Students donate dollars to fight disease

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A group of six Cal Poly political science students are capping off a week-long campaign of collecting donations today in order to provide vaccinations for the millions of children affected by the measles virus in Africa.

Begun on Oct. 21, the Measles Dollar Drive is headed by students from the POLS 332, global political issues class working in conjunction with Doctors Without Borders, a nonprofit, international humanitar­ian organization. They will have one last drive in the University Union Plaza to encourage students to donate as little as $1 — sufficient for one vaccine.

The measles virus, almost non­existent in the Western Hemisphere, thanks to safe and inexpensive vaccines, is still a major problem in developing countries. It affects more than 30 million children annually, killing more than half a million each year. In Africa, measles remains one of the leading causes of death among children, atop AIDS, tuberculosis and malnu­trition, according to the World Health Organization.

“We're very impressed with the project because donations go toward alleviating a serious ep­idemic in Africa,” said Erik Long, a political science professor and the project coordinator. “The drive is also impressive because of the financially low impact it has on the students who contribute — $1 is all it takes to vaccinate a child in Africa.”

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CSUs graduate more than ever

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was busier than ever last school year signing bachelor's and master's degrees for students in the California State University system.

A total of 87,680 students were awarded degrees from CSU campuses in 2005-06, a new report says. This is 3,692 more degrees awarded than in the 2004-05 school year.

"The increasing number of graduates is a reflection of rather dramatic influx of new stu­dents four to five years ago," said Jim Blackburn, CSU associate director for enroll­ment management services. "Starting in the late 1990s we saw the beginning trend of more students entering the educational system in gener­al—now these people are graduating."?

Bachelor's degrees saw the largest boost, going from 66,768 to 69,350, a four percent increase. Women were awarded nearly 66 per­cent of all bachelor's degrees, or 41,152, and made up nearly 63 percent of all man­ner's degrees awarded.

"It is a reflection of the CSU student bod­ies—all but three CSU campuses (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly Pomona and Cal Maritime) have a female majority. It has to do with the choices students make after graduating from high school," Blackburn said.

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The gained revenue from the tax increase would provide funding to qualified hospitals for emergency services, nursing education and health insurance to eligible children, according to the official title and summary prepared by the attorney general. ATR states that nearly 40 percent of the revenue would go to funding hospitals, but only 10 percent would go to preventing future cigarette sales and deterring children from picking up the habit. "This massive tax increase won't stop people from smoking," Norquist said in a press release. "It will only burn the already struggling California economy when consumers go to other states or to the black market to purchase affordable cigarettes."

Supporters for Proposition 86 say the tax increase will save lives and reduce smoking. According to the Web site www.props86.com, with its popular slogan "Stop Big Tobacco," the passing of Proposition 86 will stop the sales of 312 million packs of cigarettes per year and reduce healthcare costs. "Californians are currently paying more than $8 billion each year for the medical costs of preventable, smoking-related illnesses. That's $700 per family per year, whether you smoke or not."

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During the Homecoming game, the students working the Measles Dollar Drive booth, outside of the Spanos Stadium entrance, said that student donations were low as many seemed skeptical of the drive.

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Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly Pomona, and Cal Maritime have degrees that focus heavily in engineering, which attracts male students more than females. Blackburn said that student donations were out fast enough. "The report shows that the ethic diversity of bachelor's degrees and master's degrees increased sharply across the board, with Asian Americans and Latinos showing the largest increase. Ethnic groups in the CSU system mirror the demographics of the state at large, the report says."

The report also shows that nearly a third of all graduates in 2005-06 were between 25 and 29 years old. "The average age of CSU students approach 27 and 28 years old. Many CSU students are in their mid-20s, work 30 hours a week, while going to school," Blackburn said.

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo has a more "traditional age group" according to Blackburn, with a majority of students falling between 18 and 24 years old. According to a 2005 statistic, the average Cal Poly San Luis Obispo student is 21 years old.

The CSU is the largest system of senior higher education in the country, with 23 campuses, approximately 405,000 students and 44,000 faculty and staff. Since the system was created in 1961, it has awarded nearly 2.5 million degrees.
Investigation found more than 700 registered sex offenders on MySpace Web site

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EUGENE, Ore. — That new random friend you meet on MySpace might not be he or she says it is.

A recent investigation has found that registered sexual predators are visibly present on the popular social networking Web site.

Wired News entered the names of almost 400,000 registered sex offenders into a code search of MySpace.com’s more than 120 million-plus current users on the Web site. This summer, however, MySpace gave users the option of changing the settings so that their profiles are only visible to their friends on the network.

There are also inherent limitations on young people’s profiles. Anyone under the age of 14 must have a limited profile that only friends can view.

Cambra said some of her college friends that use MySpace have registered themselves as young teens in the past to prevent strangers from being able to look at their profiles before the recent privacy changes took effect.

University junior Sara Parker said she has been careful with friend requests since she began using the Web site as a freshman.

“I don’t accept people I don’t know for my own safety,” she said.

The Eugene, Ore., Police Department has used MySpace as a resource for tracking down sexual predators, Sgt. Kathy Flynn said.

Though Flynn said MySpace can’t use online conversations with potential victims as direct evidence toward a conviction, it can be used as a “tool” for gathering information about a suspect.

“Fortunately for me, there wasn’t anything that was going to set me back a year.”

—David Babka
aerospace engineering freshman

“Though I can’t accept that,” Cambra said. “Now you can get so much closer to someone’s life than you ever could.”

And though many of her male friends also get friend requests from people they don’t know, she said, she still feels more at risk to online predators.

“It’s more likely it will happen to a girl,” Cambra said.
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SANTA ANA (AP) — Five members of a family accused of scheming to send sensitive information about Navy warships to China were indicted Wednesday on new conspiracy charges, prosecutors said.

