Cyclists face same rules as motorists

A student biker was hit by a Campus Dining truck in September, but luckily walked away with minor scrapes. The collision took place at the Grand Avenue and Deer Road intersection on campus. California Street. “California Street has a high slope — over 10 percent. Huge stages in the Tour de France are (equiva­ lent to) this grade, so (instead) the Railroad Safety Trail will be along the flat ground along the railroad,” Fukushima said. The Railroad Safety Trail is necessary to the safety of pedestrians and community members who bike and walk by the tracks. Currently, the Union Pacific Railroad patrols the land around the tracks for trespassers using its own police car. However, the Railroad Safety Trail will make this well-traveled pathway safer.

“On a large extent it has been delayed because the Railroad thanks us putting it along the tracks it makes it less safe. It has taken time with (the Railroad project) to reach conclusions on the right of eases in or­ der for us to build this pathway,” said San Luis Obispo City Council member Andrew Carter.

Bikers must recognize that they must follow state vehicle laws; it is part of being a cyclist.”

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“Many Cal Poly students choose to bike to school as their main mode of transportation, but some bikers on campus do not follow the same rules as motorists.”

Last week Ashley Tillery, an architecture freshman, was near Alex G. Spanos stadium halfway through the crosswalk when she was hit by a Cal Poly student on a bike.

“I woke to people talking about the biker being behind a car and not being able to see me,” Tillery said.

A group of Cal Poly students will introduce the community to Honda’s 2008 Accord Coupe in an event with a taste of the nightlife on Mott Lawn today.

The 22 Orfalea College of Business marketing seniors planned the night­ club-themed event, coined “Live Accor­ dingly,” as part of a semester-long effort and senior project through the student-run firm New Wave Promotions.

“We’ve just been working overtime and doing the best we can because it would be amazing to represent our school as one of the top teams,” said New Wave Promotions president Ja­ clyn Regan. “This project has given us a lot of professional experience and real-world experience.”

The promotional event will open to the entire campus from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The car will be on display Fires­ tone Grill burgers will be free to any­ one who stops by, courtesy of Honda. Musical entertainment will be provid­ ed by 10:33 PM The Vibe. The night­ club theme was chosen to advertise that the Accord is “not your mom’s car anymore,” Regan said.

New Wave Promotions is partici­ pating in the Accord Coupe Marketing Challenge: New Car, New Generation, which is a unique industry–education partnership managed by EdVenture Partners, officials said. EdVenture Part­ ners is a Berkeley-based marketing company that provides similar partnership­ ships to more than 300 campuses na­ tionwide.

All 22 students involved were re­ quired to submit a resume; a statement of why they would be best-suited for the project and a list of values and contributions they would apply to the project, Regan said.

“All of the students had to go through an application process,” Regan said. “It’s given me so much value, and allows me to have an event with tangible data to present to different com­ panies.”

The promotional event is just a portion of the project. A post-event evalua­tion is necessary to analyze the success of the campaign and project participants will present the results of their research, along with an evaluation of their campaign strategy, to Honda executives.

“We’re competing against 18 other universities for a scholarship that would go to the Orfalea College of Business,” Regan said. “If we execute the event to the best of our ability, we can actu­ ally give back to our college for future senior projects.”

The top three national teams, se­ lected by Honda, will be flown to American Honda Motor Co. Inc’s headquarters in Torrance in December, where they will compete for the Scho­ lastic Achievement Award scholarship by presenting their campaign ideas and results to the company executives.

While other universities competing for the award worked on a 15-week timeline, the Cal Poly students have been working on a 10-week timeline. The students hooned their manage­ ment, marketing and public relations skills while working on the project.

“Everything has gone really well,” said Alex Dunks who worked on the public relations portion of the project. He created a short commercial using Central Coast Brewery’s storefront and then created sets to get the nightclub feel. “Everyone has been fairly coop­ erative because we’re in such a time­ crunch to get it done,” he said. “We wouldn’t be as on top of things if it wasn’t for Jaclyn (Regan).”
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The city is funding the bridge over U.S. Highway 101 and the pathway using state and federal money. It will cost more than $500,000.

