Freshman found dead in pool

Although police are calling kinetics freshman Morrey Brown's death an "accidental drowning," his roommates remain skeptical.

The official cause of the 18-year-old Brown's death will not be released until later this week, but his roommates, Kevin Becker, 24, a graduate of Middlebury College, and Trevor Dandik, 21, a professional athlete, are hesitant to call it a drowning.

"Morrey was a good athlete," said Becker, who found Brown at the bottom of the Los Verdes Park housing development pool around 6:30 p.m. Thursday. "I don't think it was a drowning."

Becker said he and his roommates went for a swim after they played basketball Thursday afternoon. One by one, they left the gated pool area to ready themselves for a night swim, but Brown stayed in the pool.

"Normally he would be with us, I thought it was really strange that he wanted to stay back," Becker said of the shy, spiritual young man.

When Brown did not return after about 15 minutes, Becker went back to the pool area to check on him.

"As I approached the pool, I saw it was very placid and still, which made me nervous," he said. Upon closer inspection, he saw Brown at the bottom of the deep end, about 8 feet deep. "Part of me was hoping he just needed his breaths."

Becker immediately jumped into the water to pull Brown out, and tried to revive him, he said. Dandik, who had CPR training, arrived at the scene a few minutes later, said that the young man did not have water in his lungs. He said they were filled with blood.

"He was a really nice guy, the type of guy who's shy at first but really open up," Becker said, adding that Brown's Bahai faith prohibited him from drinking alcohol and doing drugs. "He was very spiritual and religious. He didn't have a lot of friends at Cal Poly, he was in the process of making them during fall quarter."

Those who knew Brown during his short stay in San Luis Obispo speak very fondly of him.

"Not only was he a complete gentleman, but he was good-looking, hard-working and intelligent," business freshman Dana Hansen said. "I think the one question that the parents of students who knew him are asking is, "Why him?"

Brown was on the Cal Poly track team and loved to listen to classical music, play the keyboard and sing, Becker and Dandik said. "We were all very excited about him choosing Cal Poly and joining our track team," said Terry Crawford, Cal Poly's track and field director.

"Having him around has been an absolutely amazing experience for us," Dandik said. "We would talk a lot about track. I told him that as an athlete you have to have an ultimate goal that you can achieve..." He said that he was going to score 10,000 points in the decathlon.

The young athlete was very close to his family, Dandik said.

"He would do four-way conversations with his parents and his brother," Becker said. "I felt like he was my little brother. I'm an only child, so it was pretty sad to lose the kid but to lose the brother..."

Brown's autopsy will be conducted by the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office to determine the exact cause of death.

Cleaning up the coast

Mollie Helmluth

The 23rd annual California Coastal Cleanup Day was a huge success with more than 1,300 volunteers showing up to clear a total of 4,779 pounds of debris from local beaches.

With 26 sites for volunteers to gather trash, the cleanup covered more than 67 miles of the coast stretching from Piedras Blancas Lighthouse to Point Sur.

The event is organized locally by ECOLO, an environmental nonprofit organization on Marsh and Nipomo streets. ECOLO was established in the early 1970s and is known locally for promoting and facilitating the first recycling program in San Luis Obispo.

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Columbia University encounters controversy at Homosapien, formerly of Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

MUSIAC DAILY

The San Luis Obispo Police Department has plans to decrease the amount of DUI offenses in the city.

"There are around 250 DUIs per year, 20 per month and an average of five to 10 arrests per weekend," chief watchman Steve Tolley said.

The DUI Task Force of San Luis Obispo County is currently decreasing the amount of DUIs by continuing the "Avoid the 14" project. The project implements warrant sweeps to arrest individuals residing in the see DUI, page 2
21 people charged in San Diego over steroid links

Allison Hoffman
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More than 120 people were arrested and dozens of steroid labs shut down in a global investigation into steroid trafficking over the Internet that began in San Diego, federal officials said Monday.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said the investigation, dubbed Operation Raw Deal, was assisted by governments of nine other countries, including China.

In the U.S., agents seized 36 labs that manufactured steroid hormones and human growth hormone in the largest-ever crackdown on the substances, the DEA said. Agents seized 11.4 million doses of drugs in all.

Federal prosecutors in California launched their 18-month probe into Chinese sources of raw steroid powder after successfully disrupting Mexican steroid manufacturing networks in 2005, when eight Mexican companies and 11 executives were indicted for allegedly selling $56 million worth of the drug in the U.S. None of those companies have entered guilty pleas and agreed to fines; the rest of the indictments remain outstanding.

"Now we're learning that the source of those drugs was China," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy Loughlin, who is leading the case in San Diego. "So now we're aiming at the head of the dragon in terms of where the production is coming from."

Among those charged, federal authorities say, are a Chinese manufacturer accused of smuggling human growth hormone into the country. At least 21 people were charged last week by federal grand juries in California in connection with steroid manufacturing or distribution.

Seven indictments were also filed last week in San Diego against 14 people running networks in other states, including Illinois, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia.

