Athlete indicted for manslaughter

By Andrea Corder and Graham Wolmack

A Cal Poly baseball player was indicted on charges of manslaughter by a Honolulu grand jury Wednesday as the result of a 2001 car accident in Hawaii that killed a 32-year-old woman.

Business administration junior Nicholas Tudisco, who was 18 years old at the time of the accident, was charged after being accused of racing his 1999 Honda Prelude with another car, losing control and colliding with a Ford Aerostar van, killing teacher Elizabeth Kekoa.

Tudisco, a Honolulu native, made admissions to investigators that he had been racing. He was accused of driving at speeds of more than 100 mph in a 50 mph zone on the H-1 Freeway in Kaimuki, Hawaii.

Tudisco, whose bail was set at $100,000, will either voluntarily turn himself in or be extradited back to Hawaii. Executive assistant to the prosecutor Tom Fulton said he could receive up to 20 years in prison. A preliminary hearing will not be set until he is returned to officials in Hawaii.

Tudisco could face both athletic and academic repercussions at Cal Poly, since administrators verify the charges against him, which could come as early as today, according to athletic director Allison Cone.

"We have a department policy that says if you're accused of criminal misconduct, you may be suspended and that decision is made by the athletic director and the provost," Cone said.

Cone learned of the charges from reporters at KCOY-TV, who called close to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Kekoa, who sat in the front seat while on her way to church, was in the van with her husband and mother, who were both injured in the accident. Tudisco was not hurt.

Initially, Tudisco was arrested on charges of suspicion of second-degree homicide, according to the Honolulu Advertiser. He was given a breathalyzer test, which turned up negative. He was released without being charged, pending investigation.

Kekoa's husband, Wall, had filed civil charges against Tudisco and his parents in March of 2002. The suit alleged that Wall was injured in the accident. Tudisco was not hurt.

By Randi Block

Tax help available for students

By JoAnn Sanders

Midterm Anxiety?

By John Sanders

The fifth week of winter quarter means that the academic year is halfway finished; but before students can celebrate they must first get through another set of midterms. Sometimes coping with or trying to overcome the mid-term slump can be difficult. For that reason, and many more, Cal Poly offers two resources on campus where students are welcomed daily to talk about their problems.

The Cal Poly Counseling Center and the Peer Health Education Center offer professional and peer help for issues facing Cal Poly students.

Depending on the severity of their issues — alcohol or drug abuse, sex, depression or anxiety — a student has a choice to talk to students or professionals. The services are free to students and adhere to a strict rule of confidentiality.

Elie Axelrod, a Counseling Center psychologist of 20 years, said students come in the center for a variety of reasons, the most common related to anxiety and depression. Causes include unhappiness with one's major, relationships ending, communication problems or simply a susceptibility to depression.

"There is a lot of anxiety in our culture so it's understandable that students are feeling well, pretty anxious," Axelrod said.

Peer Health Education offers three different programs for students. The E.R.O.S. program which stands for Education Resources on Sexuality, gives presentations and educates students about different topics such as HIV/AIDS, contraception and sexually transmitted infections. In addition, there is a Nutrition Team, a Thoughtful Lifestyle Choices Team and a resource center known as A.S.K. Poly that provides student access to health and wellness information from computer software programs. Each program is student operated.

Speech communications senior and E.R.O.S. team coordinator Laura Dole has worked at the Peer Health Education Center for the past year. Dole said she feels there is less pressure for students to come in to the center.

By Stacey Kveton

Events Calendar

List of upcoming activities on campus

What: VITA Community Tax Service Free income tax return preparation and assistance for low income taxpayers (income less than $35,000) provided by trained and qualified Cal Poly accounting seniors.

When: Every Saturday, Jan. 31-March 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the third-floor computer lab in the business building.

What: Reflections The Cal Poly Orcheas Dance Company's 34th annual concert with new work from guest choreographers. This year's program will feature a variety of dance styles, including ballet, modern, hip hop and Mexican folkloric dance.

