Angela Capello, social chair for

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Sophomore Jessica O'Hara is unsure whether the show will be exploitative or promoting good, gay and bisexual culture.

"It depends on how they're portrayed in the show, because media can skew perception," O'Hara said.

Junior Stefanie Sframeli thinks "A Shot At Love At Love" will ridicule gay culture.

"Anything that's on MTV is mocking something," Sframeli said. "Even 'The Hills' is mocking valley girls." Sophomore Torsten Joerger says he doesn't see much value in "A Shot At Love."

"I can't understand why people would watch it," Joerger said. "Randolph says the reality show will help promote tolerance of gay identity, but I don't think that's true."

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"The show reflects the fact American society is more comfortable viewing homosexuality or bisexuality in women," Randolph said. "I don't think MTV would do a show of this kind with an bisexual man, because we have all the same issues, including the fact that we are bisexual, a segment of the gay population that is not acknowledged much by gays or straights," Randolph says. "I think that anything that will stimulate conversation about it is good."

Angela Capello, social chair for HAVEN, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allies group on campus, says the show is a positive advancement for giving awareness to gay, lesbian and bisexual people.

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Fashion speak made easy

Samantha Critchell
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Fashion plays favorites when it comes to trends. There are certain phrases used so often to describe so many different things that even some industry insiders are unsure what they really mean.

Terminology

- Classic with a twist: "A waistcoat, essential such as a trench coat or a black shirt in a techno fabric, or with an interesting construction detail like a box cut, or an up-to-the-minute detail like the high waist we're seeing so much of this season.

- A marriage of American sportswear and European luxury: "Sportswear construction as in loose and easy pants, and a slip-on top in an incredible fabric — textiles really. To make a garment look and feel sensual and expensive — and finishing details like rolled hems and loop stitching common in men's tailoring and European workrooms."

- Utilitarian chic in a modern way: "Jeans, cargo pants, T-shirts are utilitarian items. The most modern T-shirts are totally seamless, woven in one single piece and they have great shoulders to boast."

I think Levi's does a great job of reinventing a classic jean in a modern way with laser cutting and tailoring.

A juxtaposition of modernity and classicism: "Simple in two words: Azzedine Alaia."

- Youthful elegance: New Little Black dress, string of pearls and bright patent leather heels from Christian Louboutin."
**Mustang Daily**

**Editorial**

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Guess what — it happened again.

Just when you thought he couldn’t make any more, the CSU Board of Trustees go and give our president another raise. A whopping $21,857 raise, not to mention that he is supplied with a $60,000 annual housing allowance (even though he could live in the president’s house on campus for free) and can receive in assigned university vehicle or receive $12,000 for an annual vehicle allowance (meaning he could buy a small car annually).

Face it, university president now makes more than the governor of California.

But Baker isn’t the problem. Sure, 95 percent of you have never met the man (or you have and you just didn’t realize) and resent him for it, and it’s true — as the president of Cal Poly he should seek out a little more face time with the students. But there’s no disagreeing that he does a lot for our school — just because you don’t see it doesn’t mean he’s not affecting your everyday life as a student. In fact, if it weren’t for him, none of you philosophy, dance, theater or MLL majors would be here.

He hands for science and math, and he’s a huge reason why you philosophy, d.m.c. theater and dance majors would be here.

But forget merit — the worst part is that the central argument for why those 26 officials should receive a raise is not for the students, it is for the students.

"Your actions today make it very clear that executive salaries are the only issues this board seems to address. We wish you would fulfill the same level of determination when dealing with skyrocketing fees and overcrowded classrooms that you do when providing executives’ raises."

— Lillian Tair California Faculty Association president

The president of the California Faculty Association, Lillian Tair, said to the Trustees on Tuesday: "Your actions today make it very clear that executive salaries are the only issues this board seems determined to address. We wish you would find the same level of determination when dealing with skyrocketing fees and overcrowded classrooms that you do when providing executives’ raises."

And they still got raises anyway.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Something’s wrong here**

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

I am writing this letter as a resident to the administration trying to graduate next quarter. Unfortunately, I registered last class after class. I can’t hold the courses I need, preventing me from trying unsuccessfully, to crash over 10 different classes. The problem must be pretty universal because I see the same tired faces getting rejected from class after class. I cannot hold individual departments to blame; they are stretched to the breaking point as it is.

