Cal Poly gets its house in Royal order

BY GAIL PELLERIN
Staff Writer

The doorknob rings. The guests have arrived, and you’re proud that your home is in perfect order for the reception.

With Poly Royal just hours away, clubs, organizations, departments, maintenance, and the Poly Royal Board are in the final stages of preparing to entertain their estimated 100,000 guests.

According to Doug Gerard, Executive Dean of Facilities, everything is ready to go for the opening ceremonies on Friday at 10 a.m. in the War Memorial Plaza (between the Administration building and the University Union).

In honor of the 50th anniversary of Poly Royal, a life-size mustang, sculptured and donated by Roy Harris, an animal and vet science professor, will be unveiled at the ceremony.

In order for the campus to look its best, Bryan Corcoran, Poly Royal superintendent, said that maintenance had started last week cleaning the campus, replanting the greenery, cutting the grass, trimming the trees and sweeping the streets.

Poly Royal is used like a major refurbishing of the campus,” Corcoran said.

Most of the equipment which is used by the housekeeping staff is used for larger operations. Operations had run out of tables a month and a half ago.

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Cultural Center seeks end of melting pot illusion

BY KATHLEEN HORIZON
Asst. Editor

America has long been called the “melting pot” of the world. However, many ethnic groups are proud of their cultural heritage. To promote cultural awareness at Cal Poly the Multi-Cultural Center was opened in January, according to the center’s director.

Alan Wang, assistant director of the Activities Planning Center, would like to see the MCC become a focal point on campus for all students, faculty and staff members, not just for those who belong to ethnic minorities.

These ideas were echoed by two staff members of the MCC, Mike Pharis, a graduate student in education, and Abigail Hernandez, a senior social science major. Both Pharis and Hernandez believe that all ethnic groups on campus can benefit from the center.

Peer helper

The program description for the center includes peer helper, information referral and community outreach programs. Hernandez is developing the peer helper program as her senior project. The program, which is primarily for minority and foreign students, will help minimize cultural barriers encountered by these students at Cal Poly, said Hernandez.

Pharis handles the information referral center, and is responsible for building a resource library, which will include 100 periodicals, according to Wang.

The body which governs over the MCC is the Cultural Advisory Committee. The CAC is made up of one member from each ethnic club and organization on campus. Pharis said. Under its direction, the MCC will help educate and motivate students to find out more about their own cultures as well as getting in touch with other cultures, Wang said.

Hernandez is developing a program with the English Department for those students for whom English is a second language (ESL). This program will include tutoring for ESL students. Hernandez said.

Activities are being planned to make the center more visible on campus and in the community. During Poly Royal, cultural performers on the S.A.M. stage will be sponsored by the center, including Korean and Latin dancers, said Wang.

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Students go out on a limb to pass OH

BY ALAN KENNEDY
Staff Writer

Cal Poly students climb trees in ornamental horticulture 421. No, they’re not regressing back to childhood, but rather are learning valuable skills of tree care.

The class, Arboriculture, provides instruction for the care and management of large trees. Once they have mastered the skills of climbing, the students begin instruction for maintenance of the trees.

The students use several ropes to create a pulley system so they have access to the outer branches of the large trees, without harming the tree.

A throw rope is tossed over a branch and then used to pull a heavy-duty climbing rope over the branch. Once the person has climbed the rope to the branch, several knots and a harness are used to lower down to branches to be cared for.

"It doesn’t seem like a class, it’s just a lot of fun doing it," said ornamental horticulture student Dwight Pierce, who is enrolled in the class.

There will be a display at the OH unit during Poly Royal showing the skills of tree climbing, according to Pierce.

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Faramarz Mahdavi and Cal Poly an airship, an aeronautical engineering project

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Israeli planes raid Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Dozens of Israeli jets thundered into Lebanon in waves Wednesday, blasting guerrilla bases and downing two Syrian MiG’s in a fiery raid that shattered a nine-month-old truce with the Palestine Liberation Organization. First Lebanese government reports said at least 20 people were killed and 40 wounded in two hours of bombing, rocketing and strafing along a 50-mile stretch from Beirut’s southern edge to the fishing towns of Damour and Saadlys and the port of Tyre.

