Cyberstalking: a reality in a high-tech world

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In the good ol' days, stalkers had to hire private investigators, trail a person behind columns in the subway station and get their hands dirty trying to obsess over their victims.

However, with the advent of online communication, a new breed has emerged: the cyberstalker.

Cyberstalking is the unrelenting pursuit of a victim online, and while its under-the-radar subtlety often gives it less credence than a physical pursuit, it can still legally be considered a form of harassment.

"What we run into more often than threats are situations where someone has unrequited love or interest," University Police Department Detective John Edd said of online harassment complaints made by Cal Poly students.

One specific case involves Cal Poly French professor Brian Kennelly, who says he has been relentlessly pursued by an old neighbor for more than a decade.

The relationship started when Kennelly was living in New York while attending graduate school, unaware that the friendly woman who lived downstairs would someday become obsessed with him.

More than 10 years his senior, Maria Amendola befriended Kennelly. "We were friends as much as neighbors can be," Kennelly said. "She was married and much older than I was, but she developed a crush on me.

After spending a year in France, Kennelly moved to New Jersey in 1993 and remained in contact with Amendola. He saw Cyberstalking, page 2

Students contribute to high number of noise violations

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With winter break only weeks away, students will return to their families and travel to places far away from San Luis Obispo, but it is when students are residing in San Luis Obispo that the police department receives the most noise complaints.

When students came back from summer break in September, the number of noise complaints peaked. There were 484 possible noise violations while 239 formal warnings, called disturbance advisory cards (DAC), were given.

Out of the complaints, 403 calls were made between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. and 215 DACs were given in the time period; a majority of violations were within a mile of campus.

Associated Students Inc. President Brandon Souza is aware of the problem students have with the community.

"September always has the biggest peaks in noise violations. This year we also have a larger freshman class... a lot of first-time students impacting off-campus areas," Souza said.

Souza is part of the Student Community Liaison Committee that includes the student body president of City College along with the San Luis Obispo Police and University Police Department police chiefs.

They have started programs like Respect SLO Bro and SLO Solutions, a program that provides free mediation and conflict resolutions for anyone in the community who is having problems with a neighbor, landlord, tenant or roommate.

According to a regulation contained in the City of San Luis Obispo Municipal Code, it is a violation to make or allow any noise between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. that can be heard across your property line or more than 50 feet away. These noises include loud music and other noise, such as loud voices at a party or gathering.

University Police Chief Bill Watton said the University Police help city police control off-campus noise.

Since they have a jurisdiction within a mile of campus, their authority makes a huge impact.

"We will go out to assist and if the weather is good during a weekend, there are probably four to five parties we break up each night," Watton said. "Our officers are always patrolling these areas to deter the safety of students."

The Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) is sent to noise complaints to verify violations with residents and issue a DAC if necessary.

"DACs serve as warnings and you can only get so many," said San Luis Obispo Police Sgt. Kurt Hiershagen. "A "premise" list is made up of residences that receive two or more DACs in a 60-day period or have hosted a large party with more than 75 people.

From that point on, if a noise complaint is received at a residence on the premise list, no further warnings are instituted."

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Candidates use Internet more to reach voters

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As the country reels itself for an open-seat race in 2008, the evolution of election campaigning has made it more personal than ever.

Instead of relying on traditional direct mailings and TV commercials, candidates are rapidly incorporating the use of web pages, automatic text messages and videos to reach their potential base of voters.

"The old fundamentals of the system are still there, but technology magnifies and accelerates the old effect," said Cal State Fullerton political science professor Matthew Jarvis.

"The Internet is an active source but people still have to be motivated to use it." In 2004, the young voter demographic, approximately 41 million 18-29-year-olds, made up one-fifth of the eligible voting population, according to a government profile of the 2004 Census.

"Internet has the ability to motivate intensity — instead of just sitting at home, people can connect with others who feel the same," Jarvis said.

"Finding a community convinces people the candidate has a shot, which actually gives them a shot but the interest is not going to pick our winner in 2008."
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kept his bike at her apartment complex and they would go out for dinner or drinks occasionally. "She obviously believed there was more to our friendship," Kennelly explained, "and she would constantly try to move things to the next level."

By the time he had moved back to New York to live in faculty housing at New York University, Amendola's pursuit had escalated to the point where Kennelly instructed his doorman to tell her he was not home. Not satisfied, her stalker would leave him expensive shirts or a basket of eggs for Easter in the lobby.