The administration is another story. Cal Poly has admitted a record number of students for the Spring of 2008. Why are the students, who are getting the classes they need? As a student population of over 19,000, we have the ability and obligation to hold the administration accountable for their incompetence. We need to organize, march, picket, sit in, and fight until our voices are heard. However, if we don’t fight, then students here don’t really care enough to fight for change, but I want to be proven wrong.

Kevin Bilancce

**Shoo for free? Reality?**

It is sure nice to break up the Potter’s Barn "atmo" once in a while, even if it is only to acknowledge those of us out there that despise the Potter’s barn and gothic offshing lifestyle. But is an ad for a shooting range and advertising the good American values i.e. "I’m gonna buy me a gun, I’m gonna shoot it.

Kevin Bilancce

**Advising and Academic Planner**

**Shoot for free? Reality?**

Although, tempting as it sounds, as a privileged Cal Poly student I must "SHOOT FOR FREE" with purchase of 2 boxes of "ammo."

Christine Haussling

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**What you could buy with Baker’s increase.**

$21,857 / 20 schools = $1,093 per school. Even if you don’t care about what money Baker gets, it is astounding how much money is going over to each of these universities. And with that, you can tell your President to step it up or we will make sure everyone knows that we aren’t happy with the way that our taxes are going to these universities.

— Sara Kimble

**Advising and Academic Planner**
Identity theft — one victim’s tale

Jeremy Tang

Remember a few months ago when those funny Citibank commercials aired on TV? You know what I’m talking about — they involved a character whose voice was dubbed over by another’s voice but the accent or tone of voice did not match the face.

For instance, there would be someone’s grandmother on the screen with the voice of some nerdy male braggart about spending X amount of dollars on someone else’s credit card. These commercials warned consumers about identity theft and how your information is vulnerable to the public.

Why should I care, it will never happen to someone like me, right?

I’m a college student who knows how computers work, how to set up firewalls and who understands the discreet mathematics that credit card companies and banks use to protect me from hackers — in short, I’m not computilliterate nor an idiot, so I had nothing to fear.

Or so I thought.

Last Thursday, I went to Tligman Lot to pay for a parking permit, and since I don’t carry $100 worth of bills on me at all time, I stopped by the business office to pay for my permit with my debit card.

Low and behold, my card was declined. I was confused about this since I had worked over the summer and barely broke $200 for my textbooks this semester — that’s amazing for a science major.

I handed over my credit card and thought nothing of it. When it didn’t work, I thought to myself it must be the machine and made a mental note to call the bank later that week.

The next day, I needed to buy supplies for my photography class, and once again, my card was declined.

I spent my lunch calling the number on the back of my debit card and after a painful five minutes of voice machines that tell you to push 1, for English and 2, for Español, eight minutes of being told that I haven’t called the right number and needed to be transferred to another department — ok folks, there was one number on the card, I fail to see how I called the wrong number — and 10 minutes trying to interpret someone’s thick Indian accent, I discovered my debit card was on hold, because there were some fraudulent charges made on it.

The customer service lady also told me that despite my 23 minutes of waiting on the phone, she could not do anything about my account and that I needed to talk to someone at my bank about my “issues.”

Luckily for me, I live only 15 minutes away from Drew by car and took two of my friends on a trip down to Route 10.

The bank, thankfully, was very understanding of my situation. We looked at my credit history for the last couple of months and realized that the fraudulent charges had been occurring since I left Drew last semester.

The bank manager looked me squarely in the eyes and said, “Are you sure you didn’t make a purchase for this?”

How do you suppose I figured out what the fraudulent charges were? Despite knowing where and what I spent my money on, I apparently made subscriptions to the following sites: Match.com, AmericanSingles.net and SinglesNet.com. I looked at the manager and said, with as much composure as I could, yes, I am very sure that I never visited these sites.

He tried to bring up the point that maybe I visited the sites and subscribed to them but cancelled, and I once again assured him that I would rather be dead than caught on any one of these sites.

He called the sites, and I’m sure he had to sit through the five minutes of voice machines as he pushed a button every 30 seconds on the number pad before he got to someone.

