Brown out, and tried to revive him, he said. Dartik, who had CPR training and arrived at the scene a few minutes later, said that the young man did not have a heart beat. He said they were filled with blood.

"He was a really nice guy, the type of guy who's shy at first but really opens 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 WORC."

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 people 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 Dartik said. "We were all very saddened about him choosing Cal Poly and passing our track team," said Terry Crawford, Cal Poly's track and field director.

"Having him around has been an absolutely amazing experience for us," Dartik 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, Dartik said.

"He would do four-way conversations with his parents and his brothers," Becker said. "I felt like he was my little brother. I'm an only child, so it was pretty cool to have the kids around all the time.

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

Cleaning up the coast

Mollie Helinuth

The 23rd annual California Coastal Cleanup Day was a huge success with more than 1,300 volunteers turning out 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 Pismo Beach to Cayucos.

All tobacco waste was collected and separated since the event began in 1985 volunteers have collected 4,281,816 cigarette butts. More will be added later this year.

"Cigarette butts collected from past years helped to get a ban at Pismo and Morro Bay," said Madden. "This year we're hoping the data collected will get smoking banned at Avila."

A veteran to Coastal Cleanup Day, local Mike Cones, 53, volunteered at his fifth cleanup this year, stationed at Pismo Beach. "The parking lot was the worst," said Cones. "Corona seems to be the beer of choice for beach-litterers."

Cones said he noticed the next pound of trash was often bottles littering the area he had cleaned the morning before.

Coastal Cleanup records statistics on the collected trash for further research on what is specifically polluting beaches.

They have found that 80 percent of marine debris comes from inland sources, moving along streams and water-sheds to reach the ocean.

If you are interested in volunteering for E COSLO or contacting the organization for information about upcoming events, visit their Web site at www.ecoslo.org.

The site provides guides to local hiking trails, information about a school garden project and an opportunity to enter a prize drawing for the coveted "ECO-Scooter."

Poly student arrested on DUI charges

Cassandra J. Carlson

At 12:51 a.m. Saturday, a Cal Poly student was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol after his vehicle struck three unoccupied parked cars and barely missed a house located on the 800 block of Murray Street.

Biochemistry senior Derek Granados was booked at the San Luis Obispo County Jail for a misdemeanor DUI. No one was injured in the accident.

Granados's mother, of Fresno, was reached for comment.

"I am thankful for no fatalities and I know (Derek) knows he made the wrong decision," she said.

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

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18-year-old charged in Delaware shooting

Randall Chase

Police arrested an 18-year-old man in the shooting of two students at Delaware State University, authorities said Monday. As they led him into a courthouse, he told reporters: "I'm sorry.'"

Lester Jr. Braden, arrested about 3 a.m. in his dorm room, was charged with attempted murder, assault and reckless endangerment, as well as a gun charge, according to court documents.

A justice of the peace set bail for the East Orange, N.J., teenager at $75,000 and ordered him to stay away from the victims and Delaware State Braden is a freshman at Delaware State, according to a man at Braden's home in East Orange who identified himself only as a family member.

University officials, who had assured the campus community over the weekend that the gunman was not on campus, could not explain how or when Braden returned to his dorm room.

"I'm not clear on that matter," Delaware State University Police Chief James Ortendahl said "I can't get into that."'

Four Dover police officers escorted Braden to the court Monday afternoon with his hands cuffed and his legs shackled.

In response to reporters' questions, he said softly: "I'm sorry." Asked what he was sorry for, he replied only: "She's in the hospital."

One of the wounded students, Shalat Middleton, 17, was being treated for abdominal wounds at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Del. University spokesman Carlos Holmes said Middleton had not been questioned and "will not be questioned until we get clearance from the physician."

The other wounded student has been talking with police, officials said, but that student's mother said the 17-year-old freshman didn't know who the gunman was or what triggered the shooting at the Village Cafe, a campus dining hall that stays open until 3 a.m.