The jets went in after an Israeli soldier was killed by an anti-tank mine in southern Lebanon and as Undersecretary of State Walter J. Stoessel was in Jerusalem trying to see that the last third of war-conquered Sinai is returned to Egypt on schedule Sunday.

Both the United States and the United Nations, which help mediate the truce last July, urged restraint.

Falkland rivals set up defenses

LONDON (AP) — Britain’s foreign secretary, labeling the latest Argentine peace plan a cloak for aggression, declared Wednesday that “other methods have to be used” if diplomacy fails to ease the Falkland Islands crisis.

The British Defense Ministry said it was sending new Stingray computer-guided anti-submarine torpedoes to its naval task force steaming toward the islands and was arming the fleet’s Harrier jet fighters.

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Rapist Slaten receives 11 years

A five-month-old crime was put to rest Tuesday when rapist Jonathan Logan Slaten was sentenced to 11 years in state prison by Superior Court Judge Richard Kirkpatrick.

The 45-year-old man pleaded guilty last week to the Nov. 24 rape of a woman jogger in San Luis Obispo. He was also accused of murdering his nephew in Chowchilla a few days earlier, only three weeks after he had been released from federal prison on parole.

The rape occurred when the 24-year-old Cal Poly woman was jogging down Stenner Creek Road, two miles off Highway 1. Slaten stepped out from behind an oak tree with a rifle, and forced the woman to comply with his demands.

In a case described by one court clerk as the “fastest and smoothest in years,” Slaten was given the maximum sentence possible. He received eight years for the rape and three years for the use of a firearm, making the consecutive term 11 years.

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First grade boys bully rodeo coach into arena tour

While the weeds are pulled and the last ditches of whiteness are applied to Collet Arena in preparation for the Poly Royal Rodeo, here are some features to get the rodeo-watching mood.

BY SHAWN TURNER

"Hi, you monsters of dirtiness," a little boy taunted the bulls laying in the Tuesday heat of a pen at Collet Arena.

The truth of his jeers was shattering. Suddenly each bull—part of the stock to be used this weekend at the Poly Royal Rodeo—did look like a monster, a grotesque creature bearing filth, instead of the ton of angry animal whose career depends on bucking riders off its back.

But perhaps children have a knack for seeing the truth. It was a child, remember, who announced that the emperor had no clothes.

In this case the Seekers of Truth came from Los Ranchos School in San Luis Obispo, eight first-grade boys who are members of a group called the Thunderbirds.

"It's like the Campfire Girls program for boys," said Sandy Copeland, one of the mothers who volunteer to take the boys on activities each week. "They get a chance to take trips and win badges, things like that."

That explained the denim vests some of the boys wore, a few of the vests decorated with triangular merit patches.

The boys came to the arena with Copeland and another mother, Kathy Teufel, in hopes of seeing some of the Cal Poly Rodeo club members practice bull riding. They arrived at 3 p.m., but Rodeo Coach Ralph Rian-...
Bucking team’s sole rider romps for Poly at weekend rodeo

BY SHAWN TURNER
Staff Writer

Joe Ferraro’s problem lately was like trying to play baseball without a field to play on or fields to play with.

Except Ferraro rides rough stock—the saddle bronc, bareback bronc and bull riding events—for the Cal Poly Rodeo team. His problem was that not only does he have no rough stock to ride.

In either case, you just can’t play the game.

That was a brief concern, though. The shortage of rough stock in the rodeo club inventory was replaced this week, which allows Ferraro, who spent most of this quarter exercising his own horses and waiting for the purchases of bulls and bucking horses, to return to that same old, big worry.

Staying on them “Sometimes it’s fun,” Ferraro said of riding bulls. “If that bull is really bucking and your timing is right on, then it can be really fun. But if you don’t have your timing down, that bull can really jerk you.”

Ferraro has found that timing more often than not, and well enough after the first three rodeos this season to remain in third place in bull riding in the West Coast Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. That region includes participating schools throughout California and Nevada.