Fukushima hopes in the distant future the trail will extend from Orcutt Road to Tank Farm Road and possibly to the ocean one day.

Building of the pathway is set to start this summer. The city hopes to see a decreased number of collisions between motorists and bicyclists along California and Foothill Streets, as it is the most popular path to Cal Poly.

The Automobile Club of Southern California encourages bikers to make sure their headlights and reflectors work at night, wear a helmet at all times, keep bikes in good mechanical condition, obey all traffic rules and consider the street, not on the sidewalk.

"We encourage people to get involved with the Bike Advisory Committee and to see questions or changes that people wish to see happen in our city," Mandeville said.

The committee, along with SLOBCBC, holds licensed six-hour classes that teach riders commuter and street skills every month. Future classes will be held Nov. 6, 13 and 17.

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The official said the proposals would strengthen CPSC's authority by making it illegal for firms to knowingly sell a recalled product; by authorizing the CPSC to issue follow-up recall announcements, and by requiring recalling companies to report supplier and delivery information. Further, CPSC would be able to impose asset forfeiture penalties for criminal offenses.

A third recommendation calls for establishing a certification program — likened to a seal of approval — for firms with a proven track record for meeting safety standards. The administration sees that as a powerful tool because it presumably would make certified suppliers more attractive to big retailers.

In addition, regulators would be able to concentrate on countries and companies that don't have a reputation for meeting certification standards.

Another proposal calls for focusing resources on riskier products — tires, for example.

Bush will receive the recommendations Tuesday from the advisory commission established in July to study import safety. The panel was led by Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt.

Details of the commission's recommendations were disclosed by an administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the recommendations have not been publicly released.

The Food and Drug Administration, which is part of the Health and Human Services Department, oversees the regulation of medical devices and more than $1 trillion annually worth of foods, drugs, cosmetics, animal feed and other products, which account for 25 cents of every dollar spent each year by Americans.

The FDA cannot currently order a recall.

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Employers want people who play well with others

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A resume and a brief job interview can’t answer the question that matters most to a new hire’s co-workers: Is this person an absolute pain?

Despite a labor shortage in many sectors, some employers are pickier than ever about whom they hire. Businesses in fields where jobs are highly coveted — or just sound like fun — are stepping up efforts to weed out people who might have the right credentials but the wrong personality.

Call it the “plays well with others” factor.

Job candidates at investment banks have long endured dozens of interviews designed, in part, to see if new hires will get along with everyone they’ll work with. Whole Foods Market Inc. holds group interviews, in which people who work under a manager are part of the team that grills candidates and collectively picks hires.

Now other companies are setting up higher hurdles.

“So in this bloggable, cell phone camera world, your brand on the inside is going to be your brand on the outside. If you have a bunch of jerks your brand is going to be a jerk,” said Tim Sanders, former leadership coach at Yahoo Inc. and author of “The Likeability Factor.”

With the national unemployment rate low, at 4.7 percent, and the Baby Boom generation heading into retirement, employers from Microsoft Corp. to rural hospitals are worrying about finding enough workers. But companies like Backpacker Managed Hosting are backing that trend, working hard to find reasons to turn people away.

Backpacker CEO Lanham Napier said, “We’d rather miss a good one than have a bad one.”

The 1,900-person computer server hosting company is decided into 18- to 20-person teams. One team is so close, the whole group shows up to help when one member moves into a new home, Napier said. Job interviews at the San Antonio-based company last all day, as interviewers try to rub away fake pleasantness.

“They’re here for nine or 10 hours,” Napier said. “We’re very, very, very aggressive. We’re not soft, but we haven’t met a human being yet who has the stamina to BS us all day.”

There’s a possible downside, however. In a Harvard Business Review article titled “Fool vs. Jerk: Whom Would You Hire?” Tinaia Casiano of Harvard and Miguel Sousa Lobo of Duke University point out that people generally like people who are similar to them, so hiring for congeniality can limit diversity of opinion. But venture capitalist told the authors that a capable manager he worked with built a team that had “a great time going out for a beer, but the quality of their work was seriously compromised.”