Nathaniel Pugh III, a freshman biology major, told his mother he had left the cafe when he heard two gunshots about 1 a.m. and started running. A third shot caught him in the ankle, shattering two bones, said his mother, Michelle Blackwell, in an interview from Kent General Hospital in Dover.

"He didn't see who shot him, but there were several students gathered there on the campus who could have seen who shot him," Pugh's mother, Michelle Blackwell, told The Washing­ton Post.

"He was in the wrong place at the wrong time," she said.

Braden was also accused of firing a gun at a third student, James Richmond, according to the documents charging the reckless endangerment.

The shootings followed a fight Tuesday between Braden and one of the victims in a university parking lot, according to a witness by Lt. Donald Baynard of the Delaware State University Police Department.

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 that argument was diffused and both, 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 "rurf 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 Loyer," football coach Sean Morris said.

In 1996, Braden was among a group of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts who excoriated jazz great Ell­iot 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 3,500 students were canceled Fri­day following the early morning shooting. They resumed Monday. Holmes said Campus police Chief James Ortendahl has said investigators believe the shooter was a Delaware State student.

Mindful of the Virginia Tech mas­acre in which 32 people were killed in April, Delaware State administra­tors 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.
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 fig­
ures.

The recordings are part of a 6,000-hour collection Stanford pur­
chased from the New Dimensions Broadcasting Media Network, an independent, listener-supported orga­
nization founded in 1973 to ad­
dress cultural shifts on a wide range of topics.

The UKiah, Calif.-based group, which are interviews on public and community radio stations, empha­
sizes 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, Mary Anne  and about 3,000 others.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Setting the stage for a possible bidding battle, Microsoft Corp. is putting forward an investment in Facebook Inc. that would value the rapidly growing online hangout at $10 bil­

lion or more, according to a report published Monday.

Citing unnamed people fami­
ly 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 that founded just 3½ years ago.

In exchange for the money, Red­

mond, Wash.-based Microsoft would receive up to a 5 percent stake in a 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.

**LOS ANGELES (AP) — At­
torneys 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. Kap­
lan, said the unscheduled court session was called to "define 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 counts of hit-­

and-run 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 charg­
es last week to have any impact on the upcoming hearing dates on Fed­

erline's request to increase his cur­
tody time with the former couple's two young sons. They divide time with the children equally.

**POLICE BLOTTER

Sept. 21, 15:55 - 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 restrain­
ing 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 sus­
p ect used Facebook to meet and contact the victim.

Sept. 23, 23:31 - Upon observing two persons acting suspiciously in a vehicle near the Shanes Unit, a patrol officer initiated a traffic stop. The driver failed to yield. A police purs­
uit ensued, first traveling northbound on California Highway 1, then returning to San Luis Obispo. The suspect vehicle was engaged in a traffic collision on Verdi 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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National Briefs

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Federal authorities announced the largest crackdown on illegal steroids in U.S. history Monday, arresting more than 120 people and raiding dozens of labs that manufactured growth hormone for sale on the black market.

Agents seized 56 labs, many of which were located in dirty basements, and recovered 11.4 million doses of steroids, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

"We were a little bit stunned at the amount of labs we found as a result of this investigation," DEA spokesman Garrison Courtney said in Washington. "It's not something that's on a scale that we've ever seen.

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HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Two inmates working in a prison field overpowered a female guard that's on a scale that we've ever seen in the nation's history," Monday, according to the Department of Criminal Justice just outside the entrance of Huntsville when they overpowered the officer about 10:30 a.m. along Interstate 45, took her weapon and stole a Huntsville city truck that was nearby, corrections department spokesman Jason Clark said.

"They ran over the officer," Clark said. "We can confirm she did die."
Suicide bomber strikes Sunni-Shiite peace talks

Lauren Frayer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A suicide bomber struck a U.S.-promoted reconciliation meeting of Shiites and Sunni tribal sheikhs as they were chatting or standing in a group in a mosque.

