Students contribute to high number of noise violations

Cassandra Carlson

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

When students came back from summer break in September, the number of noise complaints peaked. There were 484 possible noise violations while 329 formal warnings, called disturbance advisory cards (DAC's), were given.

Out of the complaints, 403 calls were made between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. and 235 DAC's were given in that time period; a majority of violations were within a mile from campus.

Associated Students Inc. President Brandon Souza is aware of the problem students have with the community. "September always has the biggest peaks in noise violations. This year we also have a larger freshman class - a lot of first-time students impacting off-campus areas," Souza said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The University Police Department helps local police control noise levels, especially within a one-mile radius of the Cal Poly campus.

Candidates use Internet more to reach voters

Christin Davis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“I had gotten a Web site and she would follow every­
thing I would do on my Web site,” Kennelly said.

One day, he got a message from Amendola telling him that she and her two dogs were going to visit him for three weeks during the St. Louis World Fair, that they were staying at a hotel downtown and she wanted to meet up.

“I got creeped out because until then it had been at a
distance and it was just e-mail,” Kennelly said. “Now she was actually coming.”

After bluntly telling Amendola he was not interested in seeing her, Kennelly received a phone call from her the minute the plane landed to arrange their visit. It was then that Kennelly took legal action, getting a one-year restraining order and even buying a pistol for protection. She was served papers in New York and didn’t contact Kennelly for some time.

This was not, however, the end of the obsession. At Edwards explained, "Some people are detached from reality and those are the people who, when you say ‘no,’ keep coming.”

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

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

Amendola would also reportedly gain access to Ken­nelly’s Call Polv Web site and somehow knew test questions he would give in class.

In copies of e-mails sent to Kennelly, Amendola’s brief test was accompanied by attachments from YouTube and other sites.

Kennelly said he approached University Police officer Wayne Lyons about the case.

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

Kennelly didn’t hear from her for six months, but like clockwork, the e-mails eventually resurfaced.

Kennelly is considering another restraining order. How­ever, the serious legal action he needs to completely stop the cyberstalking will require a lawyer and thousands of dollars, he said.

Both Edwards and Kennelly encourage victims of cyber­
stalking to communicate effectively with the stalker, telling them clearly to stop.

“In my case, I think that was the mistake I made because I was basically feeding this illusion,” Kennelly said. “I sugg­est the person be immediately diligent.”

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

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

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

“In order for the crime to stand up, we need to demon­strate that you have taken the reasonable action.”

If the stalking does not stop even after the victim has taken progressive action to the cyberstalking victim, their warrant to take legal action and begin a police investi­
gation.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Republican candidate Rudy Giuliani both use the Internet as a major vehicle of campaigning, both for its influence, low cost and convenience.

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An online search for “2008 presidential candidates” delivered over 1,800 applicable videos on YouTube. The Web site of choice for posting and viewing user videos joined with CNN for a Nov. 28 Republican de­bate that will field questions to the candidates through YouTube user-submitted videos.

The CNN political team will choose the most cre­ative and compelling video questions, which will be broadcast and answered on live TV.

Above the tab to submit your video it says, “This is your chance to let your voice be heard.”

On Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton’s MySpa­ce page, viewers are immediately serenaded with a song by Pink called “Dear Mr. President,” with the repeating words, “How do you sleep while the rest of us cry?”

Clinton has $7,700 friends who can watch her You­Tube videos, download buttons to post on their own MySpace page, subscribe to e-mail news updates, read about her interests, enter a chat room and view her blog.

Republican candidate Rudy Giuliani’s Web page, joinrudy2008.com, boasts patriotic colors and three steps for supporters to join the cause, contribute and get involved.

A box in one corner of Giuliani’s home page con­
tains links to nine other “Rudy” sites including Flickr, YouTube, Facebook and MySpace.

“When people watch a TV commercial or receive a piece of direct mail, they’re passive,” said Cal State Fuller­ton political science professor Steven Stambough.

“The Web site o f choice for posting and viewi­ng user videos introduces a new level of interactivity and gives them a sense of ownership.”

Money has always been a central issue in election campaigning. By using electronic methods, the cost of reaching voters is significantly lowered and citizens can contribute with greater ease.

“Technology has opened databases of potential do­ nors that are comfortable giving money online,” said Stambough. “There’s no longer a need to return a piece of mail with a check. Now you just press ‘click here’ and you’ve already given $25.”