That’s not the worry at Lindblad Expeditions, a 500-employee adventure cruise company.

Kris Thompson, vice president of human resources at Lindblad, said, “You can teach people any technical skill, but you can’t teach them how to be a kindhearted, generous-minded person with an open spirit.”

In the mating dance of job interviews, employers traditionally put their best foot forward, too, trumpet­ ing their wonderful benefits packages while leaving out the bit about working late, eating cold pizza.

Not Lindblad. It sends job applicants a DVD showing not one, but two shorts of a crew member cleaning toilets. A dishwasher talks about pushing 5,000 dishes in one day. “Be prepared to work your butt off,” another says.

“It was a great way to scare you off,” company founder Sven Lindblad said.

It does. After watching the DVD and hearing an unvarnished descrip­ tion of life onboard a Lindblad ship, the majority of applicants drop out, Thompson said.

New hires “undergo a drug test, a physical exam, they have to pack up their life, we buy them a plane ticket and outfit them with hundreds of dollars in uniforms,” Thompson said. “If they get on board and say, ‘This is not what I expected,’ then shame on us.”

At KalBoom, a nonprofit that builds playgrounds, the board was hammering co-founder and CEO Darel Hammond four years ago over the organization’s high employee turnover.

“I rationalized that they were on the road too much, when in reality, it was the wrong fit in the wrong role,” he said.

Hammond said he isn’t afraid of scaring people off, since the best candidates “are constantly looking at themselves to excel, not just cross the finish line, but blow through the finish line.”

“Disney characters, because my friends and I decided to go to Disneyland, and it would be kind of nice to bring Disneyland here earlier.”

Sara Toileson, art and design sophomore

“A superhero theme would be cool. It would be fun to be a superhero.”

Alex Ringrose, mechanical engineering senior

“Underwater creatures. It’d be fun to watch a fish on a bike, and we’re near the beach.”

Cassie Bazan, chemistry junior

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LEXINGTON, Neb. (AP) — A middle school teacher accused of running away to Mexico with a 13-year-old boy when rumors started to swirl that they were having sex was due in court Monday to begin facing charges, three days after the weeklong search.

Kelsey Peterson, 25, and Fernando Rodriguez, the subjects of a weeklong search, were taken into custody Friday without incident in Mexico, Mich., after the boy's relatives told police he had called home asking for money.


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Police in Pakistan clash with lawyers protesting emergency

Mumir Ahmed

Police fired tear gas and clubbed thousands of lawyers protesting President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's decision to impose emergency rule, as Western allies demanded to review aid to the troubled Muslim nation. Opposition groups put the number of arrests at 3,500, although the government reported half that.

Musharraf, who took power in a 1999 coup and is also head of Pakistan's army, suspended the constitution on Saturday ahead of a Supreme Court ruling on whether his recent re-election as president was legal. He called it a "state of emergency" to "defend constitutionalism from the unlawful actions of the political forces" and insisted it was needed to save the country from "the same track as we were moving." He said it was "to the same track as the United States and other Western allies to hold the executive, and the parliament," but gave "no indication when the vote would take place." He added that he would relinquish control from the military and return the country to "the same track as we were moving." Under intense pressure from the United States and other Western allies to hold elections as scheduled in January, Musharraf said Monday he would relinquish control of the military and return the country to "the same track as we were moving." But former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's opposition party said authorities had rounded up around 2,300 of their supporters. Other political activists, human rights groups, and lawyers added another 1,200 detentions to that toll.

Lawyers — who were the driving force behind protests earlier this year when Musharraf tried unsuccessfully to fire an independent-minded chief justice Bhutto Mohammed Chaudhry, attempted to stage rallies in major cities on Monday, but were beaten and arrested.

Chaudhry was removed from his post on Saturday, just as the Supreme Court was preparing to rule on the validity of Musharraf's Oct. 6 election. Opponents say he should be disqualified because he contested the vote as army chief.