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

Two U.S. soldiers were also wounded in the 8:30 p.m. blast at a Shiite mosque in Baqouba, a former Sunni 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 hallmark of al-Qaida in Iraq, represented a major challenge to U.S. efforts to bring together Sunnis and Shiites here in Diyala province, scene of some of the fiercest 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 day's 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. Nabil al-Jarar.

Al-Qaida had declared Baqouba, the capital of its Islamic State of Iraq, as a likely target.

The bomber was wounded and his driver was killed, al-Jarar said.

The dead also included Baqouba police chief Brig. Gen. Ali Eidjani and the Diyala provincial operations chief, Brig. Gen. Najib al-Tair, 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, Sheikh Marzou Rashid al-Tamimi, who has spearheaded Sunni-Shiite reconciliation efforts in the province.

"We're trying to persuade the tribes to cast their votes from their areas because it's a disaster when the tribes cooperate with and provide refuge for al-Qaida," Sheikh Muntii 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 cooperated 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 Salahuddin 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 Sulaimaniyah, a Kurdish city 160 miles northeast of Baghdad.

The border stations will remain shut until Farhadi's unconditional release, the Mehr agency quoted Esaaf 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 illegally 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."

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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 a show 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 stand on things," Del said about the upcoming hip-hop-oriented album.

The small space of the downstairs 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, Buki One and Speedway 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. Bombay." 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, "Motordoom," near the end of the show.

In between songs, Del rambled about this and that: He’s 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 and then sacastically responded to his own remark with, “Nobody really walked on the moon. The Holocaust didn’t really happen. Slavery doesn’t exist.”

It became apparent during the show that along with his non-musical word 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 he, Zac 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 Kid RX on the Gorillaz 3rd:06 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 "Clin 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.”

"There’s not a lot of hoopla going on," 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 Hiero.

When asked about pre-performance preparation, 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 Teal 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 shines through.

He said, “To this day I still try to sign my music like a Marvel comic; it has an underlying universe full of clichés, tie-ins and continuations.”

In an interview before the show, Del urged students to "Buy the album. It’s worth it, I wouldn’t lie to you.”

During the show, he said, "I worked on it hell a hard for all y’all motha fuckers.”

He then proceeded to state his opinion on illegal downloading. He admitted that he downloads some music himself but he then said that his CDs come out at very low prices and purchasing them would be money well spent. He finished this side speech by telling fans that if they were going to download his music, they better hold his name after doing so.

At the end of the show, fans started to chant “Del” repeatedly.

"Fuck Del for a second," Del said. He 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 stepped 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.

Del tha Funkee Homosapien, known most notably for his rapping efforts with the Gorillaz, made an appearance at Downtown Brew Sunday night.
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  
JUSTIN HILL

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 GoodVibe, 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 BooBoo 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 official expect at least a couple hundred people to attend.

"We usually have a pretty good turn out," said Amy Shapas, a publicist with So Surf. "It's a not-to-miss show." Supporting bands include Hawaiian-based groups Humble Soul and THC, as well as Morning Rise Sound on the ones and twos.

Groundation, which has toured the 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." The group was formed in the fall of 1998, with the name stemming from an attempt to create an open forum for speech and education, officials said.

Longtime musicians Marcus Urami, Ryan Newman and Harrison Stafford formed the core of Groundation's pioneering sound, and were later joined by trumpeter David Charche and trombone-player Kelsey Howard in 2000. Drummer Paul Spina joined the group in 2001.

Tuesday night's show will include familiar songs from previously released albums, as well as tracks from their latest release, "Upon the Bridge." The album marks the group's first worldwide release and has received rave reviews, officials said.

"Tomorrow night's show can expect two sets," said Daniel Sheehan, who is working promotions for the show. "Groundation has been touring Europe a lot now, and are really polished. I mean, they were polished before, but the show has definitely changed." The band played at The Graduate last April, and toured 14 countries spanning four continents in two years.

They played for more than 45,000 fans in Morocco, 10,000 people in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and 15,000 during a headlining spot at Summerjam in Germany, officials said.