When: Friday, Saturday and Feb. 5 to 7, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.

Where: Cal Poly Theatre

What: More Info: Call Janice Carr at 756-1488

What: Press: Kimberley Johnson, EROS team peer counselor, talks to a student at the Peer Health Education Center on campus.

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By Don Babwin

CHICAGO — R. Kelly won't be mingling with Michael Jackson during next month's Grammy festivities. A judge has ordered the R&B star, who is awaiting trial on child pornography charges, to stay away from the King of Pop himself facing child molestation changes when Kelly attends the awards.

The Chicago-based Kelly has produced two songs for Jackson in the 1995 hit "You Are Not Alone" and last fall's "One More Chance." Kelly is nominated for two Grammys at the Feb. 8 ceremony and had to get a judge's permission to attend the Los Angeles event. Jackson is not nominated for any awards and there was no indication that he even plans to attend the ceremony.

Prosecutors and Kelly's lawyers said they never raised the issue of a meeting between Jackson and Kelly during a hearing about Kelly's trial. Cook County Circuit Judge Vincent Gaughan ordered Kelly to declare on his own, they said. The judge could not be reached for comment.

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vining in more than 100 mph and had modified his car with "high-performance parts," according to The Honolulu Advertiser.

A transfer from Castra College, Tudisco was a quiet player known for his arm and moreover his speed. Having stolen 21 bases last year with Castra, Tudisco was expected to play a crucial role for the Mustangs.

He had just begun his first season at Cal Poly. After coming off the bench Friday and Saturday, in the season-opening series against University of San Diego, Tudisco started Sunday in left field, going 0-for-2 in the loss. He practiced Wednesday evening with Cal Poly, and assistant coach Jake Krukow said he noticed Tudisco's sad demeanor.

"He seemed a little depressed, very much to himself, didn't talk much," Krukow said. "Then again, he usually doesn't." However, Tudisco's teammates were unaware of his legal situation. His close friend on the left fielder Brandon Roberts said he didn't think anything was amiss when coach Larry Lee pulled Tudisco aside.

"I thought he was talking to him about his swing or some baseball thing," Roberts said. "It didn't seem like he was in trouble with the law." Teammates were then left to discern Tudisco's fate as he disappeared in the clubhouse for the remainder of practice to talk on the phone. "I didn't know a damn thing," right fielder Chalon Tetje said. "... He's just a really nice guy, and I didn't see him coming." Neither Tudisco nor Lee could be reached for comment.

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Teresa Rush, office manager for Counseling Services, said the center has seen roughly 550 students a year. As a parent who has a child at school she said she is glad that there are counseling services available on campus.

"As a parent I feel more comfortable knowing that there are counseling services because a counselor can be more objective as a parent or friend who is more emotional," Rush said.

Rush said she also understands the stigma that is associated with students or other people seeking professional counseling services.

"I think the smarter students come in. They are the ones that are more confident to ask for help," Rush said.

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by a diamond and shut her up for a day. But show her the real meaning of commitment and she'll never forget it.

The gift of a promise ring, or pre-engagement "ball and chain," implies that love between two people will last a lifetime. It can be a reminder to the wearer not to dishonor the memory of a monogamy for a hot hook-up. The ring giver assures that his uncertain future will no longer be plagued by the search for Fremont.

The promise ring symbolizes all the things a great relationship should have — trust, love, and, of course, if these qualities exist outside of the ring, there's no point in buying one just to placate the woman's "need." By simply putting effort into the relationship, both parties make it obvious that there is a future.

Some women think the promise ring is like evidence in a trial — necessary to prove to the jury he is, in fact, in demand of a ring. It's just delayed by lack of money or a lack of foresight.

The promie ring promises that there will eventually be an engagement. It's a promise that the problem will disappear. Everyone falls for the romantic hero story, even at school.

