

# CAL STATE EMPLOYEES ARRESTED FOR STEALING IDS

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Sacramento police have arrested a California State University at Sacramento employee who used the names and Social Security numbers of college applicants to steal more than \$70,000 in goods and services, investigators said. George Beatty, 51, was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of grand theft and false impersonation. Investigators said that over the past

six years Beatty has used the identities of at least 24 people to buy stereo equipment, furniture, put gas in his car and even pay the electric bill. He worked for the university for about 20 years, most recently in the admissions department where he was privy to all the information needed in the scam.

Police were alerted to a possible problem last month when one victim called police claiming that his name had been stolen from a college application and was used to get a credit card. Sacramento Police Detective Bill Teachout took the case to

university police and found that they

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while investigating two similar cases.

Beatty was first arrested July 17 on suspicion of false impersonation. But Teachout kept digging through credit records and soon found a pattern in the people being victimized. All of the victims lived outside of the

Sacramento area and all were applicants to a state college, but, for one reason or another, did not attend, Teachout said.

On many applications for credit cards, Beatty was listed as a reference, Teachout said. On others Beatty listed his business number as the business number of the applicant, he added. Chris Adams, an administrative assistant in San Diego, was one of the victims identified by police. Adams said Wednesday that he applied to several state colleges in 1995, but not to Sacramento.

In March, credit card companies began calling him about outstanding debt. Eight credit cards were issued in his name without his knowledge. He estimated that \$1,900 was spent on gas and stereo equipment under his name. Adams said he spent hours on the phone with creditors straightening out the mess, but there has been no lasting damage to his credit rating. "I just bought a motorcycle last week. My credit is fine," he said.

Officials said there is very little a person can do to protect themselves

from such a scam. One defense, Teachout said, is for consumers to file a statement with credit reporting agencies requiring that they be notified before a credit card is issued in their name. Ann Reed, spokeswoman for CSUS, said the college is very concerned about the security of applicants names and Social Security numbers. Each employee who handles such information is screened and trained in protecting the information. "We take this kind of crime very seriously," she said.

## Christopher Newport turns dry

By Kimberly Miller  
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NEWPORT NEWS, Va. - The Red Dogs and Bad Frogs have been kicked off Christopher Newport University's campus - along with all the other bottled beer and wine that has traditionally been sold at the student center's Terrace grill.

CNU Dean of Students Maury O'Connell decided this month to discontinue the sale of beer and wine at the Terrace, which also serves food such as hamburgers and french fries. Alcohol has been banned at Santoro Residence Hall since it opened in 1994.

"We are going to be growing in terms of the future, and are transforming the size and caliber of our student body," O'Connell said. "With that, we will be keeping students on campus and the university will be central to the life

of our students. We don't want alcohol to be the binding social ingredient on campus."

The ban is part of a growing concern about alcohol abuse on Virginia's campuses. Across the state, colleges and universities are doing what they can to educate students and prevent tragedies. Last autumn, five students died in alcohol-related incidents.

University of Virginia students will have their dates of birth printed on ID cards to help enforce the legal drinking age of 21. A student at Old Dominion University who has an alcohol offense will be required to take a five-hour class on the dangers of alcohol.

O'Connell, who represented CNU on Attorney General Mark Earley's Task force on Drinking by College Students, said CNU is one of the last state schools to discontinue alcohol sales on campus.

The task force, which was formed in November 1997, has issued several recommendations, including creating a campus Alcohol Task Force, increasing the number of alcohol-free events and having more Friday classes so students have fewer three-day weekends.

While larger state schools with fraternities and sororities on campus

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have had problems with alcohol abuse, CNU has stayed clear of major problems. Even so, some administrators say alcohol on campus sends the wrong message. Steve Pappas, director of auxiliary services who oversees the Terrace, said he was in favor of the ban. Pappas said he has not allowed the Terrace to sell beer on tap because he thought it would promote the "\$1 pitcher nights" popular at some college pubs.

"When you are dealing with a campus population that commutes, why would we allow them to have a beer and then drive," Pappas said. "I think that sends the wrong message." But some students view the ban differently. When Jeremy Kulm moved into the CNU dorms, he was over 21 and could legally drink. The Terrace was a convenient meeting place he and his friends could walk to.

"We didn't have to drive anywhere," said Kulm, who is now 25 and lives off campus. "I thought the decision was stupid because I've never seen any abuse here. It's symbolism over substance." The ban was discussed at the university's student government meeting Tuesday morning.