Twelve have been arrested on money laundering and conspiracy charges linked to the importation and distribution of steroids, authorities said. They face up to 20 years in prison and $1 million in fines if convicted; additionally, the distribution companies may be fined up to $4 million.

Two of those were arrested in the resort area of Phuket, Thailand, and are awaiting extradition in connection with a ring that sourced raw steroid powder in China, had it shipped to underground labs in New Jersey and Washington and then sent it to Internet customers from Las Vegas, according to U.S. Attorney Karen Hewitt.

The crimes and arrests follow a growing number of cases in the sports world over steroid abuse, but Loughlin cited ongoing investigations and declined to say whether any professional or college athletes had been identified out of the thousands of customer names retrieved from the targeted Web distributors.

Authorities in Sacramento said they were more concerned about the risk of high school athletes purchasing low-grade steroids via Web sites that made what were essentially basement operations look medically sound.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency cooperated with the investigation and hopes to review client lists for each of the indicted companies, said chief executive officer Travis Tygart.

No athletes subject to USADA authority have been identified so far, he said.

DEA spokesman Michael Sanders said 143 federal search warrants were served nationwide during the 18-month investigation, many of them since Thursday. The FBI, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Food and Drug Administration were also involved.

Other countries participating in the investigation were Mexico, Canada, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Sweden and Thailand.

The heavily redacted document said the victim involved was male, but did not say whether he was Pugh or Richmond.

The person involved in the fight received a small cut under his lip, and he spit saliva and blood on Braden's face, the affidavit said. The dispute boiled over again Thursday night when the two ran into each other at the Village Cafe, but argument was diffused and both left, the affidavit said.

Some students have said the shootings stemmed from a rivalry between students from Washington and New Jersey, although university police have said the investigation has not led them to believe there was a "rival battle." Others have said a dispute followed a card game.

University officials have said some kind of tension between students set off the attack and they planned a campuswide meeting. Braden graduated in June from Immaculate Conception High School in Mooreland, N.J., where he played basketball and football. "This would be the last thing I'd ever expect of Loyal," football coach Sean Morris said.

In 1998, Braden was among a group of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts who excerpted jazz great Li­ meland Hampton to an East Orange, elementary school that had named a concert hall in Hampton's name, according to The Star-Ledger of Newark.

Classes on the campus of about 3,900 students were canceled Fri­ day following the early morning shooting. They resumed Monday, Holmes said. Campus police Chief James Richmond has said officers believe the shooter was a Delaware State student.

Mindful of the Virginia Tech mas­ sacre in which 32 people were killed in April, Delaware State administra­ tors ordered a swift shutdown of the campus after the shooting. They directed students to stay in their dorms, posted notices on buildings and the school Web site, and lowered flags while police searched for the gunman.
**College students to receive more in financial aid soon**

Farin Montanez  
**The Fresno Bee**

President Bush is expected to sign a bill that would increase federal student aid by $22 billion over the next five years, making it the largest expansion in student financial aid since the GI Bill in 1944.

Fresno State students who receive financial aid, about 55 percent to 67 percent, will directly benefit from the increase in funds, either immediately from the increased Pell Grants, or later from decreased interest rates on student loans, said financial aid director Maria Hernandez.

"I don't even get financial aid but that would be just awesome for everyone else," freshman kinesiology major Megan Kallen said.

The U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives passed the four-part College Cost Reduction and Access Act on Sept. 7 by votes of 79-2 and 292-97, respectively. Congress officially signed off on the bill Sept. 18, and the president has until Sept. 29 to sign it into a law.

Part 1 of the act increases the maximum amount of federally funded Pell Grants to $5,410 from the current $4,310.

"An increase to the federal Pell Grant is, in my opinion, long over­due," Hernandez said. "Grant dollars have not kept pace with increased educational, as well as living, costs.

This year, Fresno State estimates that a full-time student for one year will face college costs, including tuition and fees, room and board, transportation and personal expenses, totaling between $10,200 and $12,300.

During the last academic school year, more than 8,000 Fresno State students received a federal Pell Grant. Hernandez said.

The financial aid office gave out about $26 million in grants, loans and federal work-study that year, according to their Web site.

These students could see an in­crease in the amount of their grant over the next five years, and more grants will be available for more stu­dents if Bush signs the bill.

Part 2 of the act can increase interest rates on need-based student loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent. Part 3 caps monthly student loan payments to 15 percent of the borrower's discretionary income. If 10 percent of the borrower's discretionary income is more than the cap, the borrower can keep paying.

"I think that's so good," she said. "It will make it easier to pay off your loans so much quicker.

However, the interest rate reduc­tions apply only to need-based loans for undergraduate students. Hernan­drez said. Graduates who take out loans or students who don't qualify for financial aid but rely on loans will see no interest rate reduc­tion from the act, she said.

Additionally, the legislation only covers the next five years.

"After 2012 the interest rate would revert to 6.8 percent unless additional legislation is passed between now and then," Hernandez said.

U.S. Education Secretary Mari­garet Spellings told the New York Times last week that she recom­mended Bush sign the bill because "it answered the president's call to significantly increase funding.