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As the series progresses, her face begins to focus. You realize that you recognize her. She is not some aunt of the night,一轮轮地 Bilderbergers, or a distant relative of the KKK."

This is a reality show called 'Run,' and it is going to be a hit because it is about an Amish teenager getting an insane sugar high from a can of Coke. These television producers are going to force the Amish teens to go against everything they value, put them in situations that no doubt will be awkward for everyone involved, and create a little Amish drama for all of us to tune in and watch. The worst part is that the Amish teens have no idea the effect that their actions will have on television viewers. It's likely that these teens have never even watched television.

America will laugh at them, but will never embrace our common history. The idea that we could one day look back on the evolution of the United States of America and think of the Amish is absurd. They will be remembered as a people who lived in the past, not as a people who are still alive today.

End of story.

The one good thing that may come out of this deplorable and degrading series is that Americans will have to take a good, long look in the mirror. We are laughing at our fellow Americans, regardless of their views, because they are not like us. We will put them in situations that will make our viewers laugh, and then we will go back to our daily lives, none the worse for wear. But this series is a wake-up call for all of us.

The show will be a success. The ratings will soar. The show will be a huge hit. The Amish will come out of this series feeling ashamed of themselves, and the rest of us will feel good about ourselves.

The way this show will be marketed and sold is like a typical reality show: 'The Simple Life' and 'The Real World.'

The show will be competing with other reality shows like 'The Simple Life' and 'The Real World.' Really, all we're going to take away from this show is that the Amish are just like us, doing the same things we do, and that we should feel good about ourselves.

The end result is that we will continue to laugh at the Amish, and we will continue to treat them like second-class citizens. This is not a good thing, and it is not good for America.

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www.sunrisegrowers.com

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More than 50 years ago, we began with the name Valley Crest Landscape Nursery, we were a small neighborhood landscape retail nursery in North Hollywood in the booming San Fernando Valley. Landscape work was primarily done in yards. We became experts in building complete gardens involving ponds, waterfalls, fence overhangs and concrete, and developed expertise in tree moving as well as selling nursery products retail. In 2002, we decided to rebrand our entire company under the Valley Crest name. Our parent company is now named Valley Crest Companies, formerly Environmental Industries. Environmental Care has been renamed Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance and Environmental Golf has been renamed Valley Crest Golf Course Maintenance. Our landscape construction division is now Valley Crest Landscape Development, and Valley Crest Tree Co. will keep its same name.

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Election News

Kerry rolls over N.H. rivals

By Calvin Woodward

The opening acts behind them, Democrats transformed their presidential campaign into a national battle Wednesday with John Kerry fresh, from his New Hampshire win, ready to open an advertising blitz in all seven states that vote next and his rivals scrambling to stay competitive.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, campaigning in his native South Carolina in a crucial test of his candidates, voiced confidence he can improve on his fourth-place New Hampshire primary showing.

"Now we're going to places where I feel I will be very strong," he said Wednesday.

The first New Hampshire precursors reported Wednesday, affirming Kerry is the winner with 84,229 votes — 38 percent. Howard Dean placed second with 37,783 votes or 20 percent, and the lingering race for distant third ended in Wesley Clark's favor in a squeaker. He finished with 27,254 votes or 12 percent, only 899 votes more than Edwards, also at 12 percent.

Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman trailed with 18,829 votes, or 9 percent. Rep. Dennis Kucinich got 1,104 votes, 1 percent.

Edwards did not immediately stage a strong second place in the Iowa caucuses but pinned his hopes on the state of his birth.

"I'm going to win in South Carolina. I'm in this for the long haul," he said.

Aides said that NBC's "Today" show would interview him as a vice presidential candidate, he ruled it out. "No, No. Final. I don't want to be vice president. I'm running for president." He had as front-runner status.

Kerry, relaxed and beaming, told supporters before leaving New Hampshire to open the next stage of his campaign in Missouri, after a stop in Boston.