For more information on Thursday's show, call Vallitix at 888-835-5484.

 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.
‘Gossip Girls’ is, like, so phony

Alexandra Bogus
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With a TV generation characterized by “ Dawson’s Creek,” “Laguna Beach” and “The O.C.,” the unexciting 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 such a way that one is relieved to return to a life of normals after an hour of unprintable, cliched hum.

Based on the teen series by Ceci von Ziegesar, the show focuses on teen 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 catty fashions 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 archetypal, unoriginal roles and make the show carry on as a whole.

Taking a detector 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-explicit encounters before the show is over. The sex scenes seem to have little point except to reveal that teen girls tend to have sex much quicker than the audience’s sympathy allows them to.

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, pressure has 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-minded and brutal as their children.

If for no other reason, the show is a man wreck because it uses every teen cliché known to mankind. When the groups decided to go clubbing, for example, Serena shoos everyone when she shows up uninvited and accompanied by nice-guy Dan Humphrey (Penn Badgley). An unpopular nobody at school who gal­

幸运的是, this one manages to stray from the usual Cookie monster character and leaves a large storyline opening for the future. Each episode is narrated by a series of wise, all-knowing voice that can predict the future of the characters and leaves the viewers hanging for the audience before each commercial break.

Unfortunately, this one meager shred of originality is overwhelmed by an hour of story-telling. As the pseudo-plot develops, Serena, Blair and the rest of the ensemble become more plastic, each actor into a typecast role of good or evil immediately, and leaves little to be desired for their one-dimensional characters other than having a good wardrobe.

Predictable scenes coupled with a stale storyline gives this show little room in which to grow in coming episodes. Audience members who have seen fellow teen soaps like “The O.C.” and “One Tree Hill” can undoubtedly guess coming plot points and trends and are sure to be underwhelmed by the direction the show takes. For once, a drama-filled teen-soap/romance show is so disappointing it doesn’t even merit a guilty-pleasure following.

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Fall’s most promising shows

Here’s the lowdown on the top shows the fall TV schedule has to offer in case you have been too busy moving in, working out class schedules and waiting in line for course readers to pay close attention to the 40-plus new shows hitting TV this season.

Sam is a slacker whose life seems to have finally deader­

ized by “Dawson’s Creek.” “Laguna Beach” and “The O.C.”, the shows focus on teen 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 catty fashions she left behind.

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It may come as a surprise, but the original 1970s “Bi­
onic Woman” coinced the term “fembot.” Hopefully, the NBC remake premiering this fall will accomplish somewhat more than that. A barrier and telepathic guardian to her wayward sister, Jamie Sommers has nearly found a happily ever after — until a horrific car accident throws her life into disarray. Through the machinations of her boyfriend, a college professor who also happens to be on the gov­

ernment payroll, she is transformed into a nanotechnol­

gy-enhanced super-heroine.

The show holds prom­

ise for exploring interesting questions about human na­

ture within the framework of science fiction tropes. However, the pilot episode has trouble with pacing and hitting the right notes.

From the unoffical King of the U.K., TV’s most creative mastermind Bryan Fuller (responsible for beloved but cancelled shows such as “Wonderfalls” and “Dead Like Me”) comes an oddly amusing and charming look at death.

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EDITORIAL

Columbia within its rights to host Ahmadinejad

He has called the Holocaust a myth, made several threats against Israel and supported what the United States considers to be terrorist groups. And now, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has been scheduled to speak in a location where the U.S. military is not welcome.

No, he did not give an address to Iran's capital Tehran, but in fact Ahmadinejad spoke in a forum Monday for students and teachers at Columbia University, a school that will not allow a ROTC program on campus.