Republicans took nearly $12 billion from federal student aid programs last year, said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House Education Commit­tee and a sponsor of the bill.

However, critics say the fourth part of the act could compromise the federal loan program. To increase funding, the act has to cut subsidies to lenders such as Sallie Mae, Nelnet (National Education Loan Network) and the Student Loan Corporation by $23 billion over the next five years.

Some Republicans in the House argued that the cuts in lender subsi­dies went too far and expressed disap­pointment that the Bush administra­tion was in favor of the bill.

But Fresno State students are glad the president is expected to sign the big bill.

"If he signs it he would be help­ing the people's futures and let­ting people get to college who don't normally get the chance," Kahlen said.

Montanez agrees.

"If [Bush] wants to do something better for the country, he'll sign it," she said. "It'll benefit everyone, not just a few.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

Sept. 21, 155 - Officer arrested a subject for public intoxication on Foothill Boulevard near Mustang Village.

Sept. 21, 7:00 - Officers are investigating an incident of violation of both an active restrain­ing order and court order prohibiting a convicted felon from visiting the Cal Poly campus.

Sept. 21, 12:30 - Officer investigated a complaint of attempted burglary at the Sierra Madre HALL TOWERS. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to forcibly remove a screen from an open window.

Sept. 22, 9:23 - Sierra Vista Hospital reported to the University Police Department that a patient reported an incident of sexual battery occurring on Sept. 20 in the North Mountain residence halls on campus. An investigator's interview with the victim revealed the sus­pect used Facebook to meet and contact the victim.

Sept. 23, 23:31 - Upon observing two persons acting suspiciously in a vehicle near the Student Union, a patrol officer initiated a traffic stop. The driver failed to yield. A police pursuit ensued, first traveling northbound on California Highway 1, then returning to San Luis Obispo. The suspect vehicle was engaged in a traffic collision on Verde Drive and then continued to Valencia Apartments, where the driver and passenger ran from the vehicle. During the foot pursuit, the passenger was apprehended and a CHP officer was injured. While the driver was not apprehended, he was identified.

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**State Briefs**

**PALO ALTO (AP) — Stanford**

University announced Monday the acquisition of historic recordings spiritual leaders Dalai Lama and Jiddu Krishnamurti, author Joseph Campbell and other intellectual fig­ures.

The recordings are part of a 6,000-hour collection Stanford pur­chased from the New Dimensions Broadcasting Media Network, an independent, Internet-supported organ­ization founded in 1973 to ad­dress cultural shifts on a wide range of topics.

The Ulah, Cafe-based group, which are interviews on public and community radio stations, empha­sizes radical thinkers, spiritual leaders, indigenous voices, artists, scientists, ecologists and social architects.

Stanford would not disclose how much it paid for the collection, which also includes recordings of Buckminster Fuller, Timothy Leary, Deepak Chopra, Bill Moyers, Alice Walker, Maya Angelou and about 3,000 others.

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —**

Setting the stage for a possible bidding battle, Microsoft Corp. is mulling an investment in Facebook, Inc. that would value the rapidly growing online hangout at $10 bil­lion or more, according to a report published Monday.

"Citing unnamed peo­ple with the matter, The Wall Street Journal said Microsoft is holding preliminary discussions that could culminate in a $300 million to $500 million investment in Facebook, a Palo Alto social-networking site it founded just 3½ years ago.

In exchange for the money, Red­mond, Wash.-based Microsoft would receive up to a 5 percent stake in privately held Facebook, which has previously raised nearly $41 million from venture capitalists and other in­dividual investors.

Facebook declined to comment on the reported discussions as did Microsoft, which branded the report as "rumor and speculation.

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**LOS ANGELES (AP) —**

Attorneys for Britney Spears and Kevin Federline were back in court Monday in the former couple's ongoing child-custody dispute.

Federline's lawyer, Mark K. Kap­lan, said the unscheduled court session was called to "refine certain areas" of a judge's previous order in the case.

He would not elaborate.

The court hearing came just days after city prosecutors charged Spears with misdemeanor assault and battery, and driving without a valid license after she allegedly smashed her car into another in a parking lot in August.

Kaplan said he does not expect the filing of the misdemeanor charg­es last week to have any impact on the upcoming hearing dates on Fed­erline's request to increase his cur­sory time with the former couple's two young sons. They divide time with the children equally.

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Tense Ahmadinejad questions 9/11, Holocaust after blistering reception

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Ahmadinejad appeared tense and amenable, in contrast to more relaxed interviews and appearances earlier in the day.

In response to one audience, Ahmadinejad denied he was questioning the existence of the Holocaust. "Granted this happened, what does it have to do with the Palestinian people?"

But then he said he was defending the rights of European scholars, an apparent reference to a small number who have been prosecuted under national laws for denying or minimizing the Holocaust.

"There's nothing known as absolute," he said.

He reiterated his desire to visit ground zero to express sympathy with the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, but then appeared to question whether al-Qaida was responsible.

"Why did this happen? What caused it? What conditions led to it?" he said. "Who truly was involved? Who was really involved and put it all together?"