Jervis said, “They’re no 1-800 number to call a can­didate and get involved or make a donation but it only takes a second to find a candidate’s Web site.”

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

“Everyone knows voting has existed. Your parents and grandparents have done it. Either you do vote or you don’t,” Jervis said. “The Internet enables youth to participate more and allows for greater connectivity.”

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given.

Instead, officers are sent and issue a citation if there is a violation.

Some time ago, a similar law was made the San Luis Obispo Police Department may show up instead of SNAP to either give a warning or a citation.

Noise violators may also be responsible to pay the cost of the of­
cers’ response time in addition to the citation if the noise is not stopped after the warning, requiring the offi­cers to return within 24 hours after the citation was given.

Having parties at San Luis Obispo can also be a costly result for stu­dents. The first citation is $350 while the second is $700. Third and subsequent citations run at $1,000 each.

These fines are quite substantial but are not comparable to fines stu­dents receive at schools like San Diego State University.

If students at San Diego State have noisy parties, the police can issue a $1,000 fine to each tenant and/or the owner of the property (San Diego Municipal Code).
Disputed analysis of FBI statistics pegs Detroit as nation's most dangerous city

David N. Goodman

In another blow to the Motor City's tarnished image, Detroit pushed past St. Louis to become the nation's most dangerous city, according to a private research group's controversial analysis released Sunday of annual FBI crime statistics.

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

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

The report looked at 378 cities with at least 75,000 people based on per-capita rates for homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and auto theft. Each crime category was considered separately and weighted based on its seriousness, CQ Press said.

Last year's crime leader, St. Louis, fell to No. 2. Another Michigan city, Flint, ranked third, followed by Oakland Calif.; Camden, N.J.; Birmingham, Ala.; North Charleston, S.C.; Memphis, Tenn.; Richmond, Calif.; and Cleveland.

The study ranked Mission Viejo, Calif., as the safest U.S. city. Followed by Clarkstown, N.Y.; Brick Township, N.J.; Amherst, N.Y.; and Sugar Land, Texas.

CQ Press spokesman Ben Krasney said details of the weighting system are proprietary. It was compiled by Kathleen O'Leary Morgan and Scott Morgan, whose Morgan Quinno Press published it until its acquisition by CQ Press.

The study assigns a crime score to each city, with zero representing the national average. Detroit gets a score of 805, while St. Louis followed at 806. The score for Mission Viejo, in affluent Orange County, was minus 82.

Detroit was pegged the nation's murder capital in the 1980s and has lost nearly 1 million people since 1950, according to the Census Bureau. Downtown sports stadiums and corporate headquarters — along with the redevelopment of the riverfront of this city of 919,000 — have slowed the redevelopment of the riverfront.

Chief Ella Bully-Cummings said in a release that the report "fails to put crime in information into proper context.

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

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

"We take exception to the use of these statistics and the damage they inflict on a number of these cities," said Mayor Robert Duffy, chairman of the Criminal and Social Justice Committee for the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The rankings "do groundless harm to many communities," said Michael Tonry, president of the American Society of Criminology. "They also work against a key goal of our society, which is a better understanding of crime-related issues by both scientists and the public," Tonry said.

Critics also complain that numbers don't tell the whole story because of differences among cities.

"You're not comparing apples and oranges; you're comparing watermelons and grapes," said Rob Casey, who heads the FBI section that puts out the Uniform Crime Report that provides the data for the Quinno report. The FBI posted a statement on its Web site criticizing such use of its statistics.

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

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

"The idea that people oppose it, it's kind of blaming the messenger," Goldenberg-Hart said. "It's not coming to terms with the idea that crime is a persistent problem in our society.

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It looks like a serious film. It sounds like a serious film. But director Mike Newell’s “Love in the Time of Cholera” is just one big joke.

Everything — from the “love” that the title describes to the lovebirds themselves — is utterly underdeveloped, creating a mockery of the featured romance. And the core script, had spring makeup and unexplored motivations of the characters only worsen this lackluster love story.

A few minutes in young Florentino Ariza’s (Unax Ugalde) pursuit of a random girl, Fermina (Giovanna Mezzogiorno), and smiles goofily, viewers know he has fallen hard. This initial gush (and everything that follows) happens so fast and without elaboration. They literally see each other too quickly (no proper introduction precedes their redis as dopy lovers), fall in love too quickly, decide to wed too quickly, separate too quickly and so on.

