Student walking on campus hit by car

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A collision on campus between a pedestrian and vehicle resulted in one student being rushed to the hospital yesterday morning. The pedestrian was crossing the intersection of Highland and University drives at about 11 a.m., when she was hit by a vehicle making a left turn onto Highland Drive, witnesses said.

University Police Commander Lori Hashim said the Cal Poly University Police Department (UPD) is not releasing the name or condition of the student until her family is contacted, but the student is in the hospital for her injuries.

"The pedestrian was transported to Sierra Vista (Regional Medical Center) where she is being treated," Hashim said.

Industrial engineering graduate student Musa Mohamed was at the scene shortly after the accident occurred. Mohamed said he looked up when he heard the screeching of brakes and the squealing of tires.

The pedestrian was on the ground, and the driver got out of the vehicle to check on her before noticing his driver's side wheel was still on her foot, Mohamed said.

"Everybody just stepped for a couple of seconds," Mohamed said. "We were just shocked."

The driver backed off the pedestrian's foot, and then witnesses went to the pedestrian's side, Mohamed said.

He said he was shocked by the collision and the driver getting out of the vehicle.

"If you're a pedestrian, don't be on your cell phone or texting and watch out for traffic when crossing," University Police Commander Lori Hashim (standing on the right) said about preventing pedestrian/vehicle collisions.

Students pimpling their ride for California competition

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Behind the Farm Shop Building sits the old beat-up shell of a Buick LeSabre, with a green 80 painted on its side and the remnants of long empty beer cans scattered among the shabby interior. This car, a veteran to the racing world, will potentially compete in the 24 Hours of Lemons race Aug. 6 and 7 at the Thunderhill Raceway Park in Willows, Calif., for the newly formed Cal Poly Industrial Technology Racing Division.

The 24 Hours of Lemons race allows teams to fix up and build their own race cars, then race them for 24 hours straight until the cars break down. Christian Rheinisch, an industrial technology sophomore and president of the team, said the racetrack will be filled with more than 150 cars for the "endurance road course" style race.

"This thing is going to be a beast," Christian Rheinisch said about the Buick LeSabre the team will compete with at the 24 Hours of Lemons. "Most of the teams at Lemon are racing little BMWs or (Mazda) Miatas. This thing is 300 pounds loaded."

Christian Rheinisch said after traveling and becoming immersed in the racing culture, he wanted to start a team.

"When I got back from Germany, I kind of wanted to do some racing," Rheinisch said. "I used to stand at a bus stop and stare at all the experimental Mercedes and Porsches every morning when I went to school, (thinking) I really want to do something with this stuff, especially industrial technology. So, I figured I'd do this because this series is pretty much the cheapest way to get on a road course."

"With a part of the engine duct taped into place, and an interior nearly bare other than the remnants of a seat and rusting metal, the team has a lot of work ahead of them."

Russell Grammer, an industrial technology senior, said he joined the team because of the"cheapness."
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amount of blood.

"There was so much blood com­
ing from her ears," Mohamed said.

As the driver waited for police to
arrive, Mohamed said he was in just
as much in shock as everyone else on
scene. The driver even tried to help
stop some of the pedestrian's bleed­
ting, Mohamed said.

"He was just scared," Mohamed
said. "He tried to grab some napkins."

Industrial engineering senior Ty­
ler Hays was also nearby when the
accident occurred. Hays said he was
walking to a parking lot near Cam­
pus Market when he noticed the peo­
ple in front of him stopped walking.

Hays then saw the pedestrian "awkwardly laying on the ground", Hays said.

"There were actually a few people
who contributed pieces of clothing
to help," Hays said.

Even with a jacket for a pillow, the pedestrian continued to try to get
up. Hays said he kept her from moving until the police arrived
on scene a few minutes later.

"I stayed on the ground with her and kept her head down," Hays said.

Hays said the pedestrian was
"basically unresponsive," she was
unable to give her name or do more
than whisper to the police officers
on scene.

UPD is still investigating who is
at fault for the accident, and is not
releasing any further information
until after going over witness state­
ments, Hashim said.