"As a former grad student I was kind of flattered," Kennelly admitted, "and I stupidly didn't refuse them, so I guess, given her personality, that egged her on."

When he moved to St. Louis, Missouri, he hoped the distance would dissuade Amendola's apparent obsession. However, daily e-mails and phone calls to his office number quickly escalated to the point where Kennelly wouldn't answer calls for an entire year.

"I had a web site and she would follow everything I would do on my web site," Kennelly said.

One day, he got a message from Amendola telling him that she and her two dogs would be coming to visit for three weeks during the St. Louis World Fair, that they were the people who, when you say 'no,' keep coming. According to Kennelly, that would be the woman and he would be the subject.

Amendola started e-mailing again a few months later, tracking Kennelly when he moved to San Luis Obispo two years ago, and included threatening images of tortoise scenes.

The attachments would include dominatrix-style women and implied, according to Kennelly, that she would be the woman and he would be the subject.

Amendola would also reportedly gain access to Kennelly's Cal Poly Web site and somehow knew test questions he would give in class.

In copies of e-mails sent to Kennelly, Amendola's brief text is accompanied by attachments from YouTube and other sites. Kennelly said he approached University Police officer Wayne Lyons about the case.

"(Lyons) told me that the California laws are much stricter and he wrote (Amendola) an e-mail to tell her not to communicate with me and that she would be playing with fire."

Kennelly didn't hear from her for six months, but like Edds, he thinks that was the mistake he made because I was basically feeding this illusion," Kennelly said. "I suggest the person be immediately cut off."

According to the California Civil Code, a person can be held liable for stalking if they make a "credible threat" to their victim.

This is later clarified to mean "verbal or written threat, including that communicated by means of an electronic communication device."

From the legal standpoint, Edds explained that the majority of action UPD takes on cases of cyberstalking involves mediating a lack of communication.

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Jervis said, "There's no 1-800 number to call a candidate and get involved or make a donation but it only takes a second to find a candidate's Web site."

A study conducted by Princeton graduate student Aaron Strauss found after the 2006 midterm elections, the likelihood for young people to vote after receiving a test message reminder increased by 4.2 percentage points.

"Everyone knows voting has existed. Your parents and grandparents have done it. Either you do vote or you don't;" Jervis said. "The Internet enables youth to participate more and allows for greater connectivity."
Disputed analysis of FBI statistics pegs Detroit as nation's most dangerous city

David N. Goodman

In another blow to the Motor City's tarnished image, Detroit police on Sunday night released a controversial analysis pegging Detroit as the nation's most dangerous city, according to a private research group's controversial analysis released Sunday of annual FBI crime statistics.

The study drew harsh criticism even before it came out. The American Society of Criminology launched a preemptive strike Friday, issuing a statement attacking it as "an irresponsible misuse" of crime data.

The 14th annual "City Crime Rankings: Crime in Metropolitan America" was published by CQ Press, a unit of Congressional Quarterly Inc. It is based on the FBI's Sept. 24 crime statistics report.

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"These rough rankings provide no insight into the numerous variables that mold crime in a particular city, town, county, state, or region," the FBI said. "Consequently, they lead to simplistic and/or incomplete analyses that often create misleading perceptions adversely affecting communities and their residents."

Doug Goldenberg-Hart, acquisitions editor at CQ Press, said that the rankings are imperfect, but that the numbers are straightforward. Cities at the top of the list would not be there unless they ranked poorly in all six crime categories.

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The report "helps concerned Americans learn how their communities fare in the fight against crime," CQ Press said in a statement. "The first step in making our cities and states safer is to understand the true magnitude of their crime problems. This will only be achieved through straightforward data that all of us can use and understand."

Detroit police officials released a statement Sunday night disputing the report, saying it fails to put crime information into proper context.

"Every year this organization sends out a press release with big, bold lettering that labels a certain city as Most Dangerous," CQ Police Chief Ella Bitty-Cummings said in the release. "It really makes you wonder if the organization is truly concerned with evaluating crime or increasing their profits," said Bitty-Cummings, who noted the complete report is available only by purchase. "With crime experts across the country routinely denouncing the findings, I believe the answer is clear."

The mayor of 30th-ranked Rochester, N.Y., an ex-police chief himself — said the study's authors should consider the harm that the report causes.

