Cal Poly student attempts suicide

A 19-year-old Cal Poly student was taken into protective custody by San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's deputies Tuesday after he reportedly tried to commit suicide.

According to a Cal Poly Public Safety report read by university spokesman Don McCaleb Tuesday, Public Safety officers answered a call from Trinity Hall dormitory at 9 p.m. Monday that the student had apparently cut his wrists with a razor blade. By the time the officers arrived, the student had reportedly left for Avila Beach.

Officers from Public Safety, the County Sheriff's Department, Avila Beach and Pismo Beach police departments and the California Department of Forestry searched until approximately 12:30 a.m. when they found the student in the cliff area of Avila Beach.

He was taken to San Luis Obispo County General Hospital where he was treated and released from the emergency ward.

Chinese suppress boycott by monks

LHASA, Tibet (AP) — Chinese authorities have crushed a protest by monks at a major monastery that led the defiant Buddhist monks to yield to Chinese pressure and sent more than 200 monks to the festival, other monks reported. Official media had called the gathering a sign of normalcy in the troubled Himalayan region.

"The monks didn't want to come," one monk whispered last week at the Jokhang Temple in central Lhasa, where the prayer festival began last Thursday and continued this week.

They finally did, he said, because "they were afraid — afraid that the police will grab them." He glanced over his shoulder at an approaching plainclothes policeman, one of dozens paroling the temple.

Fear remains the primary legacy of the three pro-independence demonstrations led by monks over a two-week period in September and October in Lhasa, the mile-high Tibetan capital whose name means "blessed ground."

The monks dispute China's claim to sovereignty and want independence under the leadership of their exiled god-king, the Dalai Lama.

Chinese authorities have removed all remnants of a protest near the Jokhang Temple that was burned out Oct. 1 by hundreds of angry monks and lay Tibetans, prompting police to fire on the crowd. A new stone building is being built on the site.

Military roadblocks have been removed from outside the three main monasteries in the Lhasa area — Sera, Drepung and Ganden — and police who were billeted inside the monasteries have been withdrawn. Plainclothes Chinese agents now patrol the streets.

All but 15 of the 80 people arrested during the protests have been released from jail after this week. See MONKS, back page.

Getting into Poly tougher than ever

Business School selects 110 freshmen from 1,585 — average GPA is 4.01

By Marianne Biasotti

Acceptance and denial notices were sent last week to fall 1988 Cal Poly applicants, and the Admissions Office is bracing itself for the wave to follow.

Out of the 12,700 applicants, 4,700 were accommodated, with the average GPAs of the freshman class ranging from a 3.18 in statistics to a 4.18 in engineering science.

The Admissions Office expects to be deluged with phone calls this week from the 8,000 who were not accepted to Cal Poly, according to Admissions Director Dave Snyder.

He said because the multi-criteria selection process is objective, as compared with the subjective nature of private school admissions, his office is able to quantify reasons a student wasn't accepted. Because of the forthright process, Snyder said, it makes it easier to explain.

Most people are satisfied when they hear the number of students who were accepted out of the number who applied, said Snyder. Business had 1,585 freshman applicants and admitted 110 with an average GPA of 4.01 and accepted 138 out of 404 transfers with a 3.36 average GPA.

Other rejected applicants will want to know specific details about why they weren't accepted and will be able to go over their private worksheet with an admissions counselor.

It's not that easy to explain, however, when a rejected applicant is a class valedictorian with a 4.0 GPA and an SAT score in the 1400s. "It's difficult because this student is doing the best he can at his high school," said Carla Snowden, on the Relations with Schools staff. In this case, she said, she'll tell a student it's not because he isn't an excellent student, but because there are so many others applying.

Counselor Helen Lindstrom said she has a difficult time with parents, who often times hurt more for their kids than the applicants themselves.

She sees parents in tears and said it is tough to deal with, especially the first week after the news.

"Parents will say "this is a state school, and I pay my taxes, why can't my child go here?" said Lindstrom. Students are guaranteed enrollment at a state school if they qualify, not necessarily the school of their choice, she explained.

"People are starting to accept the idea that Cal Poly is a competitive school like Berkeley, Stanford and Davis," said Lindstrom. However, she said there is a danger of people thinking that getting into this university is a long shot.

Roger Swanson, Enrollment Support Services director, said sometimes he'll receive letters from alumni, lawyers and even legislators trying to pull weight for a student's acceptance into the university.

"Orientations is the first S-ADMISSIONS page 4"
Sustainable living is key to a planetary existence

Following a steep path, winding around huge oak trees and moss-laden rocks, we finally reached our destination in the heart of Northern California. We were spending the weekend in a home built to be as ecologically sustainable as possible.