In the biggest gathering Monday, about 2,000 lawyers congregated at the High Court in the eastern city of Lahore. As lawyers tried to exit onto a main road, hundreds of police stormed inside, swinging batons and firing tear gas. Lawyers, shouting "Go Musharraf! Go!" hurled stones and beating police with tree branches.

Lawyers in the eastern city of Lahore were bulldozed with batons and then dragged onto a road in front of the High Court building. About 20 injured were given medical aid in a waiting ambulance before being hauled away in police buses, usually used for transporting prisoners.

"Police also punched and kicked them, despite their age," Tanvir Javaid Warrich, vice chairman of the Lahore Bar Council, said in reference to some of the senior lawyers. "They were treated so brutally... I've never seen such a thing."
Brooke Robertson

When The Fiery Furnaces hit the stage, destruction and creation become one and the same. They destroy the familiarity of their recorded songs, reconstructing them and performing with such confident vigor you wouldn’t be surprised if the band burned down the venue. Eleanor Friedberger stars down the crowd through a shaggy brown boa, her body rhythmically jerking to the music as she forcefully grasps the microphone and delivers lyrics with immediacy. She embodies the image of the stereotypical male rock ‘n’ roll singer from the ’70s.

“That’s what she’s doing, but with a little bit of a wink, you know what I mean?” said the other half of the brother-sister duo, Matthew Friedberger. “She doesn’t think of herself as Melissa Etheridge or Christina Hendrix; she thinks of herself as Robert Plant.”

On stage, Matt sits behind a three-sided desk of keyboards, swirling between each one and turning to give cues to the pair’s backing band like some sort of rock ’n’ roll puppet master. He arranges all of the instrumentation beforehand and takes responsibility for its live output.

On their new album, “Widow City,” released Oct. 9 on Thrill Jockey Records, The Fiery Furnaces play “70s rock-inspired music with creative and varied composition, storytelling lyrics and sometimes-spastic tonal changes.” Songs switch genres multiple times within themselves, and every track introduces an unexpected element of instrumentation or vocal change.

The lyrics on “Widow City” are story-driven, with dark themes such as unhappy marriages and separated love. Friedberger said his songs usually tell fictional stories as opposed to less-interesting accounts of his and Eleanor’s own lives. He takes his lyrical inspiration from anecdotes people tell him, or fragmented moments in his or Eleanor’s own life. “The way you articulate it is what’s important, not the supposed way you articulate it,” Friedberger explained. “And that’s going to give (the story) immediacy or make it seem sincere or not sincere or whatever it’s supposed to be, whether or not it actually happened to you.”

One of the best songs on the album is actually divided into three approximately two-minute tracks: “Duplexes of the Dead,” “Automatic Husband” and “Ex-Guru.” Friedberger wrote the tracks with the idea of telling a seven- or eight-minute “story song” divided up into shorter, more conventional tracks so that each part could stand on its own as an individual song.

The three tracks tell the story of a woman and her husband who have problems, to say the least. “Duplexes of the Dead” starts the story off as a mellow, swayable rock song with a few instrumental twists. “Automatic Husband” is the most different of the three, alternating between heavy rock jams and talking against light piano. “Ex-Guru” finishes off the story with Eleanor singing in a stronger, more direct tone against aggressive rock ’n’ roll.

Other album highlights include “Navy Nurse,” “My Egyptian Grammar” and “Japanese Slippers.” Some listeners might not be fans of the duo’s spastic tendencies, which are especially evident in the album’s first song, “The Philadelphia Grand Jury.” The more than seven-minute long track changes almost schizophrenically from funky beats to airy keyboard solos to hard rock and to what can only be described as dream sequence music. But it works. The song isn’t seamless, but it manages to flow together and recapture the listener’s attention again and again.

With such complex musical composition, it’s almost guaranteed The Fiery Furnaces will have their audience during the writing process. For this reason, Friedberger said working with a sibling was a lot easier than working with a friend or an acquaintance. “You can argue and even be offended by one another, and it doesn’t necessarily make you mad,” he said. “You’re so used to being annoyed by your siblings that it’s not a shock when they annoy you again.”