"What I take exception to is the use of these statistics and the damage they inflict on a number of these cities," said Mayor Robert Duffy, chairman of the Criminal and Social Justice Committee for the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The rankings "do great harm to many communities," said Michael Tonry, president of the American Society of Criminology. "They also work against a key goal of our society, which is a better understanding of crime-related issues by both scientists and the public," Tonry said.

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OCEANSIDE (AP) — An Oceanside police officer was rear-ended behind bars after he allegedly impersonated an officer and tried to trick a woman into performing oral sex to get out of a ticket.

Police say 22-year-old Terry Ware was dressed in his guard uniform when he pulled over a couple and ordered the woman into the back seat of his car early Saturday. He then asked her for oral sex in exchange for letting them go. When the 18-year-old woman refused, Ware let her go unharmed.

Based on a description from the couple, police tracked down Ware at the office of his employer, Heritage Security.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Officials in Southern California began deploying firefighting crews and equipment Sunday as meteorologists predicted a return of the dry winds that lashed last month's devastating brush blazes.

The preparations came after criticism that the state did not effectively marshal available air resources at the start of last month's blazes, which consumed 790 square miles, killed 10 people and destroyed more than 2,000 homes.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Peak tide could spread oil to places previously unaffected by the spill爬上 week, authorities said.

None of that mattered Thursday when a resident called to report a herd of cattle stampeding through his yard.

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He had a gun. But in a second 911 call Coppin's mother told the op­ erator her son wasn't armed. After officers arrived she repeated that to them.

"Why did the police not heed the warnings... that her son was unarmed?" said Paul Wooten, the family's attorney. "Why was it neces­ sary for the overwhelming use of deadly force? Five police officers, 20 shots, eight hits. Is there no propor­ tionality?"

Last year, New York City police fired 50 bullets at three unarmed men in a car, killing Sean Bell on his wed­ ding day and seriously wounding his two friends. Three officers are scheduled for trial in February.

In 1999, four New York City police officers killed Amadou Diallo, striking him 19 times, when the 22-year-old man reached for his wallet while stand­ ing in an apartment building vestibule. The officers said they thought Diallo was reaching for a gun.

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The premise for "October Road" isn't new either. First there was "Dawson's Creek" and then came "Gilmore Girls," both well-written and charming enough to draw a loyal audience. "October Road," on the other hand, is neither.

With either antiquated expressions ("Which begs the question: Why did you run out of here?") or slang ("Your eyes are off the hinge!") the viewer is left looking for cohesive threads just to tie the plot together.

If the complete lack of realism in "October Road" is not a total hindrance, there are a few bright spots, thanks to several talented actors.

Laura Prepon plays the sensible, single-mom role to perfection. As her son, Slade Fearce is witty and proves to be one full of tension and conflict.

As "October Road" returns for a second season, tensions increase between every relationship. Hannah overanalyzes her feelings for Nick, while Eddie struggles with publicly declaring his feelings for Janet.

The friendship duo of Hannah and Eddie bears a secret from Nick, and Sam rebels against his mother by trimming his hair into an ill-constructed mohawk.

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It looks like a serious film. It sounds like a serious film. But director Mike Newell’s "Love in the Time of Cholera" is just one big joke. Everything — from the "love" that the title describes to the lovebirds themselves — is utterly underdeveloped, creating a mockery of the featured romance. And the crew script, bad acting, makeup and unexplored motives of the characters only worsen this lackluster love story.

A few minutes in, young Florentino Ariza (Unax Ugalde) spots a random girl, Fermina (Giovanna Mezzogiorno), and smiles goofily, viewers know he has fallen hard. This initial gaze (and everything that follows) happens too fast and without elaboration. They literally see each other too quickly (no proper introduction precedes their redis as dopy lovers), fall in love too quickly; decide to wed too quickly; separate too quickly and so on. It is as if filmmakers, in an attempt to closely follow Gabriel Garcia Marquez’s novel (on which the film is based), focused more on packing in the book’s plot than actually exploring the dispositions and motives of the characters. Thus at the film’s conclusion, Florentino and Fermina are neither relatable nor likeable.

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The fourth season of "Project Runway," Bravo's popular fashion design show, premiered last Wednesday.

