The ringing sound heard by the Cal Poly community every hour is not from bells. It is a recording of the Westminster Abbey bells in England.

Cary Conrady
MUSTANG DAILY

Every hour, from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m., the sound of brass bells can be heard across campus, emanating from the clock tower by the Business and Education buildings. However, the "heartbeat" of Cal Poly is not produced by real bells; it is simply a recording of bell sounds.

Built in 1942, the clock tower was sans bells for more than 10 years. In 1953, Cal Poly purchased a mechanical "carillon" system for $6,270. Imitating the sound of the bells in Westminster Abbey in England, the system was stored in a tiny basement room below the Education building.

The sound of bells were made by strikers hitting metal plates, similar to a xylophone. Like a piano player, rolls of punched paper told the strikers which notes to play. A microphone picked up the tones, which were then amplified from the right speakers in the tower.

Unlike now, the clock tower used to play more than just the chiming of bells. On special occasions, the system was used to play holiday, religious and patriotic music. The amplifier system could also be used to make announcements. Clubs and organizations would use the amplification system to make campus-wide announcements from the tower. However, as the campus expanded, the center of activity shifted from the clock tower area to the University Union Plaza and the use of the tower faded.

About 10 years ago, Cal Poly upgraded the amplification system, replacing the mechanical system with an electronic system.

"What you hear now is a recording of the old mechanical chimes," explained technician Pete Woodworth. "The system is on a timer, programmed to ring every hour."

Some Cal Poly students wonder why the clock tower doesn't have real bells, like UC Santa Barbara's Storke Tower, which is home to 61 bells. Most of those students think the electronic system doesn't sound like the real thing.

"You can tell it's a recording," engineering junior Bryan Davenport said.

"Yeah, it definitely sounds like a recording. Sometimes I can hear the strikers moving out," engineering junior Ryan Jefferson agreed.

Woodworth guessed that Cal Poly chose mechanical and electronic bell systems, as opposed to actual brass bells "because of the cost," he said.

"To have the same type of sound would take at least 25 bells that would weigh 79,464 pounds and cost thousands more than the newer electronic systems.

So next time you hear the bell tower chiming, releasing you from a two-hour lecture, try to pretend that you're really hearing the bells of Westminster Abbey in England, as opposed to a recording amplified from the basement of the Education building.
Ibrahim Barrak

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The Palestinian president suspended peace talks Sunday in Israel brushed off international criticism and vowed to press ahead with its Gaza offensive until militants halted rocket attacks.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said an even broader Gaza operation was possible, aimed at crushing militant rocket squads but also to "weaken the Hamas rule, in the right circumstances, even to bring it down."

The Palestinian death toll rose to 21, bringing the number killed to 130, since the latest bout of fighting erupted on Wednesday, according to Palestinian medical officials and militant groups. At least 54 Palestinians and two Israelis were killed on Sunday, the single deadliest day in more than seven years of fighting.

The Gaza onslaught has failed to protect southern Israel, where residents have faced repeated rocket attacks since 2001. Gaza militants fired more than 25 rockets at southern Israeli Sunday, the military said, scoring direct hits on houses in the city of Ashkelon and the town of Sderot. Nine Israelis were injured, rescue services said.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said peace talks with Israel had been halted.

"For the time being, the negotiations are suspended because we have so many funerals," he said. It was unclear when talks, relaunched last November at a U.N.-hosted summit, would resume.

The violence clouded an upcoming visit by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The Israeli and Palestinian leaders have set a December target for concluding a final peace deal. But instead of promoting peace, Rice will likely spend her visit this week trying to put out the latest fire.

The Bush administration demanded a halt to the fighting.

"The violence needs to stop and the talks need to resume," Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for the National Security Council, said in Texas.

Before Sunday dawn, Israeli aircraft sent missiles slamming into the empty offices of Gaza's Hamas prime minister, Ismail Haniyeh. No one was hurt, but the attack was seen as a tough message to the Hamas leadership, which has refused to halt rocket barrages at a growing swath of southern Israel.