But third place means nothing until you consider the burden he bears for the men’s team, being the only rough stock rider on team strong in the timed events—saddle bronc, bareback bronc and bull riding.

“We, need the points, and Joe is the only one in the bucking events to do that for us,” said Ralph Rinaldi, the rodeo team coach. So much for the burden.

It still means Ferraro is stuck with the task of adding points to Cal Poly’s timed event performances, a task made more difficult when he must compete against the team’s closest rivals, Hartnell College, which is strongest in the rough stock events.

“There’s a little pressure, but a rodeo is not scored by individual events,” said Ferraro. “Rodeo is a team sport, and all the points go into one total. There’s not that much pressure.”

Ferraro’s modesty belies the boisterous image you might expect of a bull rider, the kind of person who wouldn’t seem to mind spending much of his rodeo time with his career.

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Ferrero leads rough life over weekend

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career falling hard into the dirt and trying to avoid the
teet of his angry eight-second vehicles.

Instead, Ferrero is small—5'9", 152 pounds, about the
right size, he said, for bull riding—and is quiet, smiling
under his bristly walrus mustache after almost
everything he says.

Unlike many of the Cal Poly hands in the timed events
who usually take up rodeo because their parents took up
rodeo, Ferrero had to learn rough stock riding on his
own, with friends while in high school.

Since then the senior animal science major has com­
peted regularly—in team roping as well—and this year
finishes his fourth season with the Cal Poly rodeo club.

But that doesn't mean his career has been the
smoothest.

"I broke both my hands and had torn ligaments, and
my nose was...just completely demolished," he said, of­
fering no details about his nose except to gesture off his
face toward his ear. "I've knocked my lower back out
and hurt my neck and suffered concussion."

The broken nose almost ended Ferrero's career.

"I stopped riding for almost a year after that, and I
still don't enjoy getting on as much as I did," he said.
"The first time I got on a bull after that was at Poly
Royal last year."

Ferrero is on the team this weekend to try and main­
tain his place in the regional standings.

Kids terrorize arena

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Dancergetics classes
It’s time to get in shape for summer, and Dancergetics classes are now being offered at $20 for eight sessions. They’re being held at Bishop's Peak School on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. and at Pacheco School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Blood drive
The Tri-Counties Blood Bank will be holding a blood drive in Chumash Auditorium on Thursday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Alpha Phi breakfast
Alpha Phi is holding a continental buffet breakfast on Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m. at 1200 Football Blvd. Cost will be $1.50 per person.

No escorts
The escort service will not be in operation today due to Poly Royal. Services will resume Sunday, April 25.

BSU meeting
Pastor Bill Brice of SLO Southern Baptist Church will continue his series of answers to the Roland/Morrow debate. This week’s topic will concern free will.

Richie Furay concert
Richie Furay, formerly of Poco and Buffalo Springfield, will be in concert with special guest Rick Mason Friday night at 7:30 at Grace Church, corner of Paso and Osos in San Luis Obispo.

ASI Speaker
Political impressionist and satirist David Frye will speak Friday night at 8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Tickets are $4.50 for students, $5.50 for the public and will be a dollar more at the door.

Foresters meeting
The Society of American Foresters will meet today at 11 a.m. in Science E-47. Poly Royal plans will be discussed.

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Liaison
Each department or organization is responsible for obtaining their own materials for exhibits and events, but the Poly Royal Board serves as a liaison between students and campus facilities such as audio visual and Plant Operations.

The Poly Royal Board which is in charge of coordinating all of the booths and special events, has already met all of their responsibilities, which include assigning locations for all events.

Perspective
In order to keep Poly Royal on schedule, the board must plan and prepare for every detail that will make the celebration a success.

Gerard said that he hopes that the Poly Royal celebration will be repeated in the future. "Every aspect of Poly Royal is done by the students," he added.

Clubs make final Royal preparation
The center is staffed according to student attendance because of the limited number of contributors and the lack of cultural awareness among students. 10 percent of the student body is interested in the activities, and 90 percent are uninterested. The center is staffed by volunteer students who do not receive any compensation.