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‘Reflections’ of Passion

The annual Orchesis dance performance is more than just art. For the performers, it’s a way of life.

Story by Emily Wong
Photo Illustration by Nathan Caswell
Dance performance takes dedication, family commitment

Samantha Alquist put her heels on her hips and told her parents, "No, I'm a dancer!"

Dedication

Today, Amanda is proof of living a passion, a dream. Amanda, a political science junior, wakes up early on weekends and trains late on weekdays. She dedicates an average of 18 hours a week to dance. She has been dancing for 17 years, making her debut in a pre-school ballet class and culminating her experience in competitive dance in high school. This year, she joined Orchesis last year.

"Most of us have a lot of experience," Amanda said. "There is a mix of girls who have either grown up in dance studios or danced in high school, but the best part is that when we come together on stage you can't tell. We work well together."

Amanda is one of 28 women in the Orchesis dance company on campus. Members range in majors, from aerospace engineering to liberal studies, and include all class standings.

"Since there is no dance major at Cal Poly it's a non-competitive environment. Orchesis vice president and mechanical engineering senior Caren Carreiro said. "Here, we just do it out of love for dance. We are all different majors and have different dance interests."

Freshmen coming in to the program are able to seek advice from upperclassmen, and seniors have the opportunity to take on leadership roles.

"It was a great way to come in and have somewhere to belong right away," biology freshman Naomi Guy said. "It helped make the transition from high school to college easier because I still had dance."

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Performers in the Orchesis Dance Company earn four units for their participation in the troupe as they prepare for their annual performance. "Reflections" opens Friday. The addition of guest dancers only adds to the infrastructure of the Orchesis company.

"There is a lot more ballet in the show this year," knowledge junior Rebecca Haftler said. "There are two pieces on pointe."

All companies performing will perform in the final, which was composed by Los Angeles choreographers Darren and Shuler Randle to Joe Crocker's "With a Little Help From My Friends."

"The Rondels are famous for their professional work in both film and television, including choreography for 'Staying Alive' with John Travolta and 'Bagy' with Warren Beatty," Junco said in a press release.

The Orchesis dance concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's theatre and dance department, the College of Liberal Arts and the instructionally related activities program office. Tickets for "Reflections" are $10 to $12 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center ticket office. The performance will be held in the Cal Poly theatre. Show time is at 8 p.m. with Sunday's matinee at 2 p.m.

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Residents take it 'SLO' with personalized plates

By Leah Mori


Navarro and Electra make for more shocking, less funny reality couple. What Navarro and Electra do have over other teenie-bopper icons is their sense of commitment, the first time they have been interested in getting one.

Navarro, who was born and raised in the area, has worked for the DMV for 27 years. He does not have a person­alized plate and said she has never considered getting a personalized license plate," social science sopho­more Katrina Costa said. "Since I'm the only living here until I graduate, it doesn't make sense to get one, because when I move, no one will understand the meaning behind it. If other students or people who make the town their permanent home want to get them, it's a great way to show pride in where they live."

The process to acquire vanity plates can take up to 90 days. Applications can be submitted online at the DMV Web site, or at a local office. Plate fees can go toward special organizations. Whole tail plates fund coastal access trails, beach cleanups, wetland restoration and marine education in California. Wholesale plates support trail repair, habitat restoration, wildlife protection and more. California memorial plates support California's Armenian Fund and scholarships for children of Californians who died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

After the plates are reserved at the DMV or online, the request is sent to the DMV office in Sacramento where it is processed. From Sacramento it is sent to Folsom State Prison, which is the only California prison that manu­factures license plates.

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SACRAMENTO — Two state agencies are violating state law by delaying adoption of what would be the nation’s first drinking water standards for perchlorate, a component of rocket fuel that is spreading through the state’s groundwater, legislators said Wednesday.

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment was required to develop its public health goal a year ago, while the Department of Health Services’ deadline to set standards was Jan. 1.