After nightfall, Israeli aircraft struck targets around Gaza City's Shati refugee camp and at Jebaliya, further north, where a militant was killed and four were wounded, Palestinian security officials said.

The Israeli military said it fired at gunners in Jebaliya, hitting one person. It had no immediate comment on any attack on Shati.

Before midnight, Israeli moved additional ground forces and armored vehicles into northern Gaza, widening its area of operation about a mile, witnesses and Palestinian security officials said. Also, aircraft attacked two metal workshops in northern Gaza, wounding 10, they said.

The military said two weapons caches were hit and that the troop rotations were routine.

Eleven Palestinians, including a 21-month-old girl, were killed Sunday and 19 others died of earlier wounds or were found dead, Palestinian medical officials said.

The reduced casualty count may be the result of new measures imposed by Hamas. It told its fighters to use alleys for cover and avoid moving in large groups, ordered school-closed and set up roadblocks to keep civilians out of battle zones. In recent days, schoolchildren had left their studies to watch the fighting. The order forced children to stay at home.

The unrest spilled over to the West Bank where Israeli security forces tried to stop TV crews filming and clubbed protesters, said Mr. Barak, who called on Israel to suspend its operations.

"Nothing will prevent us from continuing operations to protect our citizens," he said. "No one has the moral right to prejudge us for taking the elementary step of self-defense."

Ornstein, commenting on the suspension of talks, said "attacking Hamas strengthens the peace." On Sunday, Hamas launched more than 1,000 rockets at Israel.

"If there is to be any real progress, the Palestinian leadership, the one with whom we want to achieve peace, also understands that," he said.

Israel regularly clashes with Gaza rocket squads, but it intensified its operations last week after militants fired salvos into Ashkelon, a city of 120,000 11 miles north of Gaza, by targeting a center like Ashkelon, only 25 miles from the metropolis of Tel-Aviv. Hamas raised the stakes by adding precision on international leaders to respond.

In Sderot, the town nearest Gaza which has suffered most of the rocket attacks over the past seven years, daily life has become almost unbearable. The rockets have killed 13, wounded dozens and caused millions of dollars in damage.

Eyah has cooperated with an Israeli blockade of Hamas in Gaza but opened its sealed border crossing with the territory Sunday to allow some of the Palestinian wounded access to medical care.

Eyah sent 27 ambulances to the Rafah crossing to transfer 182 to 260 wounded, said Israeli Rabbis, a medical official at a hospital in el-Arish, near the Israeli border.
"If you could time travel, where would you go?"

Compiled and photographed by Donovan Aird

ANCIENT GREECE, because I studied abroad there, and all I saw was rocks. I'd want to see it in its heyday. — Susan Chmelir, business senior

"The 1960s or the '70s. There were so many interesting things going on at that point of time — it was a whole different atmosphere." — Clint Hebrew, electrical engineering senior

"The early 1990s, without all the technology we have now. It was just simpler." — Amber LeBrun, industrial engineering freshman

"I'd want to go to ancient Rome to see how it looked in its heyday, and to go to all the historical events that happened in that time." — Christina Chiappe, social sciences senior

STATE

GLENDALE (AP) — John Ritter's widow has resumed testifying in a wrongful-death lawsuit against two of the actor's doctors. Amy Yasbeck returned to the stand in Glendale Superior Court on Monday and told the jury about the actor's ebullient personality and devotion to his children.

The testimony is intended to support claims for $67 million in damages against a radiologist who performed a body scan on Ritter two years before his death and a cardiologist who treated him the day he died in 2003.

GRASS VALLEY (AP) — A 43-year-old Grass Valley woman is facing two misdemeanor charges for allegedly serving wine and vodka at a sleep-over party she held at her home for a high school girls varsity basketball team.