This makes the songwriting process much easier because the two never have to spend time reaffirming their friendship or making up after a fight; they just move on. “I’ve met people who are working together (who) if they get into an argument or making up after a fight; they just move on. I’ve met people who are working together (who) if they get into an argument they realize they’re live. When she’s not, they’re live.” All those kinds of decisions are made with storytelling in mind,” Friedberger said.

Brother-sister duo The Fiery Furnaces re-invent rock ‘n’ roll... with a wink

“The speed and tone of their tracks also vary depending on the venue they perform in. ‘There’s different sets of decisions you make arranging a song to record it and arranging a song to play it in a bar,’ Friedberger described. ‘Usually playing a little bit faster is natural and more appropriate (when) playing it where people are drinking.’”

This logic fuels The Fiery Furnaces to deliver energetic, original and personal sets that no audience member can ever hear again.

The band has finished in American tour and has moved on to Europe to continue promoting “Widow City.” But expect them to return soon. “It’s fun to play in California,” Friedberger said. “Maybe in the next couple of records, we’ll make a California record of subject matter.”

But after a few seconds, he reconsidered. “Well, maybe not the next one.”
East Coast collaborative effort hits the right notes

Daniel Seguin

Jacobson said. "They both have phenomenal voices and it's an infusion. The Amy Winehouse thing definitely works for "I Sent The Letter" and "Never Felt Like Home" give Seskin the vibe is taken in another direction. Her style here is very reflective of an Amy Winehouse track the vibe is taken in another direction. Seskin and her incredible vocal work, although on this album."

As far as other collaborations are concerned, Jacobson talked explicitly about whom he would like to work with, if he were given the option. The first thing Jacobson said he would like to do would be to work with one of his all-time favorite producers. "I would love to bring in Brian Eno and have him produce some of my stuff," Jacobson said. "That would really cool.

Jacobson continued by revealing the top male and top female artist he would like to perform a duet with in the future. "Well, as for the top female, it would have to be Shirley Manson from Garbage. I think she is just great," Jacobson said. "I think for the male it would be Bono because U2 is timeless."

Jacobson spoke of the notion of making music as a way to move the music toward the direction of a throwback to the very early days of Depeche Mode and The Cure. "The lyrics blended with Jacobson's deep baritone back-up is a mix of Jacobson's original musical offerings, fused together on four brilliant tracks with the powerful vocal stylings offered up by fellow artists K.T.Wills and Stephanie Seskin.

"I've known both K.T. and Stephanie quite a while," Jacobson said. "They both have phenomenal voices and it's always great to work with them."

"Tracks 10 through 18 are entitled "The Journey Home From Reel 4" and they are all uniquely Jacobson. These nine instrumental tracks reflect his incredible writing and musical abilities as an artist.

As you sample the first half of this incredibly enjoyable musical offering, you are transported into a world reminiscent of the early days of rock culture and retro new wave. It leaves you with impressions of early Depeche Mode and The Cure.

The second track, titled "Reprises," features vocalist Stephanie Seskin. The track has a very pop, very modern impression. In retrospect, "Hobson's Journey" is an incredible new wave-sounding compilation, simultaneously blending past and present into an enjoyable cacophony of sounds that successfully translates itself into the future.

Jacobson's future continues to brighten as he (goes) through the ever-changing musical landscape.
Jim Harrison is not exactly a struggling writer. He has written several bestsellers, had some of his work adapted to the big screen, and has all of his fiction and much of his poetry published. Still, he remains an underappreciated gem on the contemporary American literary landscape, regularly producing idiosyncratic and insightful work eagerly consumed by a small but fervently loyal group of readers.

Harrison's third novel, "Farmer," was published in 1979, shortly before his breakthrough success "Legends of the Fall," and is in many respects his most intimate and absorbing. The plot? In essence, Joseph is a 43-year-old farmer and schoolteacher in rural Michigan, circa 1956. While other family members have left to pursue the wider world, he has remained on his farm to tend his ailing mother and ponder the beauties and mysteries of nature. He struggles between lust and love, enraptured by a gentle lyricism that beautifully illuminates the emotion of his inner life. The assault is a book which warmly envelops readers within its pages with such subtlety and skill they will likely feel nostalgic for a world they've never known.