"It’s time to get on with the job," said state Sen. Roni Short, D-Stockton, at a legislative hearing. "We’re time to get on with the job." She called perchlorate "the most widespread and serious public health problem facing water utilities today," and that it rapidly is becoming a concern to agriculture as the tainted water contaminates crops.

Tammam Sen, new secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency, said a 2002 court order required to develop its public health goal by his agency until a second review by University of California experts. That review was completed Jan. 12, and the EPA’s Environmental Health Hazard Assessment Office now has 60 days to complete its work, Tammam said. Once that goal is set, Health Services can set drinking water standards, he said.

Tammam’s timetable was disputed by Jagdhirdar of Environment California, who said there is no reason to delay a health goal that already has been adequately reviewed.

She and other environmentalists contend the defense industry wants to force further delay in development of standards and cleanup plans.

The Association of California Water Agencies joined the chemical industry in urging the state to wait for a study by the National Academy of Sciences later this year. Without that study, the state standard could be too low or too high, the association said.

Regulators should want “to get the science right,” said Craig Moyer, a lawyer and witness representing the chemical industry. “The idea of doing a delay tactic is ridiculous, when we’re talking about a period of a few months,” he said.

Environmental groups and lawmakers contended that the federal study could take two more years or longer.

California has a particular problem with perchlorate, which can cause thyroid disorders, because of its decades-long involvement with the defense industry, military and space programs.

The contamination has shut down hundreds of California wells that tap polluted groundwater, and spawned lawsuits from thousands of people who say years of drinking water laced with the chemical have caused cancers and other illnesses. Perchlorate also pollutes the lower Colorado River, the main water source for 20 million people across the Southwest.

A coalition of environmental groups this week wrote Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger asking for swift setting of drinking water standards, and warning that delay could hurt the state’s experts of vegetables, fruit and milk produced in polluted areas. The group’s letter noted Canada now requires perchlorate tests on produce from the Imperial Valley because crops there are irrigated by irrigation projects that tap polluted groundwater, the groups argued.

Setting state standards is a necessary step to require polluters — including the Department of Defense — to clean up the contaminated groundwater the groups argued.
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Comments

I want a Bllof for Valentine's Day!
By Hillary Schuler-Jones

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly men's basketball team may have lost its chance at a regular-season conference title with a loss to UC Santa Barbara on Jan. 17, but it hasn't lost its ultimate weapon against any remaining opponents: Mott Mania.

The phenomenon has become increasingly apparent at men's baseball games within the last few years, causing ordinary students to don Muscleman T-shirts and burst into spontaneous cheer.

"(The students) have created this culture and event every season," said head coach Kevn Bromler during a press conference Jan. 19. "I think they've created one of the best college environments in the Big West."

Nowhere was that enthusiasm more apparent than Mott Gym during the annual Cal Poly-USCB game, a popular source for fanatic frenzy — the Colosseum of Central Coast athletics.

During the 1999 season, the Mustangs beat the Gauchos on the court for the first time since 1998. Mott Mania started and exploded that game from the bleachers. With a final score of 66-63, the men's team walked away with the informal Central Coast championship. Mustang fans walked away a renewed sense of pride and USCBSL well, they just walked away.

This is a good group to work with," coach Larry Lee said with a victory in his nearview mirror Friday night. "They're better physically, mentally, a lot more internally, very self-motivated." Unfortunately, Friday night's success vanished faster than the Firebird K.I.T.T. from "Knight-Rider" on Saturday and Sunday. Putting forth an offensive display more

Commentary

Golden Graham

Flawless at home, winless on the road, Mustangs travel to Fullerton, Riverside

Mustang Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly women's basketball team, perfect at home with an 8-3 mark but still in search of its first win on the road this season, hits the road the week for the next two Big West Conference games, visiting Cal State Fullerton (4-12, 4-3) on Thursday and UC Riverside (4-12, 3-4) on Saturday.

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