Asked about executions of homosexuals in Iran, Ahmadinejad said the judiciary system executed violent criminals and high-level drug dealers, comparing them to microbes eliminated through medical treatment.

Pressed specifically about punishment of homosexuals, he said: "In Iran we don't have homosexuals like you have them," he said.

With the audience laughing derisively, he continued: "In Iran we do not have this phenomenon. I don't know who's told you that we have this."

During his prepared remarks, the Iranian president did not address Bollinger's accusations directly.

"There was widespread commentary in Iran, even on the far-right, that Ahmadinejad's position on Israel has hurt the country's diplomatic relations," said Maloney. "The fact that he was frankly unwilling to go so far as he has in the past suggests there may have been some consequences for him at home."
Suicide bomber strikes Sunni-Shiite peace talks

Lauren Freyer

A suicide bomber struck a U.S.-promoted reconciliation meeting of Sunni and Shiite tribal sheiks as they were washing their hands or sipping tea Monday, killing at least 15 people, including the city's police chief, and wounding about 30 others.

Two U.S. soldiers were also wounded in the 8:30 p.m. blast at a Shiite mosque in Baqouba, a former Al-Qaida in Iraq stronghold about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, according to U.S. and Iraqi officials, who gave the overall casualty toll.

The brazen attack, which bore the hallmarks of Al-Qaida in Iraq, represented a major challenge to U.S. efforts to bring together Shiites and Sunnis here in Diyala province, scene of some of the bloodiest fighting in Iraq.

About two hours after the blast, U.S. soldiers at nearby Camp Warhorse fired artillery rounds at suspected insurgent positions near Baqouba. There were no reports of damage or casualties.

Witnesses and officials said the bomber struck when most of the victims were in the mosque courtyard, cleaning their hands or drinking tea during the daily meal in which Muslims break their sunrise-to-sunset fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

Security guards approached a man after noticing him walking rapidly through the courtyard. As the guards challenged him, the man detonated an explosive belt, setting off the devastating blast, said police Maj. Salihi al-Jurani.

Al-Jurani said he believed provincial Gov. Kaad Kashid al-Tamimi was the intended target. The governor was wounded and his driver was killed, al-Jurani said.

The dead also included Baqouba's police chief, Brig. Gen. Ali al-Abi, and the Diyala provincial operations chief, Brig. Gen. Najib al-Tareq, according to security officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not supposed to release the information.

Also wounded was the governor's brother, Sheik Mazin al-Tamimi, who has spearheaded Sunni-Shiite reconciliation efforts in the province.

"We've tried to persuade the tribes to cast their votes from their areas because it's a disaster when the tribes cooperate with and provide refuge to Al-Qaida," Sheikh Maito told The Associated Press last weekend.

U.S. officials have accelerated efforts to reconcile Sunni and Shiite tribes in Diyala after American soldiers gained control of Baqouba, the provincial capital, in fighting last summer. Al-Qaida had declared Baqouba the capital of its Islamic State of Iraq.

The U.S. announced this month that top leaders of the 25 major tribes in Diyala — 13 Sunni and six Shiite — had agreed to end sectarian violence and support the government, although the province remains one of the most dangerous in the country with frequent kidnappings and armed clashes.

The effort is loosely modeled on an alliance of Sunni tribes which banded together last year to fight Al-Qaida in Anbar province. The leader of that effort, Sheik Abdul-Sattar Abu Risha, was killed in a bombing Sept. 13.

Also Monday, an American soldier was killed by hostile fire in Sahlahd province north of Baghdad; the U.S. military said No further details were released.

To the north, Iran shut down five major border crossing points into Kurdish areas Monday to protest the U.S. arrest and detention of an Iranian official accused by the U.S. military of links to an elite force smuggling weapons into this country to kill Americans.

Crossing points elsewhere along the 900-mile border were operating normally.

Iran's semi-official Mehr news agency said the closures were to protest the arrest last Thursday of Mahmoud Farhadi, an Iranian regional official who was detained by American troops at a hotel in Sulaimaniya, a Kurdish city 160 miles northeast of Baghdad.

The border stations will remain shut until Farhadi's unconditional release, the Mehr agency quoted Faisal Najjar, general governor of the Iranian Kurdistan province, as saying.

U.S. officials said Farhadi was a member of the Quds force of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards that smuggles weapons to Shiite extremists in Iraq. But Iraqi officials say he was here legally and should be set free.

In New York, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told the AP that the border closure was intended to protect religious pilgrims and that "commercial goods and freight transactions continue."
Rachel Gellman

Del tha Funkee Homosapien, a key player in the Bay Area indie rap scene since 1986, performed at Downtown Brew Sunday night.

"I perform for anybody. I don’t care what race or whatever. They’re paying to see me so I’m gonna give them a show," he said.

And so he gave. Del told the audience that he tried to play something from all of his solo albums along with some Hieroglyphics and Gorillaz pieces. He also played two new tracks from his first solo album in seven years, "The 16th Hour," which comes out Oct. 2.

Along with sticking to the funky stuff, "it’s letting everybody know where I come from, where I stood on things," Del said about the upcoming hip-hop-oriented album.