The federal grand jury indictment added counts of conspiracy to export U.S. defense articles to China, possession of property in aid of a foreign government and making false statements to federal investigators.

Named in the supplemental indictment were Chi Mak, a U.S. citizen who worked for an Anaheim defense contractor; his wife, Rebecca Liwah Chiu; his brother, Tai Mak; Tai Mak's wife, Fiek Heng Lit and their son, Billy Yui Mak.

Li, 44, and her 26-year-old son already faced charges of making false statements and acting as agents of a foreign government, namely China, without prior notification to the U.S. attorney general.

Chi Mak, 66, Tai Wang Mak, 57, and Rebecca Liwah Chiu, 62, were previously charged with one count of failing to register as a foreign agent.

** SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A fire lieutenant whose attempt to rescue a man from the top of a four-story building ended with the man falling to his death was warned not to "spook" the would-be jumper, a message the firefighter did not hear because he had his radio turned off.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that radio transmissions before the failed rescue suggested that other firefighters did not think Nick Torrico, 26, was about to immediately jump from the rooftop.

Fire officials said Torrico fell to his death on Oct. 12 after Lt. Victor Wyczol, without notifying anyone, climbed a fire escape, grabbed a flexible Seattle rain chain and then lost his grip.

** SAN JOSE (AP) — About 100 firefighters battled a wind-fueled fire that destroyed at least five buildings and scorched more than 200 acres in the grassy foothills of Santa Clara County on Wednesday, authorities said.

The blaze also had threatened 15 homes in an area bordering San Jose and Milpitas, but was reported at 90 percent contained at 9:30 p.m., said Chris Morgan, a fire specialist with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Morgan said firefighters were able to get a handle on the blaze, which started at about 3 p.m. in rolling hills with deep gullies, because several other jurisdictions could send equipment and personnel.

Four air tankers, two helicopters, four bulldozers and more than 30 fire engines were deployed to help, he said.

High winds and low humidity created dangerous fire conditions throughout the San Francisco Bay area, leading officials to declare Wednesday a "red flag" day, Morgan said.

"A normal fire on any other day wouldn't grow as fast," Morgan said. "Because of the wind and low humidity, this has the potential to get very large, very fast."

** LA mayor calls new LA schools chief 'right guy at right time' 

Ana Beatriz Cholo

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said his first meeting with the new superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District Wednesday could not have gone any better.

At a post-meeting news conference, both Villaraigosa and David Brewer, who will take over for retiring Superintendent Roy Romer, were equally effusive.

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At one point, Brewer even apologised for his "gaffe" in mispronouncing the mayor's last name two weeks ago. When he pronounced it correctly, the mayor joked, "You are bilingual already." 

Weeks ago, however, the mayor's word was not so cheery.

He was complaining about how members of the Board of Education were ignoring his request to be part of the process in hiring a new superintendent. Then he went on a 14-day trade mission to Asia.

While he was away, the school board announced Brewer as their pick.

Villaraigosa, despite pointed questions from reporters, downplayed his initial disappointment at being left out and said he expects to include school board members in future meetings with Brewer. He said he had invited Brewer to once-a-week meetings to talk about school issues.

"If you know you are all here because you would like to see a school-based fight but you are not going to see one," Villaraigosa said.

Meanwhile, the lawsuit that challenges a state law giving the mayor some authority in the nation's second-largest school district is moving swiftly through the court system.

A Superior Court judge said earlier this week that she will first consider the constitutionality of the new legislation, which is that issue is decided, she will determine whether the legislation violates the Voting Rights Act.

The lawsuit, filed Oct. 10 by a coalition of school board members, parents and other groups, challenges a state law that shifts some power from the seven-member school board to the superintendent.

Brewer said the first item on his agenda is going after dropouts.

"You either educate or incarcerate," he said.

Then, he wants to tackle the issue of homeless children and those in foster care. Caring for a child's mental state will also loom large during his term, he added.

"I have a lot of children who are unable to learn because they have psychological issues and are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder due to the violence they witness on the streets every day.

State sends clarifying letter to SoCal Hispanic citizens

Chris Carlson

Republican congressional candidate Tan Nguyen answers questions at his campaign office in Garden Grove, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006.

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — The California secretary of state mailed letters Wednesday to 14,000 Hispanic voters who received an intimidating flyer from the campaign of a Republican congressional candidate.

The bilingual letter, endorsed by several Hispanic civil rights groups, encourages U.S. citizens to vote and informs them of the official state requirements to register. It also lists the absentee voting deadlines.

The state department of Justice has opened a voting rights investigation into a flyer sent to certain Democratic voters in Orange County by the campaign of Tan Nguyen, who is seeking to unseat Democratic Rep. Loretta Sanchez in California's 47th Congressional District.

That letter, written in Spanish, warned: "You are advised that if you reside in this country is illegal or you are an immigrant, voting in a federal election is a crime that could result in jail time."

In fact, naturalized U.S. citizens have the right to vote.

The letter mailed by Secretary of State Bruce McPherson tells voters who received the Nguyen campaign letter to ignore it and calls the flyer "unauthorized and inaccurate.

"Voter intimidation in any form is completely unacceptable," McPherson said in a printed statement.

"Voters who received the intimidation letter should ignore it and cast their ballot on Election Day."

Nguyen has said he purchased a database of Hispanic voters from a Burbank company called Political Data Inc. so he could send them Spanish-language campaign literature. He said his campaign sent 1,500 fliers only because they have his office manager forwarded the names to an outside party.