Danielle Prescod

The wait is now over! Bad pun aside, Wednesday night was the glorious return of the ever-popular design reality show "Project Runway" on Bravo. Impatient, fashion-obessed viewers waiting on cheap imitations like "America's Next Top Model" and the short-lived "The Cut" with Tommy Hilfiger can finally rejoice in the company of Heidi and Tim and their familiar catch-phrases.

The 15 designers rolled in and set up shop in New York City. Heidi and Tim delivered instructions for their challenge within the first five minutes.

Amidst the intims from bitchy gay men, it became apparent that the "Project Runway" casting directors really stepped up this season. They incorporated experienced designers already accomplished in their own rights. No more amateurs, folks — this is the real deal.

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The challenge certainly didn't beat around the bush, either. Usually, the designers are asked to make a fabulous dress in the comfort of Heidi and Tim's familiar catch-pieces. This year, however, the challenge was for each designer to simply express his or her own personal design aesthetic. It was a test of creativity, where the designers or their creations would truly make or break their reputations.

Starting with some of the models who are most likely to be the next big names, Santino Rice, and classic and who was weial and most likely to be the next big thing in the world of fashion. Though this is a competition for them as well, they are awful. Their models are made to simply express their own personal design aesthetic. This allows for a true and genuine designer rather than someone making in a single-seamed, form-fitting blue number made by Elisa, holistic designer extraordinaire.

Christian (the only straight male designer) and Kit, the other notable creative director of Elle Magazine, returned with hilarious but critical commentary aided by designer Monique Lhuillier, who is entertaining on television, like in previous seasons. It has the fabric. Ultimately, the judges were looking for quality construction and general talent that these gals just didn't have.

Ricky, a lingerie designer and ex-dancer from California, delivered a basic black baby doll dress that the judges deemed boring and safe. They are really expecting the designers to emphasize the creativity factor, which gives an advantage to people like Chris (a costume designer and Jee McGill and Verus 2/0 Christian. Kevin and Michael have yet to really make a lasting impression.

Everyone has a lot to prove in the upcoming episodes, having such extensive fashion backgrounds, but let's stay optimistic. The challenges are so much more grounded in producing a true and genuine designer rather than someone who is entertaining on television, like in previous seasons.

This season promises to be a must-see explosion of entertainment full of comedy, drama and amazing clothes (of course). It airs Wednesday nights, at 10 p.m.
On Monday, November 19, 2007, the Mustang Daily ran an opinion piece titled "America: The Superior Culture ... really?" by Taylor Scott. The article was published in the "Guest Commentary" section of the newspaper.

The article begins with a quote, "Taylor Scott's rant on the superiority of American culture is a hideous display of ethnocentrism at its worst. When we throw away multiculturalism, the idea that no one culture is inherently superior or inferior to another, we achieve nothing more than the breeding of greater ignorance and intolerance, leading to hatred, violence, and in many cases war. When we allow ourselves to see our own values and beliefs as the "right" and "only" way of doing things, we stray away from the norm "tolerated" and "accepted."

Taylor Scott would have us believe that the British rule was "the best thing that could have happened to India." While Scott shines light on the fact that British rule outlawed "sati," he fails to mention the extreme exploitation of India's natural resources under British rule. Tell me, Scott, who benefited from India's gold, jewels and silk? Was it native Indians or perhaps Great Britain? I wonder what attracted the British to India in the first place. While wealth may be one factor, I am sure it is much more plausible to say that Great Britain simply wanted to help better a people by riding through the countries of the world, practicing the "savior" and "missionary" role. If British rule was so beneficial to India, as Scott implies, why did Indians revolt in 1857? Yes, clearly Britain is too inferior and simplistic to understand the great and many benefits bestowed upon them by their British colonial friends.

Taylor Scott implies that the American culture is also blameworthy. It is my view that America's poor lead rather difficult lives. Sure, we seem to recognize the grave reality of poverty in America by explaining that, hey, at least the poor eat more often than in India. Talk about a warm and fuzzy feeling, Scott. Another mention that here in the U.S. people get married by falling in love. We also seem to fall out of love quite quickly, leading the world with the highest divorce rate. And lastly, in America children are expected to converge on American airports in the days long up to Thanksgiving, with ticket sales surging pre-Sept. 11, 2001. Numbers. Air travel usually leads to frustration and stress, but as we all prepare to celebrate this season, many of us hopping aboard planes to get to our treasured destinations, we should keep a positive outlook on our travel arrangements.