Other students likened the ban to the Prohibition Era of the 1920s, which turned people to illegal endeavors to obtain alcohol. "The more roadblocks thrown in the way of drinking, the more kids will use their own ingenuity to figure out how to get it," said 20-year-old Andrew Berrigan.

## Sexual harrassment suit brought against Chapel Hill soccer coach

By Christine Tatum  
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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (CPX) - Two former soccer players at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Tuesday filed a \$12 million lawsuit, alleging sexual harassment and other misconduct against Anson Dorrance, the school's head women's soccer coach.

Dorrance, who has led the team to 15 national championship titles in 17 years, vowed in a prepared statement to "vigorously defend" himself against the accusations. He has coached at the university since 1979.

"I am shocked and saddened by these allegations," Dorrance said. "I have never and would never abuse my position in any way."

The lawsuit, filed in federal district court in Chicago by Debbie Keller, who played for the Tar Heels from 1993 to 1996, and Melissa Jennings, who is still a student at UNC, also faults several school administrators for failing to do

learned of them. Jennings claims Dorrance cut her from the team in May after she complained to administrators about his behavior.

The suit claims Dorrance ensured alcohol was made available to high school recruits visiting campus and that he probed players about their sex lives and those of their teammates. Keller also alleges that Dorrance often made "offensive physical contact" with her by putting "his arms and hands on her body on multiple occasions." But perhaps the most serious allegation in the suit is that in October, 1996, Dorrance lured Keller, then his team's star player, to a secluded spot where he "made an uninvited sexual advance" toward her.

The university said it acted quickly on the women's complaints and that an internal investigation found "absolutely no evidence" that Dorrance had "used his position to make uninvited, sexually explicit comments" to the women. The university also said it found no evidence of inappropriate physical

too, believe the accusations are false.

But as for the allegations that Dorrance provided alcohol to recruits and inquired about players' personal lives, the university said it found that the coach's conduct "fell short of the standards of good judgment that we expect from university officials."

Louis A. Varchetto, an attorney representing Keller and Jennings, said talks aimed at settling the dispute broke down when his clients insisted that the university ask Dorrance to step down from his post as a part of any deal. "The university is unwilling to do that," he said.

The lawsuit and the prominence of the people on both sides of it are sure to rock the world of women's soccer. Dorrance is credited with building the sport for women in the United States and with leading the U.S. women's national team to victory during the first World Cup for women in 1991.

Keller, now a starting forward on the women's national team, received UNC's top honor for student athletes during her senior season in 1997. The

## Texas to clone canine

By Christopher Lee and Pete Slover  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

AUSTIN, Texas - Is this a joke? That's the question that researchers who want to clone a dog say they get more than any other. They even pose and answer it on their Internet Website.

"We are quite serious and fully intend to see this project through," write organizers of the Missyplicity Project, which was announced this week.

"Cloning a dog is simply a matter of the right talent - which we've assembled - combined with sufficient time and money, both of which we have."

The right talent is at Texas A&M University, three other schools and

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a nonprofit scientific organization, organizers said. It has been assembled by San Francisco-based Bio Arts and Research Corp., a start-up biotechnology company. The time is two years; the price, \$2.3 million.

The goal is to clone Missy, an 11-year-old spayed border collie mix, for whom the project is named. The dog's wealthy owner, who has chosen to remain anonymous, is footing the bill.

"We're dead serious," said Lou Hawthorne, president of the California company that is coordinating the research. "And at least in the beginning, we had a hard time getting anyone to take us seriously. It looks like a pretty crackpot idea, that's obvious." Missy already has been flown to College Station, Texas, to have tissue samples taken.

Dr. Mark Westhusin, an associate professor of veterinary medicine at A&M and the project's lead scientist, said Tuesday that he has no doubt the effort is real. "Well, I have the check in the bank and I'm spending the money," Westhusin

said. "So I don't know how much more confident I could be than that." Another cloning scientist who considered competing for the money expressed doubts that the project would produce carbon-copy collies.

"I suspect \$2.3 million will not be enough to clone a dog," said George E. Seidel Jr., physiology professor at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. "It is quite conceivable - no pun intended - that they will get a lot of information that could be useful, for instance, in contraception in dogs."