It is as if filmmakers, in an attempt to closely follow Gabriel Garcia Marquez’s novel (in which the film is based), focused more on packing in the book’s plot than actually exploring the dispositions and motives of the characters. Thus at the film’s conclusion, Florentino and Fermina are neither relatable nor likeable.

After strolling her at Mass and delivering love letters, Florentino suddenly proposes to Fermina (after exchanging only a few shades of gray, Magorium can no longer keep the secrets shared only between Magorium, Henry and the trolley car driver. The aftermath of Magorium’s departure is not at all what they expected.

Mahooney and Henry scramble to convince Magorium to stay, but in the end there is nothing they can do but remember the magic that he created in his emporium and the wonderful effect that it had on everyone. Mahoney, his final farewell to the emporium and to Mahoney, the magical atmosphere is sucked out of the store. Everything turns to disgusting shades of gray. While wonder and imagination once inspired Mahoney, a serious lack of confidence overtakes her. The future of Magorium’s Wonder Emporium depends on Mahoney’s ability to rediscover the source of the magic. The question is: Can she figure out where it went and bring it back?

While “Wonder Emporium” is an engaging tale with a feel-good ending, it is not a great movie. Hoffman’s character, though great for kids, will make mature audiences more uncomfortable than than when he played Greg Focker’s overbearing, touch-foolish father in “Meet the Fockers” (2004). Portman does a fine job, but unfortunately there’s frankly isn’t much depth to her character. Bateman and Mills are professional in their supporting roles, but neither is spectacular enough to lift this movie out of mediocrity.

While characters disappoint, the special effects, set design and score most certainly do not. A talented team composed of director of photography Roman Osin from “Pride and Prejudice” (2005), production designer Matt DePrez from “Dark Water” (2005) and composer Alexandre Desplat from “The Queen” (2006) does a fantastic job of creating a world of magical toys and imagination-defying effects. The set design alone makes “Mr. Magorium’s Wonder Emporium” worth watching, if just to entertain the little cousins, nephews and nieces around the holidays.

If adult viewers can get past the pedestrian plot and average characters, this movie can have a Disney-esque effect, leaving viewers with an air of wonderment about the magic within each of us.
Danielle Prescod

The wait is sew over! Bad pun aside, Wednesday night was the glorious return of the ever-popular design reality show “Project Runway” on Bravo.

Impatient, fashion-obese viewers subsisting on cheap imitations like “America’s Next Top Model” and the drearily lived “The Cut” with Tommy Hilfiger can finally rejoice in the company of Heidi and Tim and their familiar catchphrases.

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

Aside from the ritzy bathing gowns, it became apparent that the “Project Runway” casting directors really stepped it up this season. They incorporated experienced designers already accomplished in their own rights. No more amateurs, folks — this is the real deal. Nina Garcia, fashion director of Elle Magazine, returned with hilarious but critical commentary aided by designer Monique Lhuillier, who made her debut on the board with a no-holds-barred attitude.

The challenge certainly didn’t beat around the bush, either. Usually, the designers are asked to make a fabulous dress out of some strange material in about 10 hours. This usually helps to weed out the no-talent slackers from the serious designers — but it’s also an absurd ask. Ask Nicholas Ghesquière if he ever made a dress out of his bed linens.

But none of the models should quit their day jobs just yet. Every one has a lot to prove in the upcoming episodes, starting a successful modeling career. Despite the poor job done by the models, the designs overall were very impressive. The winner of the challenge and immunity from elimination on next week’s episode, Rami, hails from Israel but got his chops in Los Angeles working with Jessica Alba and successfully translated that experience to the show.

The runner-up, Victoria, a University of Chicago alum from Korea, created a beautiful black flock with a gorgeous metallic mohair accent. Christian, the other notable creative force, sewed a plaid jacket and khaki skirt combo that wowed the judges but left Tim unimpressed. His cocky attitude and some comments are definitely going to make him one of the most entertaining designers to watch in the upcoming episodes.

While seeing the best is always entertaining, the worst brings out the critics in all of us. Simone was sent packing first after unsuccessfully attempting to mold a romantic palette with a modern silhouette. This turned into a complete disaster, but it wasn’t as bad as the single-seamed, form-fitting blue number made by Elisa, holistic designer extraordinaire. She was found rubbing yards of expensive silk-chiffon all over the Bryant Park grass in an attempt to “stain and feel” the fabric. Ultimately, the judges were looking for quality of construction and general talent that these gals just didn’t have.