The small space of the downtown bar area of Downtown Brew was packed Sunday night with a mixture of young adults anxious for the Homosapien’s arrival. Before Del stepped on stage, Devin The Dude, Bakeke One andborrowed performed.

"I ain’t gonna try to drown everybody out with new stuff," Del said prior to the show.

And he didn’t. In most performances, Del said, he usually gets the best crowd response when he plays "Dr. Blundrr." The Downtown Brew crowd sang along to the familiar lyrics when Del played this song fourth in the set. Del performed his favorite live piece, "Malaikah," near the end of the show.

In between songs, Del rambled about this and that. His most side-tracked tangent consisted of his realization that everyone is just a small piece in the big world. He then said thanks to "God, Jah, Allah, whatever you want to call it" and especially "the universe, creator, there’s nothing greater."

He spoke about how crazy it is that people walk on the moon. The Holocaust didn’t really happen. Slavery doesn’t exist.

It became apparent during the show that along with his non-linguistic words of wisdom, the lyrics Del was spitting to music were not recognizable. After the show, Del said that about one-third of the show was him freestyling to the music hit "Za" Hendrix, provided.

"I just went with it. It’s just something I try to do sometimes for the crowd," Del said of his ad-libbed performance. He said that he has more respect for MC’s who freestyle.

Along with his solo career, Del started the hip-hop crew Hieroglyphics and collaborated with Dan "The Automator" Nakamura and Kool Keith on the Deltron 3030 project. He was a key ingredient in the success of The Gorillaz’ self-titled debut album in 2001 with his flows on the songs "Rock the House" and "Clint Eastwood," his last song of the show on Sunday. He has also worked with Zion I, The Wu-Tang Clan and Aesop Rock, among others.

Although Del tends to keep himself surrounded with talented company, he says that when on tour alone, he can "do it exactly how he would like it." He then paiceed to state his appreciation for hip-hop and said, "There’s not a lot of hoos in the music right now, Del said when he is on stage alone. Along with a serene performance space, Del is able to write and get work done when touring solo.

"I appreciate my peace; it’s just me, my tour," he said. But don’t get him wrong, he loves traveling and banging beats out with Hiros.

"When asked about pre-performance preparations, Del responded with, "I don’t do nothing. I just get on stage and do it."

While on stage, he began to explain his appreciation for hip-hop and said, "When you get on the mic, you can say whatever the f*ck you want."

And what is with the name, Del the Funkee Homosapien, anyway? "I was trying to be scientific about it. I believe that any music worth listening to has some funk in it," Del, originally born Terell Delvon Jones, said.

"Were the man not a highly notable underground hip-hop artist, he figures he would probably be writing books or doing something in the psychology field. In an article by David Ma from the Bay Area’s Mesh Magazine, Del’s interest in literature enters through.

"It can’t be true," he said. "It was cool, mellow," he said. Del urged everyone to hold up a peace sign with their hands and had the audience all yell "peace" at the count of three before he stopped off stage.

After the show, Del reflected on his San Luis Obispo performance.

"It was cool, mellow," he said. He also spoke about the highly hyped sequel to "Deltron 3030," "The Second Deltron Event."

"The music is completed already so I just gotta write it, you know," he said.
Groundation returns to play in SLO

The jazz-reggae-dub, world-traveling group will be performing tonight at The Grad with two Hawaii-based bands

Whitney Diaz

World-renowned Bay Area band Groundation will return to San Luis Obispo Tuesday night to showcase its blend of jazz, reggae and dub.

The group will play at The Graduate for the second time this year, accompanied by three new female backup singers.

"Groundation is a unique band," said Bruce Howard, president of Otter Productions, Inc. "They're a way-high energy reggae band, which is typical in my opinion. Their shows leave a lot of room for improvisation."

Presented by Otter Productions, Inc. and Good Vibes, the show is for those 18-years-old and older. The doors open at 7 p.m. on Sept. 25 at 990 Industrial Way. Advance admission tickets are $15 plus a handling fee and are on sale now at all Vallitix Outlets, including Boo Ball Records in San Luis Obispo and Grover Beach, The Mustang Ticket Office at Cal Poly, the Mid-State Fairgrounds in Paso Robles and at the UC Santa Barbara campus. General admission tickets are $20 at the door.

Show officials expect at least a couple hundred people to attend.

"We usually have a pretty good turn

Judging from the success of "Halo 1" and "2," there will be another "Halo" because of the money it has made and the buzz for a live action movie of the video game. There has to be another "Halo" because it will make fans happier than ever.

"Halo 3" has the chance to sell the child fan base, but "Halo 3" will be bigger than the last "Harry Potter" book. "Harry Potter" is a swell movie and pulse-pounding trailer of the video game. There has to be more fans of Harry Potter because of the child fan base, but "Halo 3" will not only be more popular than "Harry Potter" this year, but will make more money on game sales than the book.

"Halo 3" has the chance to sell the most copies ever, even more than the original "Super Mario Bros."