The company has refused to identify the office manager or a third party who said mailed the letters.
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MIAMI (AP) — Another former altar boy says he was sexually abused in the 1970s by the same retired Catholic priest who acknowledged fondling former Rep. Mark Foley when Foley was a teenager, the man’s attorney said Wednesday. The new allegations against the Rev. Anthony Mercieca were made by a man who lived in North Miami and was an altar boy at St. James Catholic Church, where Mercieca worked, attorney Jeffrey Herman said.

CHICAGO (AP) — Want to spend less at the pump? Lose some weight. That’s the implication of a new study that says Americans are burning nearly 1 billion more gallons of gasoline each year than they did in 1960 because of their expanding waistlines. Simply put, more weight in the car means lower gas mileage. Using recent gas prices of $2.20 a gallon, that translates to about $2.2 billion more spent on gas each year.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acknowledging painful losses in Iraq, President Bush said Wednesday he is not satisfied with the progress of the long and unpopular war, but he still insisted the United States was winning and should not think about withdrawing. Thirteen days before elections in which Republicans fear Iraq could cost them control of the House or Senate, Bush expressed unwavering confidence in Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, the U.S. generals running the war and Iraq’s prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, despite new strains between Baghdad and Washington.

DENVER (AP) — Authorities broke up an aggressive Northern Colorado drug ring that shipped methamphetamine from California hidden in an Elmo doll and other toys, drug enforcement agents said Wednesday.

The lead ringleader was among 40 people in custody, authorities said. Agents said they seized more than 45 pounds of what they described as high-quality methamphetamine worth $864,000 wholesale. They said it was the equivalent of 4 million doses.

U.S. Attorney Tony Eid said the alleged ringleader, Rigoverto Valle-Sierra, was arrested Tuesday in Greeley after a yearlong investigation.

Officials released photos of an Elmo doll found in a car in Broomfield, Calif., with a caption saying 4 pounds of methamphetamine was found inside. Eid said he could not discuss what happened because the doll was evidence in the case.

Other photos showed drugs shipped in a suitcase and tucked inside a tire.

People rally in front of the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, in Trenton, N.J., as they wait for the New Jersey Supreme Court to release its highly anticipated decision on gay marriage.

Geoff Mulvihill
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey’s highest court opened the door Wednesday to making the state the second in the nation to allow gay marriage, ruling that lawmakers must offer same-sex couples either marriage or something like it, such as civil unions.

In a ruling that fell short of what either side wanted or feared, the state Supreme Court declared 4-3 that gay couples are entitled to the same rights as heterosexual ones.

The justices gave lawmakers 180 days to rewrite the laws.

The ruling is similar to the 1999 high-court ruling in Vermont that led the state to create civil unions, which confer all of the rights and benefits available to married couples under state law.

"Although we cannot find that a fundamental right to same-sex marriage exists in this state, the unequal dispensation of rights and benefits to committed same-sex partners can no longer be tolerated under our state Constitution," Justice Barry T. Albin wrote for the four-member majority.

The court said the Legislature "must either amend the marriage statutes to include same-sex couples or create a parallel statutory structure" that gives all "the privileges and obligations married couples have.

The three dissenters argued that the majority did not go far enough. They demanded full marriage for gay couples.

Gay rights activists had seen New Jersey as a promising place because it is a largely Democratic state in the Northeast. The only state to allow gay marriage is Massachusetts. The only states allowing civil unions are Vermont and Colorado. New Jersey is also one of just five states that have no law or constitutional amendment expressly banning gay marriage.

If the court had legalized gay marriage outright, the effect could have been more far-reaching, and New Jersey could have become a magnet for gay couples from more than Massachusetts, which has a law barring out-of-state couples from marrying there if their marriages would not be recognized in their home states.

A clear-cut ruling legalizing gay marriage this close to Election Day could also have been a political bombshell, galvanizing Republicans and the religious right. Eight states have gay marriage bans on their ballots in November.

New Jersey Republicans, who are in the minority in the Legislature, said they would work to ban same-sex unions by enacting a constitutional amendment.

For gay rights advocates, there was debate over whether the ruling was a victory.

Lara Schwartz, legal director of Human Rights Campaign, said if lawmakers have to choose between civil unions and marriage, it is a "lose-lose situation for gay couples. They get to decide whether it’s chocolate or double-chocolate chips," Schwartz said.

Steven Goldstein, executive director of Garden State Equality, New Jersey’s main gay political organization, quickly announced that three lawmakers would introduce a bill in the Legislature to give full marriage rights to gay couples.

"New Jersey is a progressive state and has a tradition of tolerance," said one of the lawmakers, Democratic Assemblyman Reed Gusciora.

GOP Assemblywoman Richard Merkt said he would seek to have all seven justices impeached.

"Neither the framers of New Jersey’s 1947 constitution, nor the voters who ratified it, ever remotely contemplated the possibility of same-sex marriage," Merkt said.

Gay couples in New Jersey can already apply for domestic partnerships under a law passed in 2004. Among other things, domestic partnerships give couples the right to inherit possessions if there is no will and health care coverage for partners of state employees.

Democratic Gov. Jon S. Corzine supports domestic partnerships, but not gay marriage.

Supporters pushing for full gay marriage have had a two-year losing streak in state courts, including those in New York, Washington state, Colorado, Nebraska and Georgia, where voter-approved bans on gay marriage were reinstated.

They also have suffered at the ballot boxes in 16 states where constitutional amendments have been amended to ban same-sex unions.

Cases similar to the one ruled on Wednesday, which was filed by seven gay New Jersey couples, are pending in California, Connecticut, Iowa and Maryland.

Chris Lodevsky, one of the plaintiffs who works in a Newark law office. But he added, "I’m not sure what this exactly means in terms of marriage."

Another plaintiff, Saundra Toby-Heath, was more effusive: "I feel they were listening and paying attention to us as human beings who wanted to have the same rights."