Ricks, a lingerie designer and ex-dancer from California, delivered a basic black baby doll dress that the judges deemed boring and safe. They are really expecting the designers to emphasize the creativity factor, which gives an advantage to people like Chris (a costume designer and Jay McCarroll vault) and the only straight male Kit.

C’armen and Ralph Lauren illustrator Jillian formed a Cameron and Ralph Lauren illustrator Jillian take up the classic style of the modern woman while the other designers have yet to really make a lasting impression.

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

This season promises to be a must-see explosion of entertainment full of comedy, drama and amazing clothes (of course). It airs Wednesday nights, at 10 p.m.
Every time I fly I come away with the same sense of awe at the display of human ingenuity and the marvels of science and technology. The air travel industry has transformed our lives, allowing us to cross vast distances in a matter of hours. Yet, this marvel of modernity often comes at a cost—costs of time, money, and emotional strain.

Let's consider the experience of a typical airport traveler. People arrive at airports expecting the usual: impossibly long security lines, waiting in airports. When we are late for connecting flights, we have one more reason to curse the air travel gods and throw their carry-on luggage at their feet. Inside their secure walls, flyers late for connecting flights run down those of their connecting gates. It is ironic that airlines have moaned that express the exact opposite of the feelings the passengers they transport around the globe: “Fly the friendly skies.”

People arrive at airports expecting the worst: impossibly long security lines, delays and cancellations, gate changes causing confusion and dodging through overcrowded hallways and ridiculously overpriced food and drink. Through these expectations, reactions change. People are on edge, stressing over boarding passes, and in carry-on luggage and getting to gates on time.

So why after walking through airport doors do we hold up and nurse to do what people want we usually hide? I think about this on my way home from Washington, D.C. My trip there was spoiled with delays and unruly fellow passengers and I had expected the same coming back. But coming home, everything went perfectly. The security lines were short, but they were fast. There was a gate change but it was close. There was flight attendant drama but it was entertaining to watch. Hey, I even saw R&B singer Brandy on my flight.

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- Conover associated the success of the cross country teams with dedicated athletes. "That can be attributed to a number of factors, including a lot of hard work by a lot of people," Conover said. "People have been coachable and we've had many talented student athletes."

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

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It hasn't really hit me yet that I'm done. I'm really not done with my senior year. I don't really want it to hit me yet, because I don't want to lose my emotions yet. But it was great to be recognized," said Jackson, who is one of 24 Division I athletes to tally 1,000 career digs. Stevenson was emotional as well. He mentioned how much his two seniors will be missed next season and spoke of their work ethic. "They're two people who walk on, never take a day off. They go hard every day and every play," he said.

A quick and easy 3-1 (30-15, 30-17, 30-32, 30-24) victory over UC Riverside Friday night assured the Mustangs that they would be heading to the big dance for the second straight season, something that hasn't been done since the program posted nine straight consecutive victories in 1981-89. Although the Riverside victory was reassuring, their outright conference title wasn't finalized until they defeated UC Irvine.

Stevenson explained that a solo championship opposed to possibly sharing the title with Long Beach State, which was just half a game behind Poly going into the weekend, was "a black and white issue." "We outrun and we outlast our RPI and our chance to be a seeded team in the tournament and with that our chance to host and then with that our chance to go to the Sweet 16," he said.

Hayes, who posted match-highs in kills and digs, saw the chance of garnering a victory in overtime. "We play really well at home and if we could get a host here again and pack this gym, it would be great," he said.

Jackson, who had 22 digs on Friday and 24 on Saturday, said, "SLO is a great town, great place to host a tournament. The community is great, the fans are great, so hopefully that's what (the NCAA Tournament Block Committee) is gonna' base it off of.''

Stevenson mentioned that the NCAA has certain criteria when deciding on host sites. "The NCAA has to look at things and say, 'If they award us the bid, will we pack this house?' And I'm certain we will," Stevenson asserted.

He went on to say that his team "won the right way" against good competition, especially in its final game against UC Irvine. Although the team came out doggedly in game No. 1 against the Anteaters, most likely due to the touching senior-night opening, see Volleyball, page 10.