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the team to work with power tools,
rather than a love of cars.

Gruener said there was only one
requirement for those wishing to
join the "fabrication" crew.

"Anyone who wants to work on
this (should) be updated on their
eruption boosters," Gruener said.

Paired with Rheinisch's racing
background, as well as the knowl­
dge of the other team members, such as agricultural systems man­
agement sophomore Cassie Durler
who said she has worked with cars
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Clash between Karzai and NATO escalates

Laura King
LOS ANGELES TIMES

President Hamid Karzai demanded Tuesday that the NATO force refrain from airstrikes on residential compounds, marking a sharp escalation in his long-running feud with Western commanders over the issue of civilian casualties.

The intensifying dispute came as Western military officials announced the death of a service member in a roadside bombing in eastern Afghanistan. Before the latest death, the website icasualties.org counted the deaths of 54 NATO troops in May, making this the deadliest month yet in 2011.

Karzai’s announcement followed a weekend airstrike in Helmand province that Afghan officials said killed 14 civilians, 11 of them children. The U.S. Marines’ command of the operation in his long-running feud with Western commanders over the issue of civilian casualties.

Karzai’s announcement was fired last year by President Obama after a profile in Rolling Stone magazine reported scouting remarks by some of the general’s aides about senior civilian officials involved in war policymaking.

McChrysalis battlefield guidelines included tight restrictions on air and artillery strikes with the potential to kill or injure civilians, except when troops were in direct and immediate danger.

This should be the last attack on people’s houses. Such attacks will no longer be allowed.

—President Hamid Karzai

House rejects raising debt limit with no spending limits

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The House of Representatives defeated a proposal Tuesday that would have raised the nation’s debt limit without any spending constraints, a vote called by Republicans to balance their case for steep budget reductions in talks with the White House.

The vote was 97-318, with seven Democrats voting “present.” Two-thirds support was needed for the measure to pass. Two months away from the deadline to raise the nation’s borrowing capacity, Republicans called it a no vote “absolutely essential” so the government could demonstrate its commitment to reining in spending.

“Americans across the country recognize that this wild spending spree the president’s been on the last two years has to come to an end, and it’s going to start here on the House floor where we’re finally going to invoke fiscal discipline,” Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., said during a floor debate Tuesday.

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“We are committed to reducing the deficit. That’s why we have moved so aggressively and seriously with these negotiations, why we’re encouraged by the fact that they have produced positive results so far,” Carney said. “The vote was a ‘useful exercise,’ Carney replied succinctly: ‘It’s fine.’ Obama will meet with the House Republican and Democratic caucuses separately this week.
New charges filed against five alleged 9/11 plotters

Carol Rosenberg

Guantanamo war court prosecutors filed fresh death penalty charges against five men for allegedly plotting the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, accusing the former CIA captives of murder, conspiracy and terrorism, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

Relatives of the nearly 3,000 people killed in the 9/11 attacks were notified of the pending death penalty charges on Memorial Day, said Army Lt. Col. Tanya Bradsher, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

The new charge sheet reflected a political setback for the Obama administration, which not only came in to office pledging that it would close the prison camps in southeast Cuba that today hold 171 foreign men as war prisoners but also decided after study to have a civilian judge and jury hear the 9-11 trial in New York.

Politicians and some 9-11 families protested the scheme, fearing both that a trial for the accused would make Manhattan an even greater al-Qaida target and that the accused may draw on greater due process in a federal court.

"The charges allege that the five accused were responsible for the planning and execution of the attacks on New York, Washington D.C. and Shanksville, PA that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001," a Defense Department announcement said. "Those attacks resulted in the deaths of nearly 3,000 people."

The five men charged were the same men as those charged at a military commission during the Bush administration.

This trial was ordered by the White House to be frozen in order to give a task force more time to study the case files of each Guantanamo captive.