At E3 this year, an amazing, gripping and pulse-pounding trailer of "Halo 3" was shown for all viewers with some looks at the graphics, game play and Master Chief.

If you have an XBOX 360 and are waiting for "Halo 3," I advise you to grab a copy of "Halo 2" to practice for the new one. Practice will be vital for the online play, because there are some professionals out there.

There are various game stores in towns that will be open at midnight for the Sept. 25 release of "Halo 3." Reserve a copy now and be prepared for an hour-long wait because there are stores reserving 1,000 copies or more of "Halo 3." Look for the "Halo 3" soundtrack on XBOX Live in a couple of weeks or in various music stores in town. Good luck and may a copy of "Halo 3" be in your hands soon.

Doors to tonight's show open at 7 p.m., and the show itself begins at 10 p.m. Tickets are $20 at the door or can be purchased in advance through Vallitix.

"We usually have a pretty good turnout," said Amy Shapas, a publicist with So Central Coast for several years, will begin its set around 10 p.m., Howard said.

"It's a really unique show," Shapas said. "(Groundation) never does the same thing twice, so fans never know what to expect."
‘Gossip Girls’ is, like, so phony

Alexandra Bogus

With a TV genre characterized by "Dawson’s Creek," "Laguna Beach" and The O.C., the unseasonable melodrama that the CW’s newest fall premiere presented in its first episode Wednesday night is nothing new. "Gossip Girl" displays the lives of New York’s teen socialites in a way that one is relieved to return to a life of normies after an hour of unrepentant, cliched mess.

Based on the teen series by Cecily von Ziegesar, the show focuses on prep school students and, more importantly, the high-society lives they lead outside of school. The main character, Serena van der Woodsen (Blake Lively), is the quintessential bad girl turned good. After a year of boarding school, she returns to New York to be confronted by the city she left behind.

The rest of the characters fall in line quite predictably. Blair Waldorf (Leighton Meester), Serena’s former best friend, turns against her and forces her to do the same. Nate Archibald (Chace Crawford), Blair’s new boyfriend, is torn in opposite directions as he tries to hide his feelings for Serena. In all, the characters fit their parallel, unoriginal roles and make the show convey as a whole.

Taking a detour from its more wholesome programs like "7th Heaven" and "Gilmore Girls," the CW decided to take a more racy route for this show. Less than five minutes after the opening credits, the audience is taken to the bedroom of the first of two sex scenes and treated to two non-sensical infections before the show is over. The sex scenes seem to have little point except to reveal that teen girls tend to be awkward at first.

In an attempt to add more depth to the characters, the producers create side stories for each, hoping that these beauty queens and kings can gain the audience’s sympathy. Halfway through, the plot reveals that Blair’s mom went through a nasty divorce during the previous summer and is highly critical of Blair’s appearance. Nate’s father, likewise, pressures him to stay in his relationship with Blair to seal a business deal with her family. Instead of feeling sympathetic, however, the audience merely assumes that the teens’ parents are equally as shallow and critical and unethical as their children.

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College newspaper gets Tased — and rightfully so

"Taser this ... F**CK BUSH!" Imagine opening the Mustang Daily Opinion/Editorial page to that statement in bold, 120-point font. What would you do? What would you think? This is exactly how the editorial staff of The Rocky Mountain Collegian greeted the students and community of Colorado State University on Friday.

There was no accompanying copy, there was no byline. Those four simple words caused the Collegian’s editorial board to debate for hours on whether to run the statement, which, in the end, they claimed wasn’t even about George W. Bush so much as it was about the freedom of speech to print it.

But just because you can print something doesn’t mean you should. At the Mustang Daily, we are granted the right to print essentially whatever we want — no one can censor us and the university has no control over what is published. But we owe it to our readers to present you with fair (not to mention logical and researched) ideas, not just giant statements of randomness for the hell of it.

Jim Killiam, the adviser of the Northern Illinois University newspaper, said the "article" (if you can call it that) was reminiscent of "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" in which a football player is meant to give a speech and for the lack of anything better to say, he yells, "San Dimas High School football rules!"

In this case, the cheering was drowned out by the booing. The newspaper lost about $30,000 in advertising revenue, which means pay cuts in the newsroom, and the editor of the Collegian is being asked to resign. The Collegian is being asked to resign. Perhaps the Collegian is being asked to resign. In any case, we do not agree with this action.

"A statement as bold as "F**CK BUSH" has no place in the university's newspaper. It is insulting and without any redeemable purpose. It is disrespectful of the university, its students, and the writing staff."

The statement is not only offensive, it is indefensible. The writer of the statement supports a group that believes gay soldiers are bad and ROTC is a discriminatory organization. Even when you remove the statement’s shock factor, it is still indefensible.

The writer makes a clear statement about their beliefs. Columbia president Lee Bollinger said he would challenge Ahmadinejad on many of his controversial positions at the beginning of the forum. As for ROTC, Columbia has not had the organization on campus since 1969 because it considers ROTC a discriminatory group because of its policies toward gay individuals. If the university does not wish to sponsor a group it believes is discriminatory, then we think it has the right. Columbia students are not precluded from participating in ROTC, but they have to report to surrounding universities to fulfill their military obligations.