The project, approved by the research arm of Texas A&M, offers a light-hearted Web page, with tail-wagging doggies and Missy photos. The company behind the project's acronym is BARC. Such whimsy shouldn't obscure the science involved, said Dewey Liccioni, assistant vice chancellor for agriculture for the A&M system, who reviewed the project proposal.

"It's actually a very serious research project," said Liccioni, who dismissed the notion that A&M was engaging in vanity research for the benefit of a rich, eccentric dog lover. Missy "happens to be the first animal it will be tried on, but ... (the owner) knows it may not work," Liccioni said. "He's just interested in the science."

Interest in the dog-cloning effort reaches far beyond the ivory tower. If all goes well, the study could open the door to commercial pet cloning and new contraceptive methods for canines, organizers said. Westhusin said the research may lead to the cloning of special canines such as Seeing Eye dogs and police dogs, as well as reproducing endangered animals.

And the study may contribute to the creation of new methods of canine contraception and sterilization, which would help decrease the number of stray and unwanted dogs. British scientists made history two years ago when they cloned a sheep named Dolly, the first mammal ever cloned. Since then, scientists also have cloned cows and mice.

## Iowa State Professor invents AIDS treatment

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An Iowa State professor's discovery of a treatment to help AIDS patients gain muscle mass was unveiled recently to 12,000 scientists and activists at the World AIDS Conference in Geneva.

Steven Nissen, professor of animal science and founder of MTI BioTech Inc., located in Iowa State University's Research Park, invented Juven, a dietary supplement designed to slow muscle deterioration.

Muscle loss occurs when disease or trauma places additional nutritional demands on the body. These stresses can diminish appetite, causing the body to use protein stored within muscles. Over time, muscles become smaller, weaker and less flexible.

"We breathe through muscles, and if you can't cough you get

pneumonia."

The results of the two-year study involving the nonprescription amino acid formula show dramatic results for AIDS patients that could have a far-reaching impact over the next few years.

The clinical study involved AIDS patients who had lost at least 5 percent of their body weight during the preceding two months and compared patients taking Juven to those taking a placebo in a double-blind test.

During the eight-week study, patients taking Juven gained an average of 6 1/2 pounds, 5 1/2 pounds of it muscle, while the placebo group continued to lose an average of 1 1/2 pounds of muscle over the eight-week period.

"We designed the product to protect these patients from further loss, so we assumed that as our body of data grew, the results would level out. Instead they just got stronger,"

Nissen said.

"There are a hundred cancers and only one AIDS," he said. "[AIDS] is more homogenous than the specific types of cancer."

"Over the next two years we plan to take this further to cancer victims and others suffering from terminal diseases," Nissen said.

The key ingredient in Juven is HMB (beta-hydroxy-beta-methylbutyrate), which Nissen discovered after years of research at ISU. HMB quickly became one of the best selling sports supplements on the market because it helps prevent muscle breakdown, Nissen said.

"We knew that all three ingredients in Juven, HMB, L-glutamine and L-arginine, were safe and independently supply key building blocks for the muscle cell," Nissen said.

"We spent a lot of time designing it so people would like it. A study

instance."

Despite the university's official stance, members of the student senate are considering a resolution that would call for Cash's voluntary withdrawal from the university and for a "good Samaritan" clause in the school's code of conduct.

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"However, as a public institution, the university has due-process procedures it must follow in cases of dismissal. This student has not been charged with any violation of criminal law or the campus student code that would provide a basis for any such review. We cannot set aside due process based upon our outrage over a particular

Cash, who could not be reached for comment Thursday, was quoted in the Los Angeles Times in July as saying: "I'm not going to get upset over someone else's life. I just worry about myself first. I'm not going to lose sleep over somebody else's problems." He also told the Times that his newly found

notoriety has made it easier for him to "score with women."

Cash's friend, Jeremy Strohmeyer, is scheduled to be tried on charges of murder, kidnapping and sexual assault. He has pleaded not guilty to all of the charges.

showed that 70 percent of the people prefer orange, so we started with that."

"This stuff works as good, if not better, than the drugs prescribed today," he said.

Perhaps more amazing than the results is the cost that separates Juven from other muscle-loss therapies, Nissen said. Juven costs \$89 for a 15-day supply while growth hormones are distributed wholesale for \$1,750 a week.

However, Nissen said because Medicare and Medicaid do not yet cover the cost of Juven, it will be an uphill battle to make the formula as widely used as the prescription formulas.

Nissen said he feels the use of Juven will be widespread in six months. The product is expected to hit shelves in health food stores soon.