It would be understandable if, upon reading this review, you thought, "Sounds nice, but somehow it's not the story about a 43-year-old farmer in 1956, just doesn't seem too resonant to me, a college student." Fair enough. But as Joseph ponders his life up until this point and struggles with the implications of future choices, the book sinks into the heart of how life should be lived and to what purpose, even with all its inevitable messiness and compromise. In that sense, it's never too late. And maybe, so long as the courage is present, it's too late. And maybe, so long as the courage is present, it's never too late. Of course, there are themes literature has explored many times before, but rarely with the grace and conviction found here.

Who knows, perhaps if the book resonates with you, you will find yourself joining Harrison's loyal group of readers. He may be an underappreciated gem, but a gem nonetheless.

Quentin Dunne is a psychology graduate student and Mustang Daily book reviewer.

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John Bailey
Aerosurgical engineering graduate student

I have also heard of people using this substance and had a few questions of my own. I looked into this substance and want to expose the truth in using "this muscle booster." For those of you that aren’t familiar with creatine, it is a supplement that is often taken as a supplement to increase muscle mass in bodybuilders. Most supplement labels claim that creatine is converted to phosphocreatine, which is important for short burst energy and is the source of power. The rapid excretion of creatine between urine can cause fluid imbalance, leading to dehydration. One teaspoon of powder contains 5 grams of creatine monohydrate. The recommended daily dose is 1 to avoid muscle cramps. A loading phase is necessary, and there are products out there that claim a maintenance phase is not required for their product. The body's pool of creatine can be replenished from food, supplements, or through synthesis from amino acids. Dietary sources include beef, tuna, cod, salmon, herring, and pork. The optimal dietary intake of creatine is 1 to 2 grams per day, although athletes may consume less. Human muscle seems to have an upper limit of creatine storage. Athletes with the highest levels, such as bodybuilders, have the most muscle mass, whereas individuals with the lowest levels, such as vegetarians, have the least muscle mass. Athletes who consume high levels of creatine may be at a competitive disadvantage. Creatine may also reduce the effectiveness of vitamins A, D, E, and K. Diets high in protein can put a strain on the liver and kidneys. Many commercial products, such as Cell-Tech, contain up to 75 grams of sugar in one serving. Creatine use could be due to water retention instead of actual muscle mass. Also, remember that excess protein will be stored as fat, especially in the abdominal area. A little extra protein for most people won't do much harm, so feel free to have a protein bar now and then. Make sure you don't overdose on amino acids, dehydration, and damage to your liver and kidneys.

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The truth about creatine

Where have you been, Joey?

Regarding Joey Carlson’s letter "Where have you been, you?" all I have to say to Joey is where have you been and how do you know about a very violent faction of Christians declaring war on the West with some isolated (Muslim) extremists? Maybe you forgot about (Fred Phelps of Westboro Baptist Church picketing military funerals) and the many abortion clinic bombings since the "religion of peace" has openly stated that they would like to see (America) converted or killed. The fact is that tentacles of (Christianity) are making their way into the West and it is our duty to be a free society to examine this group of people and determine if their views are compatible with ours. Personally I feel that (Christianity) is a religion that does not fit in and should be excluded. I know that there are too many small-minded people, but that doesn’t mean I’m not right. "Racism is the lowest form of human stupidity," but (using sweeping generalizations and rhetorical论证ing) is the height of common sense.

-JC

(Ooh, look, brainless Fox News-styled rhetoric fits equally well for any sport. What a surprise.)

