Puppets come to Poly

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Students will have an unprecedented chance to see puppetry in action this month when Cal Poly hosts the 12th National Festival of Puppetry at the University's campus. The festival will feature more than 1,200 performances, 230 puppets and 13 countries. The event, which runs through Aug. 14, is a joint venture of Cal Poly's Department of Performing Arts and the Continuing Education department.

The festival will feature performances by such well-known puppeteers as Susan Higginbotham, actress and puppeteer; John Henson, creator of the Muppets; and the newly formed group of puppeteers, the Deep South Puppets. The festival will also feature workshops and seminars on puppetry and related topics.

The festival is open to the public and admission is free. Performances will be held in various locations on campus, including the Visual and Performing Arts Center and the Social Sciences Building.

Oh Joins county fair competition

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Kid's center gets space answer

The Cal Poly Children's Center workers have been assured it will stay on campus. The center workers informed that the building they occupy would have to be vacated by the end of fall quarter.

All temporary facilities north of the library will be torn down or moved to make way for the newly funded library. This includes Child Development offices, architecture labs and the Children's Center.

The Children's Center provides day care service to students and faculty. Because of a lack of communication with the administration as to the center's fate, parents and employees were concerned.

The administration had always planned on moving one of the temporary buildings for the Children's Center, says Missy Dannenberg, coordinator of the center, after receiving a phone call from Pres. Kennedy. However, the center was never informed of these plans.

"The major thing that came out of the confusion was that it's really Kennedy who is backing us, but because they hadn't made a definite decision we hadn't heard yet," said Dannenberg.

"It actually came out to be a better situation than before. We learned we have a lot of support from Pres. Kennedy and we appreciate it. We will also have a better situation with Child Development," said Dannenberg. "Kennedy made us a promise and we are depending on that."

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Hotline, San Luis Obispo's telephone crisis intervention service, is seeking volunteers.

"We are looking for any people that are now-independent," said Sue, a Hotline referral member.

"As an example, someone who is complexitly against homosexuality would obviously not be desirable. We need people to sympathetically listen, not to judge." The crisis intervention service, now in its second year, receives about 10 calls a month.

"People call up for both physical and emotional reasons," she said. "Anything from a woman whose husband is threatening her with physical violence to three to four people a month saying they are contemplating suicide."

The Hotline service, open 24 hours a day, is staffed by people from students to the elderly. "We are not a group of professional counselors, just people who listen, that sometimes we all need somewhere to listen to us, without forcing any opinion or attitude," said Kennedy who is in charge.

Interviews for prospective Hotline members will be held August 10 and 11. For more information, phone Hotline 344-6162.

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In the current debate over nuclear power, there is a tendency to oversimplify the issues. Many people seem to believe that because nuclear power is not a natural process, it must therefore be inherently dangerous. This is a fallacy, and it is important to understand the real challenges presented by nuclear energy.

One of the main arguments against nuclear power is the potential for accidents and the resulting radiation exposure. It is true that accidents can occur, but the risk is not as high as some people believe. The safety measures in place at nuclear power plants are designed to prevent accidents, and the consequences of a major accident are mitigated by emergency planning and response measures.

Another concern is the long-term disposal of nuclear waste. While this is a serious issue, the methods for disposing of waste are being continually improved and refined. Safety standards are being rigorously enforced, and the waste is being stored in a way that is scientifically proven to be safe.

The debate over nuclear power should not be reduced to a simple pro or con viewpoint. It is important to consider the full spectrum of factors, including the cost, reliability, and environmental impact of alternative energy sources. In making decisions about our energy future, we must strive for a balance between these competing priorities.

Nuclear film shows Friday
A film on the current nuclear controversy will show at 8 p.m. on Aug. 5, as a part of the Poly's planned demonstrations.

"The Last Resort" centers around events taking place in the New Hampshire town of Needham, New Hampshire, and was screened at the Poly last Saturday. The film focuses on the possibility of developing a power plant in the town, and raises questions about the potential risks and benefits of such a project.

People who view the film will have the opportunity to express their opinions and participate in discussions about the issues raised.

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One option for cooling off is the summer’s intramural swim meet open to all Poly students. It will be held in the outdoor pool on Aug. 8. Check in begins at 4 p.m. The meet is free.

Following five reported vehicle burglaries at beach locations, the sheriff's department urges citizens to protect themselves from this type of crime by leaving valuables at home and lock purses or wallets in the trunk rather than inside the car. The persons burglarizing the cars have clearly been looking inside the vehicles to choose which ones to burglarize.

The All-American Selections Display Garden is now in bloom at the Ornamental Horticulture unit. The Garden displays 120 different varieties of seed-grown summer flowers and seed-grown vegetables. Self-guided tours through the 5,000 square foot gardens are open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturdays until Sept. 15. Admission is free.

Mozart Festival: Mosart tickets are sold out, but there may be a few available for the Mozart Festival, running through Sunday, August 7. Call the Festival office at 543-4580 for information.

MOVIES: "Bang the Drum Slowly" is showing in Chumash at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday. The Frequent has "Breaking Training" and the Madonna is playing "A Bridge Too Far" and "Young Frankenstein." "For the Love of Benji" and "Super Guy, Super Agna" are at the Rex Theatre in Morro Bay and "Rocky" and "Hard Times" are playing at the Paloma. Last but not least, the Sunset Drive-In has "Smokie and the Bandit" and "The Other Side of the Mountain."

ALL-AMERICAN MELODRAMA: "From Rags to Riches" is running through Sept. 4 at the Great American Melodrama in Oceano. Call 408-369-4499 after 4 p.m. for reservations.

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