School officials suspended 10 players from the Bear River High School team for 30 days in January, ending their season early. The Nevada County district attorney's office said the party took place at Nicole Frances C'fsterholt's home in December.

She is facing charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors and providing alcohol to minors.

NATIONAL

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A man opened fire at a Wendy's restaurant around lunchtime Monday, killing one person before committing suicide, authorities said.

The shooter wounded at least three others. They were in critical condition, said Palm Beach County sheriff's spokeswoman Teri Barbera.

WOODINVILLE, Wash. (AP) — Frets gutted three multimillion-dollar model homes in a Seattle suburb on Monday, and authorities found a sign purportedly left by eco-terrorists that mocks claims that the homes were environmentally friendly.

"Built Green! Nope Black!" said the spray-painted sign that bore the initials of the radical environmental group Earth Liberation Front.

CHICAGO (AP) — Car crashes are the leading cause of death for tweens and teens, and a new study outlines some of the most dangerous circumstances. Riding unbuckled with new teen drivers on high-speed roads. These were the three biggest risk factors contributing to car crash deaths of passengers aged 8 to 17, the study found.

INTERNATIONAL

EMBAKASI VILLAGE, Kenya (AP) — Dozens of people with assault rifles and machetes stormed a village in western Kenya early Monday, killing at least 13 people, including six children, police said. Some were burned alive in their homes.

National Police spokesman Eric Kiraithe said the attack in Embakasi village was over land, not the country's disputed Dec. 27 presidential election, which unleashed weeks of nationwide bloodshed.

Rabson Mbuya, who said his wife, three children and housekeeper were killed, said he was patrolling the area as part of his job in the police reserve when the attackers came.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide car bomber attacked a U.S. base in eastern Afghanistan Monday, collapsing a guard post with American soldiers inside, an Afghan official said. Three NATO soldiers were wounded, a U.S. military official said.

Two Afghan policemen also were wounded in the attack, said Lutfullah Babakarheil, a district chief. The attacker in the eastern Khost province rammed the explosives-laden car into the gates of the U.S. military base in Yakobs district, Babakarheil said.
Palestinians say they know when an Israeli drone is in the air: Cell phones stop working, TV reception falters and they can hear a distant buzzing.

They also know what's likely to come next—a devastating explosion on the ground.

Palestinians say Israeli pilotless planes have been a major weapon in its latest offensive in Gaza, which has killed nearly 120 people since last week.

"Our experience is that the drone missile is successful in hitting its targets, and it's deadly," said Dr. Mahmoud Assali, a Palestinian physician who works in the emergency room of a northern Gaza Strip hospital that has often treated Palestinian gunmen hit by Israeli drones.

"The drone has a zone of around 15 meters (50 feet) where it decimates everything. It targets people and leaves them in pieces," Assali said.

Israel is at the forefront of the drone technology that is increasingly being used in hotspots around the world. The unmanned craft provide a deadly and cost-effective alternative for armies to target enemies, without risking their own pilots' lives and reducing civilian casualties in heavily populated areas.

The unmanned craft are guided by remote control from the ground. Because of their small size and relatively low speed, their low-yield missiles can be aimed precisely.

The use of drones is shrouded in secrecy, and Israeli defense officials refuse to comment publicly on whether they are being used in airstrikes in Gaza. However, Israeli officers in private conversations have confirmed use of the weapons.

Wary Gaza militants using binoculars are on constant lookout for drones. When one is sighted overhead, the militants report via walkie-talkie to their comrades, warning them to turn off their cell phones and remove the batteries for fear the Israeli technology will trace their whereabouts.

A militant from the southern Gaza Strip who belongs to the Islamic Jihad group said drones were mostly used to target individuals, not structures. He said they often hovered at much higher altitudes than manned aircraft and their missiles were frequently more destructive, leaving deep gashes where they landed.

The militant said the drones usually targeted slow-moving targets, like people walking, or cars slowing down to avoid potholes in a road.