The site apparently suspected that there was a fraudulent charge made on my debit card. Sometimes, fraud is obvious and needed to be transferred to another department — okay, this department reimbursed me and said they would do their best to track down the charge before the manager hung up.

The manager told me that we were lucky to get reimbursed quickly, since it usually takes a few weeks to clear up identity theft, and proceeded to check up on the other two sites. I got my money back, my card was shredded up, and I was told that a new one would be sent to me as soon as possible.

I know I’ve written a humorous anecdote of what happened to me last week, but that should not belie the point that I want to make. The scary thing about this is that I had my card in my wallet the entire time, and someone still managed to get a hold of my information.

I’m not saying that I’m the most careful person when it comes to security, but like I’ve stated before, I’m not an idiot when it comes to these kinds of things. The manager told me that someone could have used my information when I bought an item online or such, but he also hypothesized that someone could have gotten my information any time I handed over my card to pay a bill at a restaurant or store.

I know we want to think that we live in a safe and dandy little world, but the truth is that people just don’t care about your privacy and money — people want easy money and identity theft is definitely one way to get ahead of it.

Some may even justify identity or credit card theft by saying that the company or bank would reimburse fraudulent charges anyway, so therefore he or she is only stealing from the corporation and not from the individual. This justification is bullshit.

In college, we learn that there are a lot of gray areas in the way we should view things, but this is clearly a black and white case. Am I mad that someone managed to become Jeremy Tang and try to freeloaf off of my credit? Not really.

I’m more curious to what type of person would do something like this, and as my friends like to joke, somewhere out there; there is a lonely single claiming to be Jeremy Tang and trying desperately to hook up with another lonely soul on the Internet.

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Hope to see you there!
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Let me put this into perspective for everyone. In 2006, Randy Moss had 42 catches, 553 yards and two touchdowns, for the Patriots.

Now, I'm not saying Barden is Moss, but numbers don't lie. He is on pace to shatter high school and national records. And yeah, he's 6-feet-6 and 230 pounds. Can you say Pac-10?

Since the third game I saw Barden, I felt that he didn't belong in PCS (formerly 1-AAA) football. How did Poly get so lucky? I don't care how raw you are coming out of high school; the big schools just don't miss guys like this.

I will remember the other day that summed up Barden. Samson wrote about seeing superstar athletes in street clothes and how they are so arrogant for two reasons. First, they are just so much bigger than regular people. Second, they just move so effortlessly. Both of these are true in Barden's case.

Samson wrote about when he saw Kevin Durant walking, and how it didn't deter him from being "glided" when he walked. How when he saw Durant it was just obvious that this kid was put on this earth to play sports for a living. Ramirez was the first person I thought of while reading this.

It hasn't been Barden's biggest fan from the moment I first saw him. I just envisoned him having games like he just had, dominating from start to finish, being a man among boys.

I just imagined some over-achieving, 6-foot-9 PAC-10 reject from Western Oregon trying to cover this guy. Being in Kansas City, I don't have the chance to watch firsthand. But all of you, on the other hand, watch and enjoy. I promise he won't disappoint!

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1. Coach, and other team members for encouraging her and for making her feel comfortable. With two seasons to fall down in practice, the rest of the skaters clap and cheer, helping skaters to try their hardest and to not be embarrassed if they stumble.

Rookies vary in age, although women have to be over 21 to skate. For example, since many CXRD functions happen in bars. The current fall rookie class consists of both college students and mothers; basically any Central Coast woman who wants to skate is welcome.

SubMiss, who recently shook off her rookie status by skating in her first game earlier this September, was at the head of the team.

"We miss our fans," she said. "If you're dominant in derby, you rule the real world, she's a bitch," she said. "If you're dominant in the derby, you're allowed to put on a show because of the team's camaraderie. "It's nice to be around a lot of women," she said. "It's a lot of fun, and on a place no matter what it takes to accomplish what you want to do."

It also provided a way to get out some aggression. Berta believes most people are aggro. She also described roller derby as a healthy way to deal with that aggression.

"Derby is an opportunity to hit people and not be in trouble for it," she said. "There are rules — but there aren't rules."