They are:
- Khalid Sheik Mohammed, 46, Pakistani former al-Qaida operations chief who in 2007 bragged to a military panel at the U.S. Navy base that he ran the 9-11 operation "from A to Z;"
- Ammar al-Baluchi, 33, also a Pakistani, Mohammed's nephew, who once described himself to a military officer as a Microsoft-trained see Charges, page 5
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**Word on the Street**

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"I went to ATOG, and I left thinking I have to be a part of this," she said.

The Anthem consists of a traditional poetry slam, in which there are three rounds of poems from each poet. The master of ceremonies selects audience members at random to judge the poems, and then the winner is determined.

"Each of the poets featured is nationally ranked," business administration junior Jared Wiener said. "And the master of ceremonies, Steve Connell, won an international poetry slam."

Members of The Anthem team stressed that Cal Poly has a reputation of having a strong spoken word poetry scene.

"When people hear 'Cal Poly' or see our Cal Poly email addresses, they're instantly more interested," Urrutia said. "We have a really good reputation in the world of spoken word poetry."

With monthly poetry nights like...

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Strawberries are back in season

Heather Rockwood is a food science junior and Mustang Daily food columnist.

Welcome to dead week once again — and yet as you look outside, the world is anything but dead. The sun is shining bright, the hills are retaining a glorious green hue and the Central Coast is booming with fresh summer flavors.

This weekend, Arroyo Grande welcomed in the sensational strawberry with its 27th annual festival. For those of us who weren't lucky enough to attend, at least we can be comforted by the fact that strawberries are here to stay and aren't going anywhere in too much of a hurry — besides in my tummy that is.

Strawberry season in California can be extended with certain farming techniques, but typically, it is considered to be late May to mid-August. California produces approximately 1 billion pounds of strawberries a year — that's more than 80 percent of the U.S. strawberry crop. Clearly, this is a summer crop, and once it starts coming out to market, I know golden days at the beach are just around the corner.

I guess that means at least a day or two of sunburns from when I first hit the beach; try as I may even with sunscreen, I just can't seem to battle the sun's rays. Luckily, a quick mix of strawberry juice and honey rubbed on your skin will reduce sunburn.

I don't need to spend much time trying to convince you the flavor of these little rubies is detectable. More than 90 percent of American households consume strawberries each year. There is a reason the strawberry flavor made its way into the world renowned chocolate vanilla combination, now called Neapolitan: the world agrees strawberries are scrumptious.

If you already know you want the tantalizing taste of strawberries dancing on your tongue, the decision now becomes which strawberries will provide the best tasting experience.

Strawberries do not ripen after they have been picked from the vine, so look for deep red berries with no pale or yellow spots — which are signs the fruit will be sour and less nutritious dense. Also, look for strawberries with the green caps still attached.

Storing strawberries in the fridge will keep them for a few days, but to receive the most nutritional benefit you should consume the picked fruit within two days. Waiting more days to consume the fruit will not result in safety concerns, but after two days, there will be a significant reduction in the available nutrients. So, keep it fresh and buy only enough to eat within a two-day time period. Also, keep in mind that because strawberries are fairly perishable, they shouldn't be washed until right before you are ready to eat them.

There are even more reasons to put strawberries at the top of your grocery list. Strawberries are also known to help reduce the risk of heart attacks and cancer. One serving of strawberries (eight berries) has more vitamin C than an orange, so these little berries seem to be the overachieving summer school students that have more to offer than you could imagine.

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ATOG, it's understandable that Cal Poly is so well-known in the world of slam poetry.

But, Wiener said, The Anthem doesn't just draw in regulars of ATOG. "It's a long-standing tradition of (The Anthem) being the event that gets people into spoken word poetry," he said. "It's definitely not just the people who go to ATOG all the time, and anyone will be able to find something they love."

Getting the word out for the event has been a time consuming process. Software engineering sophomore Mark Lerner worked with a street team to put stakes throughout campus and plaster the University Union Plaza and surrounding areas with posters and flyers. But the street team, he said, doesn't do the event justice. "It's a really challenging thing to explain," he said. "You have to experience it once, then you'll love it. Then you keep coming back."