The home, which faces towards the south for maximum use of the sun's heat and light, has a huge pantry sunk in the back wall to keep cool, an efficient wood-burning stove in the living room/library with an insulated heat vent connected to the master bedroom, and it has an indoor compost toilet (which does not smell).

Outside there are solar panels covered with energy to huge storage batteries. There is an edible landscape of fruit trees and herbs, three acres of organic vegetable gardens (much of which is sold at the local co-op), compost bins supplied by kitchen scraps and cut vegetation, a sweat (or sauna), and a hot tub heated by a fire below it. To keep this home self-sufficient, trees are planted and exclusionary fencing is built around the property eliminating natural predators from munching the new tree seedlings. Local streams supply water by gravity.

I challenge people who put all of their efforts into promoting the non-sustainable, ecologically destructive sources such as nuclear power, offshore oil, and wasteful sewage systems, to transfer their efforts and money into building and promoting ecologically sustainable ways of living according to the methods I found up north. These methods not only provide a high standard of living, but it is also fun to live in a ‘waste’ as a resource is saving nature.

Our community planners should start programs such as the plan becoming popular in Seattle. In that city, a household’s garbage bill will be reduced from $13.55 per month to $1.50 per month if they buy selectively (for minimum packaging, bulk quantities, to avoid plastics, etc.).

Right here at Cal Poly, our student government can take a big step towards real recycling. We need more aluminum, glass, paper recycling receptacles and we need to start handing out bags and paper recycling. Clubs could work together while deriving income. Students in city planning, architecture and engineering should work in tandem to develop real solutions to our present wasteful designs by using ‘sustainable.’

These cities can be designed to include more bike paths, better public transportation, community flower and vegetable gardens, passive and active solar systems, compost toilets (new innovative designs provide great fertilizer for trees and shrubs later) and built-in recycling receptacles in new buildings.

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On the downside, some say, Cal Poly will lose its clean image as a service with no promotion, which is needed for setting up classes. The architect himself stated in a

Letters to the editor

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Sheep promoter says marketing alone won’t raise profits

By Kristi Penniman, StaM Writer

There is promise for growth in the sheep industry through marketing innovations, said a marketing director of the American Lamb Council (ALC), a component of the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc. whose role is “to improve profitability to the sheep producer by providing the consumer with uniform lamb and wool products, and to increase the average retail case space and generating demand when necessary.”

Kooyumjian suggested aggressive marketing techniques to generate demand when necessary and lessen price pressure during tight supply periods. Although California is not an emerging market, according to Kooyumjian, Nevada and Hawaii are, and should be targeted for increasing sales. “ Reno and Las Vegas have been experiencing a very favorable and steady growth rate and should be considered an emerging market,” he said. “Honolulu, with the second highest median income in the Pacific Region, is presenting great opportunities in both food service and retail.”

Limited retail case space can be translated to limited variety, said Kooyumjian, and therefore it must be increased if profits are to increase. “Traditionally the case space devoted to lamb in the self-serve counter has been extremely limited due to, among other things, the pressure upon stores to maximize profits per square foot of display and still maintain variety,” he said.

The American Lamb Council’s logo has developed visibility and credibility by the consumer, said Kooyumjian. “The encouraged use of this logo will do much to assist these goals and increase the average retail case space and generating demand when necessary and lessen price pressure during tight supply periods.”

WASHINGTON (AP) — The states took disciplinary action against 1,277 of the nation’s half-million physicians in 1986, but a consumer group that compiled the figures said Tuesday that too many doctors are still getting away with shoddy work.

The actions taken in 1986 represented a 17 percent increase over the previous year and contrasted with a 46 percent jump in disciplinary actions from 1984 to 1985.

“Even though the 1986 total ... is better than in any previous year, it falls very short of catching most of the incompetent doctors in this country,” said a report by the Public Citizen Health Research Group founded by Ralph Nader and director Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe.

“In most states, the majority of disciplinary actions are for drug and alcohol problems, only a fraction being for incompetence,” it said.

“The absence ... of the maximum effort to discipline doctors is one of the most serious threats to the health of American patients.”

Although the federal government can suspend doctors from participating in federal health programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, the underlying permission to practice medicine is determined by the individual states.

Sheep industry sees promise for growth in California

State

Many incompetent doctors escaping disciplinary action

World

Weekend riots spur Soviets to give southern city curfew

MOSCOW (AP) — Authorities have clamped a curfew on a southern city where weekend rioting broke out and tensions are still running high because of a territorial dispute between ethnic groups, a Soviet official said.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov suggested that the Sunday unrest in Sumgait, as well as demonstrations and other violence elsewhere in the Caucasus region in which at least two people died, were due to “mistakes” made 65 years ago when a territory disputed largely by Armenians was made part of neighboring Azerbaidzhán.