Berta also described roller derby as a means of empowerment for women. "If a woman's dominant in the real world, she's a bitch," she said. "If you're dominant in derby, you rule the crowd."

CXRD's next big bout will take place Nov. 17 at the Paso Robles Event Center. The team will face arch-rivals the Angel City Derby Girls, with whom CXRD has a history.

The first time the CXRD team played ACDG, it lost horribly. "They taught us we weren't derby at all, we were just playing," Berta said. "If ACDG has since stepped up its game, and the last time it skated against Angel City, the team only lost by three points. This time they're out for victory."

Brooke Robertson, who was appointed the "Vice Chair" of CXRD skaters, is a Mustang Daily arts editor and a new derby alder, even though her skating tag is a little shaky.

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The once popular contact-sport of roller derby has rebounded after losing popularity in the late '70s and early '80s. Central Coast Roller Derby, which was started in January 2006, donates all proceeds to charity.

Although roller derby’s heyday in the 70's drew national fans with televised bouts, today the sport remains relatively unknown. SubMiss Cheeba is on a mission to change that.

Cheeba founded the league in January 2006 with her friend Rusten Poche, just because they needed something to do. Roller derby provided that, and more, establishing itself as a fun and effective way to exercise while meeting like-minded women in the area.

Roller derby is “chicks in shorts beating the crap out of each other, with beer,” CCdkl) co-founder Senorita Grande said. But neither derby games are as a nostalgic
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The Basics

The Jammers: Each team is allotted one jammer. The jammer scores points by
-passing opposing blockers but only after she has passed the pack once. If the jammer from one team passes the pack before the opposing team’s jammer she becomes the lead jammer and has the option to end the two minute jam at any time.

The Blockers: Each team has “three blockers whose purpose is to prevent the opposing jammer from passing, and allow their team’s jammer to pass.”

The Pivot: Each team has one pivot. The position is designated to control the speed of the pack.

The Game: About or game is composed of 60 minutes of play divided into periods of 20 or 30 minutes played between two teams. A period is divided into multiple jams which are races between the two teams to score points. There is no limit to the number of jams allowed each period. A jam may last up to two minutes.

Each team has the most points at the end of the game wins.

Source: Women’s Flat Track Derby Association Web site.

Poly ready for Big West play

Sara Wright
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly sideline team will play in their first home game in Mont Gym versus Long Beach State on Friday and will follow up with a match against Cal State Northridge Saturday, opening up the defense of the Big West Conference title. Standing at No. 20 with a 6-2 record, Cal Poly will challenge the Long Beach State 49ers (4-6-1) at 7 p.m. The game against the Northridge Matadors (3-9) is at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The start time for Saturday’s game against Cal State Northridge was changed from 7 p.m. so the game could be seen in addition to the 6:05 p.m. Mustang football game against Western Oregon at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Last season, the 49ers were the runners-up in the Big West Conference while Cal Poly took the Mountain championship and qualified for the program’s first conference title in 22 years.

The Mustangs have been runners-up in the Big West three times before. The 49ers earned 74 points in the Sept. 17 edition of the AVCA/CSTV Coaches Poll, putting them near the top 25. The team fell in the rankings after losing to four ranked teams, including Nos 18 San Diego, No. 2 Stanford and No. 11 Washington. However, LBSU lead the all-time series 27-12. Reigning Big West Player of the Week Alex Crimes lead the conference with 18 kills and average of 4.86 kills per game.

The Matadors, on the other hand have dropped five straight matches this season. The team has been swept by No. 2 USC, No. 5 UCLA Washington Duke, and San Diego. Freshman Alex Johnson leads the Matadors with 2.6 kills per game.

This weekend’s standout Mustang is senior libero Kristin Jackson, who broke the Big West Conference record for career digs with 1,785 digs since 2004. Jackson only needs 225 to pass the mere 24 players in Division I history to ace Volleyball, page 15

Three things about the fall

What is up, Cal Poly? It has been way too long, but I am proud to say that this year is no longer in a “round. Unlike Michael Vick and O.J. “10 felony counts,” Simpson, I am not on trial. I am just as excited to see Volleyball, page 15

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Redshirt sophomore Halley Fischl serves during the Green and Gold match Tuesday. Cal Poly will open Big West Conference play Friday at 7 p.m.