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North Korea warns South Korea against joining international sanctions

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea warned South Korea against joining international sanctions, saying Wednesday that its neighbor would "pay a high price" if it joins the U.S.-led drive to punish the reclusive communist nation for its nuclear test.

The statement from the North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland came as South Korea struggled to determine what to do about the economic projects with the North.

"If the South Korean authorities end up joining U.S.-led moves to sanction and stifle (the North) we will regard it as a declaration of confrontation against our people and take corresponding measures," the North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland said in a statement.

President Bush dismissed North Korea's threats, saying leader Kim Jong Il was probing for weaknesses in the international community.

"The leader of North Korea likes to threaten," Bush told reporters in Washington. "In my judgment, what he's doing is testing the will of the five countries that are working together to convince him there's a better way forward for his people."

The U.N. Security Council unanimously adopted a sanctions resolution five days after the North's Oct. 9 test, and a South Korean task force met this week to determine how the country should address the measures, including what to do about joint economic projects with the North.

South Korea's participation in the sanctioning the North is important because the country is one of the main aid providers to the impoverished communist nation, along with China.

Both countries have been reluctant to impose stern measures against their volatile neighbor. China, North Korea's closest ally, voted for the U.N. resolution but is concerned that excessive measures could worsen the situation. South Korea has expressed similar concerns, although there was no immediate response to Wednesday's statement from North Korea.

"If South-North relations collapse due to reckless and impudent sanction against the South Korean authorities will be fully responsible for it and will have to pay a high price," said the statement, carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

A top U.S. diplomat said North Korea's test has brought China and South Korea closer together and that the two nations are working together to persuade the communist state to go up in nuclear ambitions through diplomacy.

South Korea has only sent observers and attended briefings on the program.

South Korean Unification Minister Lee Jong-seok, a strong supporter of engagement with North Korea, offered to resign Wednesday because of the nuclear test. Critics have accused Lee of being too supportive of North Korea, but even if his resignation is accepted, it is not likely to lead to changes in Seoul's engagement policy.

Russian President Vladimir Putin also warned that the North should not backfire.

"One should never lead the situation into an impasse, one should never put one of the negotiating sides in a position from which it virtually has no way out but one: an escalation of the situation," Putin said in televised comments broadcast in Moscow.
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MxPx and local businesses come together to offer help for child in need of implant

Brigette Barbosa
March 25, 2006

Imagine never hearing the crashing waves. Imagine never hearing the falling rain. Imagine never hearing "Happy Birthday" sung to you on your special day, and never even hearing the comforting sound of your parent's voice.

That is the reality for Daniel and Heidi Shaw's 1-year-old daughter, Estefany Shaw. Born without the ability to hear, she has lived in silence since her birth.

"I thought of all the things that could be wrong with a child — this was one of the least complicated," Daniel Shaw said, whose family already speaks English and Spanish.

"She is an abnormal 1-year-old. Everyone who meets her says there's something special about her. She's not shy at all, she'll crawl, or walk now, right up to people she meets. She's a very happy baby," he said.

"Her intelligence level is above the average 1-year-old. She knows about 20-plus signs and can put together sentences, where a normal 1-year-old baby can only say one or two words."

Ernie Ball, a signature instructor, comes to his house weekly to teach Heidi and Estefany Shaw sign language. He learned from his family if he isn't there to participate.

"American sign language is far more powerful and self-explanatory for the children's signs. For example, the sign for animals really is the mimicking of the animal. She teaches me new signs. I had been gone for five days and this morning she woke up and was pointing at a light and making the sign for light, but I didn't know what she was doing. My wife Heidi had to tell me she wanted the light turned on."

In order to give their daughter the gift of sound, the Shaw's immediate family began looking into cochlear implant surgery. "We knew hearing aids wouldn't help her in any way at all," he said.

According to the American Academy of Otolaryngology Web site, a cochlear implant is an electronic device worn on the outside of the ear, which restores partial hearing. The damaged parts of the auditory system are bypassed by the device and the hearing nerve stimulus is created. This allows extremely hearing impaired people to receive sounds. The device is different from a hearing aid in that it doesn't make the sound louder or clearer, simply available.

But the cost of a cochlear implant device, including evaluation, surgery and rehabilitation, is estimated at around $40,000, according to the Web site.

Daniel said Estefany's first ear surgery is planned for Nae 17 in a Los Angeles hospital. As for returning for an implant in the second ear, he said they would see how the first surgery went, but the second surgery would be "about a $50,000 out of pocket expense."

In order to help the Shaw's raise the funds needed to pay for the surgery, a local company has planned a special event.

Ernie Ball, Inc., one of the world's leading producers of guitars, strings and accessories, presents "Halloween Charity Music Festival. Along with several other local businesses, they are hosting A Special Night for Estefany Shaw, this Saturday, Oct. 28, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The event takes place in downtown San Luis Obispo at the Mission Plaza."

Brian Ball, involved with both marketing and artist relations for Ernie Ball, said he was never approached to plan the event, but did it for a friend.

"Basically, he's my best friend who had an unfortunate situation. He moved to Guatemala to do social work fell in love with a girl, married her and got her pregnant. They moved back to San Luis together and had the baby, but she was completely deaf. I saw my best friend handle the situation like a hero. He never pessimistic about it but was receiving no outside help," Ball said.

It was then that Ball looked for ways to help. "Part of my job at Ernie Ball is artist relations. We have around 750 endorsed artists and I've become good friends with a lot of bands," he said. Ball asked the band MxPx to participate for this great cause and they said they would "do it in favor of Estefany."