I was in Washington, D.C., visiting my sister last weekend. After spending 13 hours of my four-day vacation on airplanes and about seven additional hours waiting in airports, I came to the conclusion that the airport is an environment that truly brings out a primitive state of being in humans. We are at our worst in airports. Our raucousness, habits and emotions are magnified and allowed to flow out of our stressed and frustrated frames. Inside their secure walls, fliers glue for connecting flights run down those too to stop. People scream at "Arrivals" and "Departures" officers, cursing the air travel gods and throwing their carry-on luggage at their feet. It is ironic that airplanes have mottos that express the exact opposite of the feelings the passengers they transport around the globe: "Fly the friendly skies," "We love to fly and it shows" and "We know why you fly." People arrive at airports expecting the worst: impossibly long security lines, delays and cancellations, gate changes causing frustration and dodging through overcrowded hallways and ridiculously overpriced food and drink. Through these expectations, reactions change. People are on edge, stressing over boarding passes, queues for security and getting to gates on time. So why after walking through airport doors do we row our taxi in and nurse our drink for what people wear usually hide us? I think about this on my way home from Washington, D.C. My trip was spoiled with delays and unruly fellow passengers and I had expected the same coming back. But coming home, everything went perfectly. The security lines were short, but they were fine. There was a gate change but it was close. There was flight attendant drama but it was entertaining to watch. Hey, I even saw R&B singer Brandy on my flight.

So we all zip up our suitcases and prepare for Thanksgiving feasts across the country, let's remember to pack our common sense so we aren't left with just our emotions to handle the inevitable hurdles of traveling.

Guest Commentary
America: The Superior Culture ... really?

Taylor Scott, the managing editor of the Mustang Daily, presents a viewpoint on the topic of cultural superiority. He argues that the idea of a superior culture is detrimental to the growth of understanding and tolerance. Scott's argument is grounded in the belief that every culture has its own unique values and traditions, and that recognizing and appreciating these differences is essential for maintaining peace and harmony.

Taylor Scott's piece is a response to a previous article written by Taylor Scott, which questioned the notion of America being superior to other cultures. Scott counters this claim by arguing that cultural superiority is a concept that diminishes the value of diversity and leads to a narrow-minded perspective on the world. He points out that America's culture is not inherently superior to that of other countries, and that the idea of America's cultural superiority is based on a series of misconceptions and generalizations.

In the concluding paragraph, Scott emphasizes the importance of recognizing and respecting cultural differences. He asserts that to truly understand and appreciate other cultures, we must be open-minded and willing to learn from others. Scott concludes that cultural diversity is a key aspect of human progress and that it is essential for building a more just and inclusive world.
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57 Fraternity party setup

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4 Most mournful
5 Most-wanted group for a party
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7 Follow everywhere
8 Put to work
9 Part of c.p.m.
10 "Stop!"
11 Wall Street minimums
12 Fatty treat for birds
13 Pulls the plug on
14 Game sheet
15 Deadly
16 Work up
17 First fin lady
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Junior quarterback Jonathan Dally (above) was responsible for five touchdowns in the season finale against Iona, two passing and three rushing.

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Dally, who is third in the conference in rushing yards, finished the year second in the sub-dvision in passer efficiency rating, completing 54.2 percent of his passes for 2,238 yards and 29 touchdowns with five interceptions. He also ran 182 times for 763 yards and 12 scores.

"We were all rookies to this offense," Dally said. "The big thing is we'll have another year with the same guys playing in the same offense and we can work on perfecting it."

After two straight 7-4 seasons and the NCAA West's highest Big West total this season and just two less than Poly's record, Junior middle blocker Jacyl Hooton issued 15 rejections, the highest Big West total this season and just two less than Poly's record. Junior outside hitter Ali Walker led the Mustangs with 15 kills and also had eight blocks while UC Irvine's freshman outside hitter Kari Pfeifer led all players with 20 kills.

Junior opposite Kyle Atherstone, current and six-time Big West Player of the Week, recorded her 16th double-double of the season with 14 kills and 17 digs.

Sophomore outside hitter Galby Rivers, who recorded five of Poly's 10 aces, and freshman middle blocker Dominique Oluwafai, who had seven blocks, contributed eight kills each.

The team will practice Monday and Tuesday and take a break for Thanksgiving. "I think we need some time to relax and be with our families and come back charged and ready to go," Hayes said.

With the NCAA Tournament ahead, Jackson expressed confidence. "We got back to what made us good at the beginning of the year: passing the ball and good defense," Holocher said.