"It looks like it makes small circles in the sky, but before it's about to fire a missile, it slows down," the militant said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he feared being identified by Israel. "It's not like any other plane. You don't see the missile leaving, it's very quiet."

Darran Kemp, an aviation desk editor at Jane's Defence Weekly, said Israel is probably the first country in the world to use unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs, for both surveillance and to fire missiles. Israel is a world leader in the field and "capable of doing everything from the very small to the very large," he said.

He said drones were likely more accurate, cost-effective and safer than manned F-16 fighter jets and Apache helicopters.

"The key thing in a UAV is it does missions that are dull, dirty and dangerous," Kemp said.
Butternut Squash Soup

1. Heat oil in a Dutch oven or oven-safe casserole dish over medium heat. Add bacon and cook, stirring occasionally, until it is crisp and most of the fat has been cooked off, about 10 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon, add meat and turn heat to medium high. Cook, turning cubes as they brown and sprinkling them with salt and pepper until meat is brown and crisp all over, about 10 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon.

2. Turn heat to medium, and add onions, thyme, bay leaves, garlic, parsley, and more salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally until onions soften, about 5 minutes. Add wine and let bubble for a minute, then return meat to pan.

3. Cover and adjust heat so mixture simmers gently for half or quarters of an hour. The longer the better. When vegetables are soft, allow soup to cool slightly, either blend or mash to desired consistency. Add salt and pepper to taste.

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5. Stir in a dollop of Mascarpone cheese and garnish with chopped chives.

* Mascarpone is an Italian cheese similar to sweet cream cheese and adds a wonderful creaminess to the soup.

Comfort in the kitchen

If there's one thing I love more than eating, it's talking about food. And I don't just mean like, "Oh, that's yummy." I'm talking full-on, in-depth discussions on the complexities of a well-made Reise's Pure Butter Cup to hour-long debates on whether Tom Keller's A.D. Hest restaurant is a true expression of his vision.

I grew up in the kitchen under my mom's feet, asking to help in whatever way I could. I remember being responsible for the toppings on her homemade pizzas and how green-gray I felt when she let me make the Christmas English toffee all by myself for the first time. The kitchen has always been a comforting place for me; it feels just like home.

Now that I've been on my own, the kitchen is still my favorite room in the house. I love playing Martha, and I jump at any opportunity to celebrate with food. And it's this time of year — the cold nights, early sunsets and rainy weather — that made coming home to a warm kitchen so great. Slow-cooked tender meat; rich, roasted root vegetables; and creamy, hot soups are all necessary.

One of my favorite comfort foods is Butoef Bourguignon. It's a rich beef stew cooked with wine. The traditional recipe is taught to culinary students as the archetypal example of French cooking. Cuts of beef are browned with crispy bacon, then cooked with wine, stock, vegetables and herbs. Small sweet onions and earthy mushrooms are then sautéed and added to the pot. The dish is thickened with flour, milk, the addition of the delicious, butter and honey finale to the dish.

My mother taught me how to cook this dish in her large dark blue Le Creuset Dutch oven — the first one she bought when she was broke and just out of college. She handed the pot down to me when I left for school, and it is my most treasured possession. I make this dish at least once a month, when the weather starts to cool down and I crave the Bourguignon's familiar, comforting aromas around each bite-sized piece of beef from cooking it in this well-used pan is unbeatable.

The bonus to this dish is that no pricey cut of meat is required. Some recipes suggest using filet, but I find that unnecessary. Other cuts are just as good and can be around one-tenth of the price. It's the perfect dish to begin and then leave alone while studying or relaxing. Plus, you will be amazed by the smells coming from your kitchen. It's a time-consuming meal to make, but it is also well worth it; I love to serve it with a toasty baguette and green salad to complement its heartiness. Moreover, it's better once you let it sit, and it makes amazing leftovers. For nights when I don't have much time but crave a warm, comforting meal, I love to make soup from seasonal vegetables I buy at Farmers' Market. There is a little restaurant in Yountville that makes the best butternut squash soup every winter. I missed it so much my first year at school that my roommate and I recreated the recipe, putting our own twist on it. Sweet potatoes make this dish tasty and hearty — the perfect complement to a homemade, grilled cheese or meat and sandwich.