MxPx will perform a live concert as part of the event. Restoration and The Pathetics are also scheduled to perform. Other businesses including Firestone Grill, Moonoggies, Boo Boo Records, Guitar Center and Bulls Tavern are providing support. Ball said UFC Light Heavyweight Champion Chuck Liddell will attend the festival and raffles will be held. A beer garden will be on-site as well, for those 21 and older.

"I'm giving my child more options. If she wants to be deaf and solely on sign language, then she can take out the implant and never use it again. But I want to be able to give her that option," Shaw said.

All ages are welcome to the event and tickets are on sale at Boo Boo Records in San Luis Obispo for $10, but they are limited.

"Ticket sales are strong," said Shawn Havely of Boo Boo Records.

Havely said the store originally received 100 tickets for the event but that batch sold out in the first few days. They have since received a batch of 500, which are selling well.

All proceeds from the event will help pay for Estefany's upcoming cochlear implant surgery.

"If you're looking for a great way to ring in the Halloween weekend this is a perfect place to come," Ball said.
Learning a lesson on personal space the Italian way

I wake up each morning to several reminders that I’m living in a foreign country. I look out my shutter-lined window and see the Mole Antonelliana, probably the most famous symbol of Turin. I lace up my shoes, as the regular flip-flops have been completely ditched since my arrival to Italy and begin my trek to school. After only a few blocks of walking and dodging crazy drivers, I arrive at the nearest bus stop. It is not uncommon here for an Italian to, despite an entire open sidewalk, step literally only a few inches in front of me or I wait for my bus. Lines and personal space simply do not exist here, which is no more apparent than on my daily bus ride.

If I’m lucky enough to grab a seat at the beginning of the ride, chances are I won’t have it by the end. Proper bus etiquette says to give your seat up to elders, mothers and young children. Some people choose not to abide by the unwritten rules, but it’s not easy to rebel. If somebody wants your seat they will stand and chest bump you and stare until you move. Some choose the “look out the window” approach and pretend they can’t feel that person’s breath down their neck. I, on the other hand, would rather stand and tough the crowd than be in such an uncomfortable situation.

It would seem that getting a seat on the bus would make the lack of personal space less evident, but I’ve learned that this is not the case. It is completely normal for a person to sit right next to you, even if every other seat on the bus is open. I actually get strange looks when I get onto an empty bus and walk to the back to sit by myself. While I find it odd and unnecessary for a person to crowd me on an empty bus, it is something I have to adjust to.

There are, however, personal space issues which I have absolutely not adjusted to. Just yesterday, a group of guys got on my bus which was left with standing room only, and after a few minutes of standing over me, one of them, I kid you not, just sat in my seat with me. I should clarify that it was not a seat made for two people and that this was not something that I had ever seen before. I was so completely taken aback that I did not know how to react. He must have seen the confusion on my face because he looked at me as if to ask if it were OK that he was sitting with me. Still stunned and confused by the situation and unable to respond, I opted to simply clean my back- pack and stare out the window for the rest of the ride home.

If in our society, weight is a sensitive issue. People are uncomfortable with their bodies or size. That is a widely accepted concept.

All body types are great. The problem I have with our society is the inability to accept our sizes. I don’t understand how a person who wears a size 13 jean can buy a size nine and comfortably wear them. I don’t understand how a person who wears a small size shirt buys a youth medium.

Every day, I walk across this campus. The two most common actions I see while walking are pulling a shirt down or pulling pants up.

I am a woman with curves. I wear a size nine jean and a medium shirt and I buy those sizes. Since I can remember, the best way to buy clothes was so they would fit the wearer.

If a girl has to pull her shirt down every five seconds, I’m pretty sure the clothes don’t fit. Either she’s shopping at Baby Gap or not accepting her size.

This is not only a criticism for women. The men on this campus, with the exception of most faculty members and some good dressing guys, tend to buy clothes a little large for themselves. I know, I know. This is a common complaint, but seriously. Pants do not need to be large enough to fit four people into the backseat.

Not only is this a complication with size, it is a problem with style. A few years ago, tummy shirts were in. I will give you all girls that. However, today it is not cool to wear a shirt that shows half of your stomach.

Guys, though the ‘80s were fashionable, MC Hammer pants are unnecessary. He was pretty cool and all, but he’s a little outdated.

Sizes are a huge problem, but what about combinations of patterns? One of my friends, whom I adore, walked into my house wearing plaid shorts and a horizontally striped shirt. The only question I had was “why?”

Some of the smartest people in my class, Kassandra at Cal Poly, but we still can’t get the style thing down. That is frustrating.

I remember elementary and middle school. There was nothing about the clothes we wore. Our parents dressed us, so what could be our fault?

OK, so I have to confess that I’ve bought a shirt that may have been a little small because I liked it so much I had to buy and wear an old shirt that didn’t really fit me anymore. That is the only reason I can criticize.

Don’t get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with being a larger size, but please, please wear it. Nobody sees the tag and there is no flag on your shirt that says what size you are.

This might pin you off, but it should also wake you up. Be proud of your body. Wear sizes that fit and actually make your figure stand out instead of content to something completely different.

Accept your body and start shopping in the right section. You will feel more comfortable — trust me.

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College fundraising goals pass the $4 billion mark

Justin Pope

Cornell University is going all out this month. Thursday features a news conference in New York City with the mayor, a Friday, 1,000 volunteers and wealthy alumni such as former Citigroup chairman Sanford "Sandy" Weill. The $1 billion campaign will seek support from Cornellians around the globe. For the first time, the event will be televised, with more than 1,000 volunteers in New York City area alone.

"It's a job-dropping sum that exceeds the size of any university's entire endowment 20 years ago," said John Hirzel, Cornell's senior vice president for alumni and university relations. Hirzel is the target, and President David Skorton will have to raise more than $1.6 million every day for the next five years.