Columbia is engaging in formal protest, exercising its own right to free speech while recognizing the neighboring community. We appreciate your leadership and are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your support or suggestions to mustangdaily@gmail.com.
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hasn't really experienced any type of ath-
letic oppression. Although she doesn't really need any
words of wisdom to help her along, she says that
inspiring that women can get past stereotypes and prevail.”

Carries herself in a fashion that ex-
udes confidence and this, along with her
obvious domination on the field, has limited the
amount of flack she hears for being a
woman in sports. She does admit that many
women are still overlooked in the sports
arena.

People need to expand their horizons,”
Day said when asked why she thought many
women fail to accept that women are part of the
athletic world. “We need to get the
word out more for women’s sports.”

She said that women can be aggressive
and play male-dominated sports like basket-
ball and shouldn't have to hear jokes from
commentators. “I like the
fact that there aren’t a lot of
women out there held back by stereotypes,”
she said.

She added that for many
women, the fact that people
don’t believe in them actually helps them to
prevail.

This attitude explains why Tramel be-
lieves Day to be a role model for the young-
er women on the team. “She’s a leader on the field just by her
work ethic,” Tramel said.

Day experienced a season on the side-
lines last year due to a broken left foot but
she still found a way to be a leader and was
able to regain her health by track season.

“It was really hard sitting on the sidelines
and not competing,” she said.

But she added that she “took a new per-
spective on it” and “found different ways to
help the team.”

Day, who was used to leading by example
while on the field, became more vocal in her
leadership in order to pump up her team.

“My teammates are always letting me
know that they like the way I play,” she said.
And thus, when she couldn’t be on the field,
Day returned the favor to her teammates.

“Despite being an athlete, I appreciate
her honesty, integrity and her willingness
to help all that she can,” said Tramel.

Tramel added that Day is never cocky,
but always confident. She never boasts about
her accomplishments and she remains very
level-headed.

“She’s one of the people I respect most
on the team,”" Tramel said.

Day said that her team consists of
a really good group of women who are like a family.

Tramel also had a few things to add about
women in the sports world.

"It’s not just Cal Poly. It’s society
(that forgets about wom-
ens’ sports). They want to
watch football, basketball and
cricket,” Tramel said.

Day also said that
students on
campus should have an open mind about
athletics and realize that there are countless
sports on campus and that they should stay
away from only watching football and bas-
ketball. Her favorite sport to watch other
than soccer is water polo.

Although Tramel admits that men may
be more athletic than women, a quality that
she admires about female athletes is the fact
that they have to work so much harder than
men to be physically fit.

For example, she explained that she
and her teammates lift weights twice a week
to get the word out more
for women’s sports.

—Sharon Day
Cal Poly two-sport student athlete

People need to expand their horizons. We need
to get the word out more for women’s sports

Steroids

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U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott
His arrest was the result of an in-
vestigation that began in January.
Each man faces up to five
years in prison if convicted.

Another investigation in San
Jose led to Thursday’s arrest of
three people who allegedly sold
steroids and human-growth hormone from
a local fitness store. According to
a criminal complaint, the defendants
stole some of their human-growth
drugs from the biotech-
ology firm Genentech.

The seizures and arrests fol-
low a growing number of scandals
in the sports world over steroid
use. The urine sample that
Liu returned to the USADA
agency for annual testing was
declared invalid.

A Chinese corporation and
its chief executive were indicted in
Rhode Island on federal charg-
es of smuggling alleged
steroid-creating equipment into the
country in connection with the
operation.

Genscript was one of the
main buyers of the equipment and
its CEO, Lei Jin, is accused of
marketing the drugs, under the
brand name Jintropin, through e-
mail and Web sites.

Jin, who authorities say has an
address in Madison, Wis., is be-
lieved to be living in Shanghai and
is not in custody.

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Steroid use in sports and the risk of
high school athletes
also became a concern for each of the
indicted companies.

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Other countries participating
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mark, Germany, Sweden and Thai-
land.

U.S. Attorney Robert Clark Corrente
announces indictments, seizures
and arrests in an international smuggling and
distribution ring for hu-
man growth hormone and anabolic steroids
during a media briefing in

Joel Grinn Associated Press
Arizona students to be reimbursed for game

Students of Arizona’s Zona Zoo section were denied entry into the northern Arizona. Arizona's Zona Zoo section was denied admission at the game against Northern Arizona University, resulting in a police officer using a Taser on one student, while two others were arrested. Since then, ASUA granted students a two-week period to fully refund their passes, which ended Friday. The opportunity came about after Zona Zoo members were denied admission at the game against Northern Arizona University, resulting in a police officer using a Taser on one student, while two others were arrested. ASUA granted students a two-week period to fully refund their passes, which ended Friday. The opportunity came about afterheat students claimed to be unfamiliar with the Zona Zoo policy, which states admission to the Arizona State University student section is not guaranteed and limited to the first 11,500 members, were e-mailed to get their money back.