The issue seems far easier to resolve than it actually is. The knee-jerk reaction is that Ahmadinejad is bad and ROTC is good. And do not get us wrong, ROTC is a vital program that molds some of the best individuals in the country into leaders who are able to deal with the highest stakes under intense pressure, and it goes without saying that we condemn many of Ahmadinejad's remarks as hateful lies. So why do we still defend the university's actions? Because like him or not, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is an important international figure and it could only benefit U.S. citizens to hear him speak and educate themselves on his beliefs. Columbia president Lee Bollinger said he will 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 it is discriminatory, then we think it has that right. Columbia students are not precluded from participating in ROTC, but they have to report to surrounding universities to fulfill their military obligations.

Again, however, Columbia should not be expected to put its name behind an organization it does not agree with. It is not the military. Columbia has a problem with, but certain government policies. Columbia's actions are not anti-American but in fact the opposite. Columbia is engaging in formal protest, which is a very American activity. Congress should change the military's policies toward gay soldiers, but that seems unlikely in the near future. For now, Columbia is exercising its own right to free speech while recognizing another's. And we do not see a problem with that.
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Arizona students to be reimbursed for game

Students of Arizona's Zona Zoo section were denied admission to the Arizona Stadium for the first home football game Sept. 8. Hundreds of 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 after heated students claimed to be unfamiliar with the Zona Zoo policy, which states admission to the Arizona Stadium student section is not guaranteed and limited to the first 11,500 members.

"We just wanted to make sure that any student that thought they were mired or not fully informed had a chance to get their money back," said James Francis, UA assistant director of athletics, marketing and ticket sales.

Refund requests, available by Oct. 8, were e-mailed to cancel@arizona.edu.

Processing time varies, depending on how the passes were purchased, according to an e-mail sent to Zona Zoo members.

Students will be contacted within seven to 10 business days for confirmation of a received and processed request.

Refunds via Bursar accounts and credit card payments take an additional 14 days, according to the e-mail.

This year, Arizona Athletics began offering the all-inclusive "Red" pass for $95, and the $60 "Blue" pass allowed admission to all sporting events with the exception of men's basketball games. The financial impact of the refund is irrelevant, Francis said, because the Zona Zoo loses revenue as a program by offering seats with high market value to students.

ASUA president Tommie Bruce said he believes the refund opportunity is positive for the sensitivity of fully educating students of the program's policy.

"The first game gave us a real opportunity to focus on what the potential problems are with the policy," Bruce said. "We don't want to make any students feel like they were cheated.

Additional measures to ease congestion prior to kickoff included more CatCard swiping machines and personnel at entrances at the Sept. 15 New Mexico game.

This year, Zona Zoo became the Pacific-10 Conference's largest student section. "The Zona Zoo section is incredible, and over the past few years it's proven it's one of the best in the country," Francis said. "I really think we'll continue to have a strong, spirited section."

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Women’s golf in 2nd after first day

Associated Press

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 their 18-month probe into Chinese sources of steroids after discovering a 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. Six of those companies have entered guilty pleas and agreed to fines; the seven indictments remain 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.”

Agents who 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 powders, said in San Diego, and are free on bond pending their return to Northern California, according to one of their attorneys, Howard Frank.

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 $50,000 bail.

Separately, Fresno grand jury indicted Tyler Stambaugh, 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 Stambaugh’s Bakersfield home uncovered an underground steroid laboratory with sterooidal powder, liquid and pills in various stages of production, authorities said. They seized 160 vials containing about 15.5 pounds of steroids.

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

The undeclared image provided by the Drug Enforcement Agency shows containers holding vials of steroids confiscated on Long Island, N.Y., during the DEA’s Operation Raw Deal.

Associated Press

Sibbit.

MADISON — Will the Gophers be focused on the business at hand when they take on rival Minnesota on Saturday? That's a question Mark Stoops, the Wisconsin head coach, is asking ahead of the game.

Stoops said his team has put aside thoughts of their Monday night thrashing at the hands of Ohio State, which saw them finish last in the Big Ten.

"We completely understand the calculus of that game and the implications and everything, and we just have to put those aside," Stoops said. "We have to get ready to go for business on Saturday and have a great game against Minnesota, because it's a game that we've got to have."