But $4 billion isn't even the biggest campaign announced in higher education this month. Stanford and Columbia just announced campaigns of $4.3 billion and $4.0 billion, respectively. Yale and the University of Virginia recently announced $3 billion campaigns, and 24 universities around the country are officially trying to raise $1 billion or more, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The campaigns come at a time when college is more expensive than ever. Just Tuesday, a national report found college price increases again outpacing inflation. Tuition fees and room and board at Cornell run $43,707 this year, though it promises aid for any student who needs it and will use some of the campaign money for more scholarships.

"There's a lot of wonderful things to do with the money," Skorton said in a telephone interview this week. Of the $4 billion target, he said: "I hope we're going to blow right by that.

They probably will. Cornell has already raised about $1 billion. Universities don't announce big campaigns until they're confident they'll make it. "We'll see if they're successful in a couple of years," said Hirzel.

Many billion-dollar campaigns have transformed how elite universities raise money.

The traditional prodding fundraising parties have been supplanted by direct mailing and marketing consultants. Cornell's fundraising staff numbers 125. Some schools pay top rainmakers $200,000 or more.

The goal is luring the big fish. Nobody gets to $4 billion in tens of thousands. Colleges still solicit small donations from young alumni, but that's largely to increase the odds of alumni who strike it rich will already be in a giving habit.

"It's a way to have transformational gifts," says Charles Phleger, who heads Cornell's fundraising. "They are $100 million — in that range — and we will certainly have them.

Typically, 80 percent of a college's fundraising comes from 20 percent of the donors, says John Lippincott, president of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. That ratio gets even more lopsided with the biggest campaigns.

Some find the whole language of "campaigns" perplexing. Universities are always raising money; "campaigns" are just artificial start and end points. Typically, they involve a two-year "quiet" phase, for lining up top donors and securing about one-quarter of the goal. After that, the public phase typically lasts five years.

Still, the process is valuable. Fundraising campaigns — or political ones — force the participants to articulate their priorities and values. That's important, because such campaigns often spark questions about whether the concentration of wealth at the richest universities is good for the public.

A 2005 Associated Press analysis of the then-47 colleges with $1 billion or more found they held nearly 70 percent of the endowed wealth in American higher education, but educate fewer than one in 25 undergraduates. Those endowments are built with indirect public money to show they are using it for higher education. That ratio gets even more lopsided with the biggest campaigns.

There is greater public concern about, why are they doing this when they're charging such high tuition," said Cornell economist Ronald Ehrenberg. "It's absolutely incumbent on the universities when they go out and seek this money to show they are using it for socially important purposes.

Cornell, which is partly public, is in fact fairly poor by Ivy League standards. Skorton said he hopes the school will someday replace loans entirely with grants for low-income students, but can't promise that even with this $4 billion. The other priorities are recruiting top faculty to replace retiring professors, and foraging parties that should make it.

The money won't "sit in some line at the bank," Hirzel said. "It will be used to prevent rising bike thefts, to curb bike theft on and around campus, which has reached a record 352 bikes since Jan. 1.

"Crime reports that show crime going up like this are red marks on our division," said Los Angeles Police officer Gary Cantu. "We're trying to get available resources on the problem."

DPS Chief Carey Drayton said he didn't think Los Angeles Police's presence made a significant difference on campus two weeks ago.

"Students saw all of the officers and assumed there had been a terror attack," Drayton said. "People were confused they were there, and I don't think it did much to curb thefts on days when they didn't patrol.

Officers last patrolled campus Sept. 22 and Sept. 27, through Sept. 30. There were 28 bike thefts during the week of Sept. 24 and Sept. 30, nine more than the week before. Bike theft was down the week after the patrol, but doubled between Oct. 6 and Oct. 14.

"We want to be a visible deterrent to bike thieves," Cantu said. "We're pleased with the results. Bike thefts went down 14 percent after we patrolled, and after this week, we'll measure again.

Cantu said groups of eight to 10 officers — police recruits who are still fulfilling their training — will patrol the campus. "At the end of the day, the police academy officers said everything had gone well," Drayton said. "But of course it went well, they would rather be on the USC campus with all of its interesting things to see than walking down Crenshaw.

Cantu said the visible patrols are an addition to the sting and undercover operations that DPS and Los Angeles Police routinely run. Officers are sitting on a couple of locations that we think are reeling stolen bikes," Cantu said. "We usually have undercover officers bring a bike to one of those locations, tell whoever is there that it was stolen from USC, and ask them to buy it for money or cocaine.

"We've been unsuccessful in that," he said.

Cantu estimates between 20 and 50 bikes are stolen each month.

Los Angeles police aim to curb USC bike thefts

Kaelyn Forde Eckenerode

Daily Trojan (USC)

LOS ANGELES — In response to the Department of Public Safety's faltering bike theft patrol, the Los Angeles Police Department said Wednesday that it has dedicated 20 to 30 officers to patrolled the University of Southern California campus, which has reached a record 352 bikes since Jan. 1.

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Danny Rolling executed for 1990 murders of 5 Florida college students he mutilated

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STARKE, Fla. — Danny Harold Rolling, Florida's most notorious serial killer since Ted Bundy, was executed by injection Wednesday for buttressing five college students in a grisly string of slayings that terrorized Gainesville in 1990.

Rolling, 52, was pronounced dead at 6:13 p.m. EDT, more than 16 years after his killing rampage began at the start of the University of Florida's fall semester.

When asked for a last statement, Rolling sang for two minutes what sounded like a hymn with what sounded like a hymn with no words.

“The state of Florida is giving this psychopathic killer just what he wanted,” said Mark Fliott of the University of Illinois, has been multiskilling since high school.