This year is journalism freshman Aryn Sanderson's first experience with The Anthem, but she said she's excited for what the event holds. "I've always had a love for slam poetry," she said. "There's something really cathartic about it. Listening to someone rip their heart out like that is really beautiful and inspiring."

The night of inspiration is never the same as the year before, Urrutia said. The poets vary year to year, and the themes presented change constantly. "It's different every year," he said. "It's a whole new set of poets, who have different styles and different backgrounds. Just because you've been to one slam doesn't mean you've been to all of them."

Wiener said a poetry slam is "half of the experience of some­thing like this is the content, the other half is performance," he said. "But what's amazing is how the po­ets feed off the audience, and the audience feeds off the poets."

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"It's got more of a hip-hop influence; it's beat-based. This isn't your E.E. Cummings or anything like that."

— Jared Wiener
Business administration junior

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Avala this summer, I definitely could use a workout session or two, but after dead week and finals I'm just a tad tired.

This summer as you try to com­mit to a real workout plan for a brand new beach body, it will be helpful to remember that strawber­ries are a good source of nitrate, which has been shown to improve blood flow, especially to muscles, thus reducing muscle fatigue and making exercising a little easier and a lot more enjoyable.

As you finish the last quarter, for some of you the last two weeks of your college experience, I hope you let the light of these little berries bring you peacefully into the pros­perity of summer.

Strawberry Aqua Fresca

Ingredients
- 1 c. water
- 1 c. fresh cut strawberries
- Juice from one fresh lemon or lime
- Mint (optional)

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Obama leaves immigration unattended

Andres Oppenheimer is a Latin America correspondent for the Miami Herald.

There is nothing astonishing about the fact that President Barack Obama, Republican critics claim, is taking U.S. Hispanics for a ride on immigration issues. What is surprising is that some of Obama’s closest Democratic allies are beginning to say the same thing.

Virtually all Hispanic Democrats in the U.S. Congress — they include the only Hispanic Democratic senator, Bob Menendez of New Jersey — are stepping up their criticism of Obama for not doing more on the immigration front.

Last week, I was amazed by what I heard from Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez, a Democratic congressman from Chicago — the president’s hometown — and longtime Obama backer. Gutierrez was visiting Miami as part of a national tour to denounce Obama’s immigration stand, saying that he is playing games with Hispanics by claiming to be fighting for a comprehensive immigration reform, while not doing anything to stop massive deportations of people who shouldn’t be deported.

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Crocke, Radeke named to first team

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Center fielder Bobby Crocker led the Mustangs with a .339 average this season.

Outfielder Bobby Crocker and pitcher Mason Radeke were selected to the 2011 Big West All-Conference first team Tuesday, along with three Mustangs selected to the second team and two selected as honorable mentions.

Starter Steven Fischback, reliever Frankie Reed and closer Jeff Johnson received Big West second-team honors, while infielder J.J. Thompson and shortstop Mike Miller were selected as honorable mentions.

Crocker led the Mustangs in hitting for the second straight year. Crocker hit .339 this season, to go with 13 doubles, a triple and five home runs. He finished with 16 multiple-hit games and five multiple-RBI contests.

Radeke finished the season 8-4 with a 3.07 ERA. He led the Big West in strikeouts looking with 41 and was second in wins (8) and strikeouts (95) and fourth in innings pitched (99.2).

Among the second-team honorees, Fischback posted a 7-3 record and 3.33 ERA in his final year with the Mustangs. He was named Big West Pitcher of the Week after tossing a five-hit complete game against Cal State Fullerton on April 23, his first career win against a top-25 team, and two weeks later, allowed three runs and nine hits in eight innings for another top-25 win against No. 23 UC Irvine.

Fischback's second complete game came against UC Davis on May 16, where he racked up a career-high 13 strikeouts. Overall, he recorded 77 strikeouts in 92 innings.

Reed led the Mustangs with 25 appearances on the mound and posted a 1-3 record and 4.86 ERA with 45 strikeouts in 37 innings. Johnson had five saves and two wins, compiling a 1.63 ERA, while holding batters to a .158 opponents' batting average.