The center board members are in charge of preparing the center, in order to gain a broader base of support. Members urge that interested students should visit the center.

The center is a place where anyone can expand their own education. When you get paid back with interest like this, it sort of makes you wish he'd borrow things more often.

Open up a few cold ones and toast a guy who really knows how to return a favor. Tonight, let it be Löwenbräuh.

Löwenbräuh. Here's to good friends.
Mustangs gear for Poly Royal homestand

BY DAVE WILCOX

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The Highlanders statistics still aren’t too impressive—a team batting average of .271 and a team ERA of 4.02—but Harr calls them a well-balanced ballclub that is “extremely well-coached.” Leading that balanced staff are a couple of 200 hitters, Matt Hadd (326) and Curtis Smith (338).

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“We knew it would be a struggle because of the young kids starting at the beginning of the season,” Harr explained.

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The men’s team has continued to perform well in the league, as first baseman John McCall and catcher Steve Jones have continued to impress with their bat.

The Mustangs have been led offensively by second baseman Brian O’Connor, who has been hitting .320 with 10 home runs and 30 RBIs. Third baseman Rick Alpert has also been a force, hitting .310 with 12 home runs and 36 RBIs.

On the pitching side, left-hander Mike Jones has been the most effective, posting a 2.88 ERA with 77 strikeouts in 75 innings pitched.

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Letters
Presentation distorted

Editor:
Although the Session (ruling board) of San Luis Obispo has appreciated the architectural input of Alistair Shearer and Marcel Bodsky, Gail Pellerin’s article, “Student Architect Keeps a Green Thumb,” in the April 14th Mustang Daily is very misleading. The students’ proposal was only one of seven major alternatives to the design which is being considered. The Session voted on the initial design in January, did so purposely in the context of a hearing in order to elicit congregational response. Inasmuch as Alistair Shearer was an active participant in the church’s life and is now a member, we who are the elected and responsible participant in the church’s life and decision-making process, do not view as “disenchantment” but as enrichment to me. There is current concern among the staff members that the students are on the firing line in an attempt to reach an understanding of how to proceed with off-campus individuals. The goal of the group was to agree to operational procedures which would guarantee free speech.

Letters
Free speech concerns shared

Editor:
In your editorial of Friday, April 9, you warn against action that would limit free speech on the campus. I fully share your concern. I assure you all policy or procedure will be adopted by me that will limit current free speech policies or impose censorship. Actions of this type are personally and professionally abhorrent to me. There is currently a university-wide committee studying the existing policies governing free speech. Certainly no action should preempt their work.

The courts have recognized the necessity for establishing conditions for free speech. The university has the authority to establish time, place, and manner conditions. However, we limit exercise of free speech only when there is clear and imminent danger to person or property or when such an activity infringes on others’ rights. A university is a forum for free expression of ideas and thus free speech is not only to be protected but encouraged. This freedom is the cornerstone of education and development. We grow and learn when stimulated to consider new ideas different from our own. In a complex organization freedoms are operationally defined by procedures and practice, as well as policy. Unfortunately, present university policies and procedures speak to the issues of on-campus groups and individuals, but do not cover off-campus individuals. The staff members who made recommendations to me were attempting to reach an understanding of how to proceed with off-campus individuals. The goal of the group was to agree to operational procedures which would guarantee free speech.

Staff members are on the firing line and are called upon to make on-the-spot judgments. Following the episode involving the two self-appointed ministers, it was evident we needed to reach an understanding of how to proceed. I asked representatives from my office and Public Safety to meet and give me recommendations. Basically, they recommended that off-campus individuals register their intent to use free speech areas and be informed of policies. Unfortunately, the recommendation means the word ‘approval.’ Thus was interpreted to imply some type of censorship. Approval referred to following procedures, not content or context.

The issues involved in preregistering intent are complex. To date, we have had only the single incident, thus it does not appear to be necessary to change procedures. I have asked the academic committees to consider this issue.