Erik Dawley
Ach track coach

Global warming proof in our own backyard

This is responding to the letter Michael Alcock sent in on Thursday. If anything, the Southern California fires made it clear to me that global warming is no joke. Not because it had anything to do with starting the fires, but because the fires created a large-scale global warming experiment. Do you recall how it got really, really, really hot after the fires started, right in the middle of October? I know that you remember but I also want to say the same thing that you want to say, I cannot believe how hot the sky was! And did you look at any of the satellite images showing smoke completely disrupted every- thing from San Diego all the way up here? So when a big forest fire releases a large amount of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, temperatures go up. That must mean if we release large amounts of these same gases by other means and allow them to build up over time, temperatures will rise and cultures will change. Coincidence? I think not.

Kevin Charles
Mechanical engineering junior

"Unconscious pranks" not so funny

After reading the follow-up on the scoar across campus, I just couldn't dismiss the idea that it was an "unconscious prank." We are Cal Poly students and were a little on edge as to what the e-mail said, and after reading what the message contained, I couldn't believe that it was just some sort of Halloween prank/scare. It is one thing sending out a harmless prank/scare in October, but to use someone's e-mail to make DEATH threats towards various students and faculty is very unacceptable. The threat even went as far as to mention the massacre at Virginia Tech, which in itself is just a scary thought. Does Francisco Diaz have any respect for the victims and the families of those affected by such a terrible event? Thirty two college students and faculty members lost their lives that day, which is not really something to joke about. I hope that this issue is handled properly and isn't to be taken lightly, because I know I don't want to be on campus with an insecure brain - ready to "shut our throat" and repeat such a horrific event.

Brandon Kaczmar
Mechanical engineering sophomore
My first “real” job interview is coming up this week and, in addition to concerns over face-to-face performance with potential employers, I have put much consideration into my attire for the big day.

Part of this contemplation revolves around my lip ring. This piece of body jewelry is not just a valued possession but it also feels like it has become a part of me. I love my little rhinestone stud for the way it individualizes my appearance in a simple and, in my opinion, innocent way.

Unfortunately, many people do not agree with my opinion (including my mother, who would not let me enter the house until I took it out). Employers especially may shy away from piercings and tattoos (which I also have) and refrain from hiring individuals with such accessories.

According to a 2006 study by Dr. Anne E. Launiann and Dr. Amy J. Derrick that involved men and women 18 to 50 years of age, 24 percent had tattoos and 14 percent had body piercings. The study linked tattoos and piercings to a lack of religious affiliation, extended jail time, previous drinking and recreational drug use. So I guess that explains the unease of employers over tattoos and piercings.

Obviously not all inked or pierced people are hooligans, but why should a company bother giving someone the benefit of the doubt if there’s a clean-cut and unadorned applicant also at the front door? Well, some companies consider piercings and tattoos beneficial in that they attract younger and possibly more innovative and exciting workers.

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I do not see the need for policies against harmless images, especially if they look good.

The company I am applying to work for advises conservative dress for the interview. Personally I wouldn’t want to hire someone who makes an attempt to look boring. There’s definitely a line between gaudy clothes and ostentatious tattoos and piercings, but it shouldn’t be so thick as to blur them out completely. Getting a tattoo or piercing isn’t a slip in judgment; it’s a sign of personality, daring, maybe even good taste. I think my lip ring looks great and I’m not even a crackhead felon.

Sara Wright is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily reporter.

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE CLINTONS

OH, HEY HILL. —NOT BAD FOR A FIRST LADY HUH?—

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Conference

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The Mustang’s final game against Long Beach College is scheduled at 1:05 p.m. Nov. 17 at home.

Although women’s head coach Alex Carter did not attend the press conference, it is important to note that two teams (7-9, 3-2-1 Big West) lost 3-1 at Long Beach State on Nov. 2 and then tied 1-1 at Cal State Northridge on Nov. 4. The two the Mustangs in third place leading into the Big West Conference Tournament. The loss also cost Cal Poly, hosting rights to the tournament, which will now be held at Cal State Fullerton.

The winner of the Big West Tournament will get an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The semifinal game against Long Beach State is scheduled at 5 p.m. Nov. 9. The championship match is at 1 p.m. Nov. 11.