So cozy up on these rainy nights and cook with some friends. These smells will bring you back home, no matter how far you are from Mom.

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Get free food & drinks with frequency cards

Do you love the smoothies at Lucy's Juice? Is Julian's coffee a morning ritual? Do you spend all your money on burritos at Veranda Cafe? It may be beneficial to look into frequency cards to use at select Campus Dining restaurants. Those are the cards that can be purchased with every purchase of a specified item; the punches collect on the card until there are 10, at which point the card can be redeemed for a free item.

The cards are designed to allow customers to save money when buying their favorite items on campus. Campus Dining offers frequency cards for use at five of its restaurants.

For Lucy's Juice, get a free smoothie with a purchase of any smoothie or large smoothie. Julian's offers a frequency card that can be used for any espresso drink or ice cream. Tapango's also has a "Favorite" card that can be purchased after buying a favorite item.

The newest frequency card is for Veranda Cafe... after 10 burritos, get the 11th free! To pick up a frequency card, visit the restaurants and ask the cashier for one. And while you're there, already, you might as well buy something... just don't forget to get the card punched!
Religion and Art: The collision of religion and film: A top 5 list

Michelle Norgan

Religion is a part of most human endeavors, and its role in film has grown as modern cinema has grown. When it comes to how modern cinema meshes with religion, there are many ways they tie together.

According to religious studies professor Stephen Lloyd-Moffett, there are at least three kinds of religious films, including "inspirational" films, films focusing on religious questions in a secular way, and films in which religion is the backstory for a character.

1. "Baraka": This film deals with humans in their natural environments, depicting how they live. It tells a story without narration, Lloyd-Moffett said. "It lets the images speak for themselves."

2. "Jesus Camp": This film is about a Christian children's camp, but it also deals with the relationship between religion and politics. "Much of the film focuses on how politics and religion are blending not just at the camp but in this whole country," said Brenda Helmbrecht, an English professor who teaches a class on religion and film.

3. "Bend It Like Beckham": Although this may not top everyone's list of good movies, it does fit into Lloyd-Moffett's third category of films (those that use religion as a backstory for a character). The film, the main character, Jess, wants to play soccer but battles her family's traditions and values, which are centered on their Hindu religion.

4. "Organ & Art": This film is a classic inspirational film that deals with the story of the Crown of Thorns. The film is about a young man who is determined to find the Holy Grail, not for his own benefit but for the benefit of others. "It's a common thread that ties together all the movies," Lloyd-Moffett said.

5. "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade": This film fits into the category of films that tackle religion from a secular perspective. But, like "Baraka," it is a documentary and also has the purpose of informing the viewer about a topic.

Once again, I feel that this film fits loosely into the category of films that tackle religion from a secular perspective. But, like "Baraka," it is a documentary and also has the purpose of informing the viewer about a topic.
Escaping the stress of everyday life ... through time travel

It's a normal day. You go to work, come home, eat dinner and go about your other daily activities. Now imagine that all of a sudden, everything goes fuzzy and you wake up in an alley in New York City in 1968 with no clothes, money or clue where you are.

This is the life of Henry DeTamble in Audrey Niffenegger's incandescent novel "The Time Traveler's Wife." It is the tale of a man who is born with a "chronotemporal disorder" that causes him to travel to different places throughout time. His wife, Clare, first meets him when she is 6 years old due to the numerous trips he takes back to see her. He cannot control where or to what time he goes, but he tends to go to places that make him feel safe when he's stressed in his current life. Henry's and his wife's story is told from two points of view: Henry's and his wife's. The prose switches between the two and changes dates frequently, but Niffenegger never loses the reader. The dates and ages of the characters don't matter except out of pure curiosity. There are events that are a mystery to the reader until much later in the book, when the story gets to the time in his life that he left. Though time is continuous and certain to humans, Niffenegger's strong writing can make anyone doubt the sureness of time and place.