We don't want to make any students feel like they are cheated.
—Tommy Bruce
Arizona State student president

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Nine countries participate in DEA steroid operation

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SAN DIEGO — More than 120 people were arrested and dozens of steroid labs shut down in a global investigation into steroid trafficking over the Internet that began in San Diego, federal officials said Monday.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said the investigation, dubbed Operation Raw Deal, was assisted by governments of nine other countries, including China.

In the U.S., agents seized 56 labs that manufactured anabolic steroids and human growth hormone in the largest-ever crackdown on the substances, the DEA said. Agents seized 11.4 million doses of drugs in all.

A federal prosecutor in California launched the 18-month probe into Chinese sources of steroids after first day联通ing at the head of the dragon authorities say, are a Chinese manufacturer accused of smuggling the rest of the indictments remain ot those companies have entered guilty pleas and agreed to fines; those the indictment remains outstanding.

"Now we're learning that the source of those drugs was China," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy Coughlin, who is leading the case in San Diego. "So now we're aiming at the head of the dragon in terms of where the production is coming from."

Among those charged, federal authorities say, are a Chinese manufacturer accused of smuggling human growth hormone into the country.

At least 21 people were charged last week by federal grand juries in California in connection with steroid manufacturing or distribution.

A couple charged in San Jose with distributing steroids for an Internet company called Stallion Labs were arrested Sept. 16 at the Otay Mesa border crossing near San Diego as they returned to the U.S. from Tijuana, Mexico. Both pleaded not guilty at their arraignments last week in San Diego and are free on bond pending their return to Northern California, according to one of their attorneys, Howard Frank.

Seven indictments were also filed last week in San Diego against 14 people running networks in other states, including Illinois, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia.

Twelve have been arrested on money laundering and conspiracy charges linked to the importation and distribution of steroids, authorities said. They face up to 20 years in prison and $1 million in fines if convicted; additionally, the distribution companies may be fined up to $4 million.

Two of those were arrested in the resort area of Phuket, Thailand, and are awaiting extradition in connection with a ring that sourced raw steroid powder in China, had it shipped to underground labs in New Jersey and Washington and then sent it to Internet customers from Las Vegas, according to U.S. Attorney Karen Hewitt.

Federal authorities in Sacramento announced two arrests, Ryan Hanson, 27, of Chico, pleaded not guilty Monday to a charge of possessing anabolic steroids with intent to distribute. He had been under investigation since May as part of the worldwide probe, officials said. Hanson, who worked as a bouncer at a Chico bar, was released on $30,000 bail.

Separately, Fresno grand jury indicted Tyler Stumbo, 23, of Bakersfield, also on Thursday. He was arrested in Berkeley the same day and freed on $100,000 bond for a Sept. 27 court appearance.

A search of Stumbo's Bakersfield home uncovered an underground steroid laboratory with steroidal powder, liquid and pills in various stages of production, authorities said. They seized 160 vials containing about 15.4 pounds of steroids.

In addition, information, from the search and Stumbo's arrest led to the seizure of 25 pounds of steroid powder in Tennessee, said see Steroids, page 10

Women's golf in 2nd after first day

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly women's golf team was positioned in a tie for the second place spot with Westminster after the second round of the MIAA Invitational field at Hangman Valley Golf Course in Spokane, Wash.

Cal Poly posted team scores of 309 in the first round and 296 in the second round.

Individually, Hannah Brabb is the Mustang top golfer after two rounds and is currently in second place with a 147, four strokes be-

Atherstone takes Player of the Week honors for third time in four weeks

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Via the strength of a 4.67 kills per game average during the No. 20 Cal Poly volleyball team's conference-opening sweeps of Long Beach State and Cal State Northridge, Mustang junior opposite Kylee Atherstone garnered her third Big West Player of the Week honor in four weeks Monday afternoon.

Against Long Beach State and in front of 2,127 spectators Fri., Sept. 21, Atherstone posted a match-high 15 kills, hit .344 against just four errors and recorded seven digs as Cal Poly (8-6, 2-0) successfully opened defense of its 2006 Big West title with a 30-27, 30-22, 30-17 defeat of the 49ers. The following afternoon, Atherstone again led all players with 13 kills while compiling six blocks and serving up four aces. Cal Poly downed the Matadors, 30-23, 30-22, 30-18.

In addition to her 4.67 kill mark, Atherstone averaged 1.83 aces and 2.57 digs per game last week. Among conference players this season, Atherstone ranks second in aces (9.46) and fourth in digs (4.23) per game. Monday's honor was the sixth of Atherstone's career. Only six players in the 23-year history of the Big West have won the award on more occa-

sions. Atherstone earned the award twice last season and once as a freshman.

Cal Poly continues Big West play Fri., Sept. 28 at UC Davis (3-10, 0-2) and the following evening at Pacific (7-3, 1-1). Both matches begin at 7 p.m. Cal Poly has won 19 of its last 21 conference matches, dating to the 2005 season.

This undated image provided by the Drug Enforcement Agency shows containers holding vials of steroids seized on Ilxing Island, N.Y. during the DEA's Operation Raw Deal.

Zydrus, a 20-year-old man "who was coming from."