Chicks

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was our first tournament victory in three seasons — for Mauricio Benevides, our coach of three years who recently died of throat cancer. He had been diagnosed before I met him, and had he not been vocal of his condition, I would have never known. No complaints left his lips for the last day — not of his disease or the fact that his team couldn’t seem to pull out a victory. He appreciated his remaining days and the time he had to spend with his loving wife and three daughters.

Softball was his escape, and because of him, it became not just a sport our parents urged us to play, but something we loved.

Now that my days of competitive athletics have come to an end, my love for sports has not vanished. Growing up with my father, arguably the biggest sports fan to walk the earth, I was exposed to sports at an early age. Although as a child I rooted for either the “light” or the “dark” team, according to my father’s preference, I soon developed my own knowledge and interest in athletes, through watching games and reading about them.

I often hear people say they can’t stand the grunting of regular sports section or watching sports on television. To some, stories are just a jumble of numbers and facts mixed in with some quotes. Sometimes this may be true — but not always.

As a sports writer, I am less interested in statistics or scandals and more prone to digging up the Mysteries of the world. In my career, I dream to find those stories of coaches, fans or teams who inspire change and affect people’s lives.

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**Pivotal games ahead as fall sports come to a close**

Agnus-Dei Farrant

The quarter is coming to a close, which means that several fall sports are heading toward their final hours.

The weekly Mustang athletics press conference resonated the concerns, accomplishments and defeats of various fall and winter sports.

Coaches presented wardrobing head coach John Arevedo, men’s basketball head coach Kevin Broome, men’s soccer head coach Paul Holocher, football head coach Rich Ellerson and women’s volleyball head coach Jon Stevenson.

The football and soccer seasons have reached the point of magnified final games.

The men’s soccer team (9-2-4, 4-1-4 Big West) experienced a stumble in its last four games, with three ties and one loss.

“We’ve been in the top 10 in the West region all year since week one, so I think they still have us up there on the board,” Holocher said. “I think, obviously, the next four games are everything. We have to do well these next four games. I can’t tell exactly what our record needs to be or how it needs to go but we’ve definitely on the board and have a shot at it.”

The Mustang lost 3-1 in their most recent game to UC Santa Barbara on Nov. 3. Although the team was defeated, Mustang fan support impressed Holocher.

“We had probably 200 of our own fans come down. We had Cal Poly students. We had a lot of Cal Poly families come down. And they were cheering and there were times that they were down on the Santa Barbara fans — just 200, maybe 300, strong. I got goosebumps over that,” Holocher said.

Cal Poly men’s soccer will compete against Cal State Northridge in Spansus Stadium at 7 p.m. today.

**Poly three strokes behind in first day**

Julia Heath and Hannah Brabb both carded 73s as Cal Poly ties three strokes behind four-time winner UC Riverside after one round of play in the Lankin Cup Cal Poly Invitation on Monday at the Cypress Ridge Golf Course in Arroyo Grande.

Heath opened the tournament with 36 strokes and the back nine in 37 for her one-over-par total while Brabb had 34 on the front and 39 on the back. The two are tied for fifth place and helped Cal Poly to a 14-over-par 302 total on the 5,855-yard, par-72 course, tied for second place with Santa Clara.

UC Riverside, led by individual leader Jennifer Bermbingham, leads the way with a 299 total. Western Arizona (303) is fourth while Cal State Northridge (306) rounds out the top five in the 18-team field.

Bermbingham set a new course record for women from the white tees with a four-under-par 68. Her round included eight birdies, four bogeys and six pars. Bermbingham won the tournament a year ago with a one-under-par 145 total.

Two strokes behind Bermbingham is Miki Ueoka of Santa Clara with a 70. Sophia Choi of Northern Arizona and Adrianna Niclotti of Cal Baptist share third place with 72 strokes.

Cal Poly’s Maddy Fletcher is tied for 14th place with a 76 while Stephanie Vucum is tied for 37th place with an 80. Else Walker shot an 83 for a 51st-place tie.

Cal Poly also entered a second team, which shot in eighth place with a 313 total. That group is led by Lauren Wilson with a 76 (14th-place tie) and Meigela Pendleton with a 78 (24th-place tie).

The final round Tuesday begins at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start.