Clare finds herself in love with a man who is three times her age and disappearing on a regular basis when she is only 9 years old. She sees him vanish in front of her eyes the first time she meets him only to realize that he's not lying about time travel. She has to wait 18 years to actually meet the Henry of real time, who is eight years older than her. The stress of time-traveling on Henry transfers to Clare and the reader. Due to Niffenegger's strength with emotional writing, both characters are understandable throughout the story. It is a perfect novel that emotionally, it is easier to understand the situation and their relationship. It makes sense that Clare is completely in love with Henry regardless of what happens to him and that Henry would do anything to keep her happy.

The suspense of Henry's life keeps the audience reading, and their relationship keeps the reader invested in their story. It is a perfect novel that executes time travel believably and intriguingly, and I would recommend it to anyone who wants not just a good story but also an interesting time.

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to everyone. In Indiana, it is a way to save someone he loves; to his father, it's the ultimate test of belief to the Nazis, it is just treasure. This film is great because it adds a special little twist and keeps itself more interesting than most of the films fitting into this category. It actually explores the idea of faith and what one needs to truly believe in order to succeed, but this belief is different for every person. In that way, it reflects real life and in many ways keeps away from the stereotypical examination of faith.

These films are by no means the only good examples of how religion plays into modern film, but they are personal favorites. They each fit in a certain category of religious film but have their own unique way of doing so. The idea Helmbrecht raised — what you get out of a film has more to do with you than the film — is true of all these films, and explains why they appeal to me. Like them because something in them strikes a chord with me. Every person is different and will find a different meaning or emotion. Perhaps one reason why films deal with religion as often as they do is that it is a common thread throughout much of humanity. Whether you believe or don't, religion is something about which everyone has an opinion. Because of that, filmmakers can be almost guaranteed to reach every member of an audience.
The basics of sports nutrition

Nutrient

B vitamins 
(epecially B-12)

Reduced athletic performance

Increased risk of stress fractures

Calcium

Fatigue, amenia

Iron

How to get what you need

Try to eat two servings of meat, fish or eggs daily

Eat three servings of low- or non-fat dairy products each day

Eat iron-rich foods, such as chicken with a source of vitamin C to increase absorption

Some great snack ideas include: reduced-fat peanut butter on a multigrain cracker; a couple of pieces of low-fat string cheese and an apple; cottage cheese with pineapple; or a low-fat cheese in a whole-wheat pita.

Eat for recovery

When you finish a workout, many of your muscle fibers are damaged from exercise, your muscle food stores are low, and you’re at least slightly dehydrated. Proper nutrition is required to rebuild and refuel your muscles and re-hydrate your body. Specifically, you need proteins for tissue repair, carbohydrates to restock your muscles with fuel, and water to rehydrate.

The sooner you supply your body with these nutrients, the better; in the first hour after exercise, the muscles are able to use nutrients for recovery much more efficiently than at any other time.

Avoid common deficiencies

Athletes can suffer from a handful of nutrient deficiencies that may have negative consequences not only for their athletic performance but also for their general health. Fortunately, they’re all easily avoided with a balanced diet.

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Click it or lose it: Joseph’s story

On Oct. 26, 2007, I witnessed something life-changing. I saw someone roughly my own age die from a car accident. Joseph received fatal internal injuries that night — injuries that potentially could have been prevented if he had been wearing a seatbelt.

I should begin by explaining how I ended up on a deserted sideroad off Highway 46 at the scene of an accident. I was writing a profile piece on a paramedic for a journalism class and decided to go on a ride-along with him. I did not expect to see anything major that day, maybe minor chest pains or a little blood — not a “Code Red” situation.