"If it's my last game, it's good to be back playing our own game," Cordray said. "For the second half of the season, we'll have another year with the same team and coaching staff to make improvements."
Blalock makes it to finals in Poly Invitational

By Michelle Norgan
SPORTS

Brazilian tennis player Ana-Clara Duarte took home first place in the Cal Poly Invitational this weekend, defeating Mustang Brittany Blalock in a tie-breaker set Sunday morning. The Mustangs ended up placing most of the open tournament Sunday and Saturday amongst themselves as several of their intended opponents were unable to compete. It was good to see the team play within the squad and compete against each other," Assistant Coach Paige Esparrza said. "It shows a lot about our team and how they were able to come out this weekend and play hard against each other."

Esparrza said that several new additions to the team would be key players in the upcoming spring season.

"We are really excited about Whitney Peterson, the transfer," Esparrza said. "She's a great addition to our team along with Amy Markoff, a good athlete, and Brooke Horner, a walk-on."

Although the team is comprised entirely of freshmen, sophomores and juniors, Esparrza is confident that the young team can stand up to competition.

"We are a young team but very disciplined," Esparrza said. "It's a passionate group of kids that I think will give us our best ranking we've ever had here."

Junior Whitney Peterson had a rough weekend because of illness. She only had the chance to play one match.

She was initially scheduled to play against Esparrza in the first round, but Esparrza pulled out of the tournament. In the second round, Peterson played against fellow Mustang Shannon Brady and lost 2-1.

Brady moved on to the third round, where she fell to Blalock. Blalock seeded No. 2 overall for the tournament, moved into the finals to face No. 1 seed Durante of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, an independent player who was allowed to compete because it was an open tournament.

Duarte is ranked 46th in the world for juniors and fourth in Brazil.

Duarte defeated Mustangs Amy Markoff, Diana Filip and Stella Wong to reach the finals. Duarte and Blalock hit good, clean shots and moved well on the court. They appeared fairly evenly matched and each player was in top form.

In the end, Duarte came out on top, winning 4-6, 6-4 and 7-6. The first two sets were close, Blalock managing to win the first, but Duarte triumphing in the second. The third set was a tie-breaker and Duarte used her experience to overcome Blalock.

Peterson, a recent transfer to Cal Poly, said she has yet to adjust to playing at home but felt that having the tournament here meant other members of her team were able to bring out their best performances.

"I think other players liked it more because they are more comfortable here," Peterson said. Peterson said that she is looking forward to a challenging season starting in January.

"I think that's the great thing about tennis, you get so many opportunities to play great players, no matter what the team is," Peterson said. "It's always so much fun to play the top teams like Stanford and UCLA. I'm definitely looking forward to those matches."

The spring season for the team will begin Jan. 13 when they take on Santa Clara and UC Santa Cruz.

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Connor associated the success of the cross country teams with dedicated athletes.

"That can be attributed to a number of factors, including a lot of hard work by a lot of people," Connor said. "People have been coachable and we've had many talented student athletes."

The men's race will be broadcast live on CSTV at 9 a.m. PST, followed by the women's race at 9:35 a.m.

Viewers can also watch the race online at www.cstv.com for $4.99.
Rachel Gellman  

It was something in the stars, head coach Paul Hoynes said. It allowed his star setter Chelsea Hayes and libero Kristin Jackson to be recognized as All-Americans. It allowed the Mustangs to be recognized as a national power in the sport of volleyball. It was his first start in the goal.

"They're two people who stand out, who never take a day off. They go hard every day and every play," he said.

Hayes, who posted match-highs in both kills (24) and assists (32) was his first start in the goal. Jackson, who is one of 24 Division I athletes to tally 300 or more assists in a season, said that he's been "so focused on our team's success that he's not even thinking about his stats." The Long Beach State native said that he's been focused on the team's success and the overall goal of making the NCAA tournament.

Jackson said that he's been working hard on his serve and reception skills, which he believes have improved significantly. "I've been working really hard on my serve, and that's been paying off," he said.

The team is currently ranked 13th in the AVCA poll and needs to win at least one more match to secure an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. The team will face UC Irvine on Thursday and UC Davis on Saturday. The winner will advance to the NCAA tournament.

"We're ready to race," Reid said. "We're ready to take the field and give our best effort, regardless of the opponent."