Thompson hit .291 this year, with 12 doubles, one home run and 15 RBIs, starting 47 games — 18 at third base, 13 at shortstop and 16 at first base.

Miller was one of two Mustangs with an average above .300. He hit .306, after missing 13 games, six due to a wrist injury and seven due to illness, He also had nine doubles, one triple and 23 RBIs with seven stolen bases.

Cal State Fullerton junior first baseman/closer Nick Ramirez was named Big West player of the year, Cal State Fullerton's Michael Lorenzen earned Big West freshman player of the year, Cal State Fullerton's Dave Serrano earned coach of the year honors.

Other awards were presented to UC Irvine starting pitcher Matt Summers (Big West pitcher of the year), UC Irvine's Brian Hernandez (Big West defensive player of the year) and UC Riverside's Dylan Stuart (Big West Freshman pitcher of the year).

The big three showed they have enough talent to beat the Dallas Mavericks. With 20-point plus performances from LeBron James and Dwayne Wade, the Miami Heat downed Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavericks Tuesday night, 92-84, in Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

Jaxson led the Heat with 24 points, while Wade posted 22. Behind James and Wade, Chris Bosh had 19 points and nine rebounds. Nowitzki led the Mavericks with 27 points and eight rebounds.
Volleyball aims for redemption next season

The Cal Poly volleyball team went 22-7 (12-4 Big West) and finished tied for second in the conference last season.

J.J. Jenkins
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Last November, the Cal Poly volleyball team walked off the court following a 3-1 victory over UC Davis. The team won seven of its last eight matches and most, including head coach Jon Stevenson, believed the Mustangs were headed to the NCAA Tournament.

But the selection committee passed over the Big West runner-ups in favor of Long Beach State, which Cal Poly defeated twice, and the Mustangs, along with freshman libero Marianne Gera, were left out of the postseason.

"(Getting rejected) really motivates us," Graven said. "We were really annoyed and thought we should have been in the tournament, but it's been the motivation we need to go out and win conference this year so there is no one deciding our fate."

The absence of Graven in 2011 might give the Mustangs reason for concern, but AVCA All-American Jennifer Keddy and Olowolafe, but next year's senior captain actually matched Keddy for kill last fall and will look to do so again.

Driven by the NCAA tournament committee's rejection, Smith said leading the Mustangs to the postseason is within reach in 2011.

One key to not being left out of the postseason for a second time is earning a higher RPI, a ratings system used to help the selection committee determine NCAA tournament fields. Stevenson said the team has some big matches scheduled against power teams in the spring.

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Stevenson said he is happy with the progress his team made under Wood's direction.

"Our team did a good job of attacking then acquiring the skill, the knowledge (necessary to be successful) and then really going all in, in terms of their strength and conditioning," Stevenson said.

"He was particularly pleased with Wood's work in planning individualized workout schedules that allowed each team member to maximize their offensive workouts.

In particular, Stevenson said Graven, who was American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Region Freshman of the Year, will come back stronger this year because of this training.

"Graven really benefited from her strength and conditioning," he said.

"Not that she was weak, she just got more powerful. I felt that there was not a better outside hitter than I saw in the spring."

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Although, getting in a position to compete with the best teams in the nation is more aggressive replacing libero Alison Mort, which will come in the form of junior Lauren Law, who handled much of the digging duties with Mort and Sarah Ciawurse last season, has plenty of experience and should take a more active role next year.

Smith also said freshman middle blocker Marianne Gera is one player to watch out for in 2011. Gera has been practicing extremely well as of late filling in the spot normally occupied by Olowolafe and could be poised to make a difference in the upcoming season, Smith said.

Other returners include Holly Franks, whose 139 kills put her behind Olowolafe in that category, and Molly Pon who only played in 18 matches but matched Gera with 33 kills.

A key date for the Mustangs is Oct. 22 when they will face defending Big West champions Cal State Fullerton after the Titans were the only team in conference to defeat Cal Poly twice in 2010.

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