“When (Rolling) got a three-hour work period when we knew and well some of those tasks need more time than we have allowed, it can certainly impact our stress levels,” Carson said. “Multitasking doesn’t always result in efficiency, so we need to be careful how much we try to take on.”

A 2003 study by the Journal of Experimental Psychology found that people who multitask are actually less efficient than those who focus their attention on one task at a time because dealing with the two tasks at once reduces the amount of brainpower available for each particular task.

“Sometimes solving down is just the pace we need to recuperate, re-energize, and relax,” Carson said.

Multitasking can cause more stress, according to U. Illinois experts

Bonnie Stiernberg

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — A student sits in her dorm working on her history paper. She bobs her head to the music playing from her iTunes library just as another instant message from a friend pops up on her computer screen. As she types her response, she remembers her laundry and scurries downstairs to remove it from the machine.

“Scenes like this are a common occurrence nowadays, thanks partly to growing technology like the Internet and cell phones. According to a recent study by Yahoo!, the average person crams 43 hours worth of activities into a 24-hour day.”

Molly Borchardt, sophomore at the University of Illinois, has been multitasking since high school.

“When I was in high school, I would watch my sister in the afternoon, cook dinner and do homework all at the same time,” she said.

As a college student, aided by new technologies, Borchardt continues multitasking.

“You’re trying to balance a social life, work and classes, and eventually, something’s got to give. You multitask so you can do it all at once,” said Borchardt.

Brendon Bute, an assistant director at the Career Center, said the key is to maintain efficiency.

“There’s a difference between multitasking and effectively multi-tasking,” he said. “If someone’s able to maintain a high quality of work while multitasking, then it can certainly be a valuable time management skill.”

But added that while multitasking may work well for some, it’s not for everyone.

“I’d really based on the individual,” he said. “Some individuals like to concentrate on a sole task.”

Carson offered tips for students trying to deal with a busy schedule or heavy workload, and she suggested prioritizing and organizing time commitments.

“Pick the most productive time of the day for yourself and put those terms that require you to concentrate and be focused during this time of the day,” she said.

Carson also recommended not taking on more than one can handle, avoiding procrastination, limiting distractions like phone and email conversations and taking breaks.

“Everyone needs to refresh and rejuvenate their mind and body,” she said.

Despite living in an era of technology, she added, it’s important for students to limit the time they spend doing multiple tasks, said Carson.

“Sometimes slowing down is just the pace we need to recuperate, re-energize, and relax,” Carson said.

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**Monica Angel Mustang Daily**

Cal Poly sophomore rover Mark Rosselli (32) and senior nose tackle Chris White (99) bring down South Dakota State senior quarterback.

Junior Brycen Wagner led the Mustangs with a 224 total to tie for 54th place.

Poly men’s golf team ties for 8th at invitational

Hit by poor play, Cal Poly tied for 8th at a Mountain West Conference golf tournament Monday and Tuesday in San Diego.

Junior Brycen Wagner was 10 strokes under par in his 10th career par or under-par column that appeared in Wednesday’s sports section incorrectly stated that the Big West Conference features a postseason tournament for men’s soccer. The Big West tournament is only played in women’s soccer.

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Games of World Series rained out, to be played tonight instead

The Fall Classic might be thrown into scheduling chaos because of Wednesday’s postponement.

Mike Fitzpatrick
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pitches dominated the first three games of the World Series and the rain took over.

“They’re going to be drenched,” said Jimmie Lee Solomon, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner’s office. Game 5 at Busch Stadium was pushed back to Friday night, which was supposed to be a day off in the Series. It doesn’t look much better this weekend in Detroit, with a forecast of rain for Saturday.

The Cardinals lead the best-of-seven Series 2-1 after a 5-0 victory behind ace Chris Carpenter on Tuesday night. A silver tarp covered the infield all evening, players didn’t come out to warm up and Game 4 never got started.

“You want to go out there and play, but you can’t control the weather. It’s not that big of a deal,” St. Louis outfilder Preston Wilson said.

Steadily showers all day led to the first World Series rainout since 1996, opener between the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees. The rain fell harder as the night progressed, and the game was called after a delay of 1 hour, 51 minutes, the first time a Series game in St. Louis has been rained out.

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media to win the conference title. Cal Poly was picked seventh by the coaches and fifth by the media.

Both Cal Poly teams had one player chosen to the All-Big West preseason teams — the men had senior swingman Derek Stockpel and the women had senior forward Jessica Eggenston.

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Ohm, who is now a member of the Los Angeles Dodgers’ organization, is a Bowie Bay Sox affiliate, the Bowie Bay Sox. “To me, that’s a bush-league comment coming from a guy with that type of experience.”

By applying pine tar to his pitch-

ers, Rogers would be able to create more movement because of its drip-

pery and sticky texture. The rule states that a player cannot inten-

dionally put a foreign substance on the ball. Unless the pine tar just

magically flew out of the sky and landed on his hand, it’s obvious that

the act was intentional. If he was

called, he would not only have

been removed from the game, but

suspended for the rest of the series.

Then ESPN showed a video clip from the previous two series where the same magic yellow bleaches appeared on his throwing hand. Is this some sort of coincidence? I don’t think so.

So it looks like Rogers has been using pine tar all postseason and having success by cheating. Rogers is a fraud and doesn’t deserve any accolades for his recent success. It’s sad that nothing will happen to him besides the video, especially now that he no longer plays in the minor leagues. Baseball is a game of failure. It’s a game where the No. 1 overall pick will never make it out of the minor leagues. Getting three hits every 10 at-bats will make you an all-star. Mainly because of reasons like these, players will do everything in their power to avoid being a sub.