It seemed to be over as fast as it began. We arrived on the scene to find a 22-year-old male lying on the ground surrounded by firefighters. He missed a curve in the road and drove his car off into the dried ravine and collapsed to the ground.

I watched in complete shock as a firefighter attempted to perform CPR. I will never forget how horrified that this young firefighter was trying to save someone his own age. Afterward I realized how short life can be and to make use of every moment I have.

Although I have always worn my seatbelt while driving, it was just a subconscious act. Passing the “Click It or Ticket” signs on the freeway never had an impact on me until that day in October — a seatbelt really could save my life.

According to the California Office of Traffic Safety, in 2005, about half (352) of the 716 unrestrained fatalities would have been alive today if they had been wearing their seatbelts. One simple action that takes virtually no effort could have saved their lives. Next time you get into your car, remember to “click it.” Do it for yourself, and do it for Joseph.

Jessica Ford is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily reporter and copy editor.

The worst part was watching his three friends, who were driving in a separate car, hear “He’s been pronounced.”

Changes in the future for the Kennedy Library

In future columns, I plan the works for the renovation and expansion of the Kennedy Library. Architectural plans were spring and fall helpful to develop program plans. These plans were shared with the Academic Senate and some members of ASI.

The next phase of the project will seek funding through a statewide bond issue probably in November 2009. Once that is approved, we can move on to the design and construction phases. With luck, all may be completed by 2013.

That long time to wait, so we will be introducing some modest improvements in the interim.

Michael Miller
Dean of Library Services

Disserve to cyclists

It’s always fun to flip through the annual “Best Five” issue. Occasionally, I even find something new. However, I have to comment on your bike shop results — you only listed two!

Every other category had a first, second and third place. Why only two bike shop category, apparently, the field wasn’t big enough. Of all the students you “surveyed,” were the only responses Arts and Foothill?

I pity the poor cyclists who haven’t discovered CBO on Monterey which offers mail-order selection and prices, and is the closest shop to campus. According to the California Office of Traffic Safety, in 2005, about half (352) of the 716 unrestrained fatalities would have been alive today if they had been wearing their seatbelts.

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leading Cal Poly in scoring and rebounding her junior and senior season, she has served as a volunteer assistant for the women's basketball team this season.

Mummaugh opined that Eggleston's added track experience stands to help her athletic prospects with European agents.

"I think her track participation will only enhance her opportunities," she said.

Eggleston said that during her junior year she was expecting her career in basketball to end after playing the game for 12 years, but when her final collegiate season ended in 2007, she felt far from relieved.

"The fact that I can't play at all now, it really hurts me," she said. "Now I realize I'll probably never stop playing basketball."

However, just because basketball is Eggleston's passion, she says that will not affect how well she performs this track season.

"I'll think about basketball when I know something for sure, but right now track is my No. 1 priority," she said.

The Cal Poly track and field team competes at the UCLA Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

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Jess of all trades, on the court and on the track

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Track may not be her first love, but it's definitely Jessica Eggleston's current love.

The former basketball star has just begun her last and most promising season for the Cal Poly track and field team, and already has several first-place finishes under her belt.

At the team's first meet of the season Jan. 21, Eggleston won the long and triple jumps against North Dakota State, helping the Mustangs come in first at Fargo's newly renovated Arnold Memorial Track.

It was a double header, the industrial engineering senior said, but she has the big plans for the rest of her season.

"I'm used to doing a lot in a small amount of time, so it's nice to start from a base — usually I have to do everything so quickly," said Eggleston, referring to the last four years she had to skip indoor track and go straight to outdoor track immediately after basketball season.

Although Eggleston's eligibility for basketball for running last year, she missed a season of track her sophomore year after she played out the basketball season with a torn meniscus. Thus, this year she is still eligible to run track and this will also be her first full track season.

"I'll think about basketball when I know something for sure, but right now track is my No. 1 priority."

— Jessica Eggleston
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