In a game that has worked so hard to clean up its image, it’s guys like Rogers who should set the example. With hisclout and experi-

ence, Rogers should be an example of ethical play and give-up attitude can pay off. Sadly, the phrase “America’s Past Time” can’t be used synonymously with baseball any longer. In a game that is predicated on numbers and records, let’s all hope another record doesn’t fall to a player like Rogers.
After blowing a 22-point lead in the final 8 minutes last week, the Mustangs will visit Division I-A San Diego State on Saturday. Tristan Aird

 Moments after a 29-28 loss to South Dakota State last Saturday, members of the Cal Poly football team were already pointing ahead to their next obstacle — a date at Division I-A San Diego State on Saturday.

 The Mustangs don’t have time to measure their stunning Great West Football Conference defeat last week. Cal Poly coughed up a 28-6 lead in the final 8 minutes on Homecoming night.

 “Think this game is going to be important Saturday because we’ve got to rebound from this,” Cal Poly freshman defensive end Ryan Storwell said. “Our goal is always to win and the bigger the game the better for us.”

 The stage has been big for Cal Poly (5-2, 2-1) already this season. The Mustangs lost 77-17 at I-A San Jose State on Sept. 23.

 They were playing in that game without Walter Payton Award candidate sophomore tailback James Noble, who was sidelined with a sprained left ankle. In three games since then, Noble has rushed for 425 yards and three touchdowns on 76 attempts, averaging 5.6 yards per carry.

 Cal Poly scored four offensive touchdowns last week, its fewest in a game since undergoing right hip replacement surgery three weeks ago.

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 After hip replacement surgery, Jackson’s return nears

 Coach Jackson plans to be on the bench for the Lakers’ season-opener Tuesday against the Suns.

 Beth Harris
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 Leaning on a metal cane, Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson declared himself “pretty much pain free” Tuesday in his first public comments since undergoing right hip replacement surgery three weeks ago.

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 Bryant said he should be ready for the season opener, but Jackson wasn’t so sure.

 “He’s stalled out a little bit on his rehab and on coming back,” the coach said. “I really want him to be healthy when he comes back because a lot is asked of him and he plays heavy minutes. If things don’t go right, it could be a setback.”

 Jackson confirmed that centers Kwame Brown (right shoulder) and Chris Mihm (offseason right ankle surgery) will miss at least the first two weeks of the season, making Andrew Bynum, who turns 18 Friday, the starter.

 Towards the end of practice, Jackson sat on the bench, his hands leaning on the cane propped in front of him. Bryant was next to him, a huge bag of ice wrapped around his knee.

 “He has his arm on today, which is the Lakers’ sweet suit,” Bryant said of Jackson. “He puts that on, it means it’s time for busi-

 nesses.”

 During Jackson’s recovery, assist-

tant Kurt Rambis has been running training camp and coaching presen-


tion games.

 Jackson won’t make the trip to Anaheim on Thursday night when the Lakers play Denver in their final preseason tuneup.

 “That’s still something I’m not quite comfortable doing,” said Jackson, who has not recovered enough to drive.

 For the first time in three years, though, Jackson made it through a couple hours of practice without pain. The hip replacement has also made it easier for him to sleep comfortably at night.

 John Middelkauff
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 This is the definition you will find when looking up the word “cheat.”

 This is a word that has gone hand-in-hand with professional sports over the last several years. This weekend, we may have hit a new low when discussing cheating and how it relates to professional sports.

 Steroids have been a recent contro-

versy in Major League Baseball. They have plagued the game for the past two decades. It took Congress getting actively involved to get the ball rolling, and to base-

ball’s credit, it created a system to
eliminate steroids.

 Everyone around baseball feels the stig-

matization and embarrassment that would follow anyone who is caught. Everyone agrees that this will not happen overnight, but feels baseball has taken the proper steps.

 While Sunday night, during Game 2 of the World Series, Detroit Tigers pitcher Kenny Rogers was just about the most any player organic substance on his hand, which he claimed to be dirt. He washed it off after the first inning and continued to dominate the Cardinals for another seven innings.

 You might be thinking no big deal, when’s Game 3? Well, I beg to differ. Trust me, Rogers is no better than any individual that has ever disgraced the game by taking performance-enhancing drugs.

 Rogers has been putting on one of, if not the greatest, postseason performances that baseball has ever seen. In his three playoff appear-

ances in 2006, he has been a man among boys.

 He has now pitched 32 scoreless innings and is a few more from a complete all-time postseason record. This is very un-Rogers like — he has been as useless in the postseason as cross-

walks around campus.

 With millions of cameras at the World Series, it will be hard to figure out the reason he has been putting up these godly numbers. Cameras caught him with a yellow substance on his hand that appeared to look like pine tar. He denied it off like it was just a little dirt, and said he didn’t even know it was there.

 This is quite unbelievable coming from a man who has been pitching in the majors for almost 20 years.

 “I lick my fingers before every pitch and would know immediate-

ly if something was on my hand,” said former Cal Poly ace Gentry

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Johnny in the Box

Cal Poly sophomore tailback James Noble (27) runs past South Dakota State junior defensive end Jason Boswell (56) in the Mustangs’ 29-28 loss Saturday night at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

The Cal Poly football team was picked sixth by coaches and fifth by the media in the Big West sports preseason polls.

 The Cal Poly women’s basketball team was tabbed seventh by coaches and ninth by the media in the men’s basketball championships this winter.

 At the conference’s annual media day Wednesday in Irvine, Pacific was selected by the coaches to win the men’s title while the media chose Long Beach State. Cal Poly was selected by the coaches to place sixth and the media predicted a fourth-place Mustang finish.

 On the women’s side, UC Riverside was chosen by coaches and UC Santa Barbara by the see Polls, page 15

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