He told a government news briefing that “there were certain injuries” in Sumgait, an industrial city of more than 160,000 people in Azerbaidzhán where hostages were blamed for touching off the Sunday riot.

“The situation is calm there today, but it is tense,” Gerasimov said.

The official was peppered with questions about the civil unrest in the southern Soviet republic of Armenia and Azerbaidzhán at his regular Tuesday news briefing, but he said he had few details about events there.

Moscow-based foreign journalists have been barred from the region.

Sheep operation catches 52 California poaching suspects

COLMA, Calif. (AP) — A sheep operation into the sale of tiger, bear, sea lion and rhinoceros parts as aphrodisiacs and health remedies helped game of tiger, bear, sea lion and rhinoceros parts as

“Operation Ursus,” the code name given the 23-month probe by the state Department of Fish and Game, to be charged as a result “Operation Ursus,” the code name given the 23-month probe by the state Department of Fish and Game.

At one point in the investigation, an undercover warden taking part in an illegal "safari" in the Sierra was forced to kill a tamed bear, Monroe said as he described the complexity and danger of the probe.

Monroe said there have been a total of 74 misdemeanor complaints filed against 52 defendants. The charges range from illegally killing bears to selling bear claw jewelry at swap meets.

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Wednesday

• The Health Fitness Fair will be held Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Main Gym. There will be demonstrations and health screenings. All students, faculty and staff are welcome.

• A bicycle tour slide show will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Cal Poly Theatre. The show, sponsored by ASI outings, will present slides of a six-year bicycle tour around the world. All are welcome. Admission is $3.

Thursday

• The Philosophy Club will be meeting Thursday at 11 a.m. on Dexter Lawn. Everyone is welcome to attend.

• Improve your leadership and communication skills through a workshop sponsored by ASI Outings Thursday at 11 a.m. in Agriculture Building Room 227. It is sponsored by the Political Science Club and Pi Sigma Alpha.

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Now go a step further. Imagine your homeland was signed away in a treaty — a treaty made by a government that didn't represent you or your people.

"My homeland was essentially signed away by a foreign government — a government that didn't even give us representation until two years before the treaty," said Raymond Husum, a Cal Poly business student.

The homeland Husum talks about is the Panama Canal Zone, a swatch of land that covers an area of about 550 square miles and runs along the Panama Canal in Central America. The government that gave it away was the United States.

"President Carter called us one of the last American colonies," said Husum. "We weren't Americans. We weren't American citizens as being opposed to the treaty, and the government wasn't listening to them. The Zone had been established since 1903 and it wasn't until 1976 that the citizens were allowed to send two representatives to Congress.

Public opinion polls conducted during the late 1970s showed a general reluctance among Americans in the states to give up the Panama Canal. A poll conducted by the Opinion Research Corporation of Princeton, N.J., in June 1976 showed 75 percent of Americans polled were against relinquishing control of the Canal."

"We were being controlled by people who had never been to the Zone and who probably never go there. All I see is (the U.S. supporters of the treaty) bought the zone,'" said Husum.

There were a couple of congressmen who were neutral about the treaty. They were basically offered more money for their states if they would vote for the treaty, he explained.

In 1976, Husum's family moved to Tallahassee, Fla. Once there he was faced with culture shock. People expected him to think like an American, he said.

"What was really shocking was the prejudice I was expected to know. In the Zone, segregation was the norm so you were never really exposed to prejudice. You never thought about it," Husum said. "In Tallahassee it was different. Other whites expected me to think blacks were inferior."

He also had to adjust to living in a large place. There were about 3,000 people living in the Husum's township of Balboa, quite a bit smaller than Tallahassee.

"In Balboa, everyone knew what you did before your parents did. In Tallahassee no one cared," he said.

"Capitalism was also an adjustment. The economy in the zone was communist. There was no ownership of land and no unemployment," Husum said. "When you quit your job or retired you moved away. All of the housing was provided by the citizen's employer — ultimately the U.S. government."

A person worked for the U.S. government directly or indirectly by being employed by the Panama Canal Co. They were assigned housing based on how long they had worked there.

Husum remembers picking limes as he walked around the township and then selling them. "Nobody thought anything about it because the trees didn't really belong to anyone," he said.

"There is a national directory listing your name. We used it to avoid a situation in which the United States is drawn into a confrontation with all of Latin America," Husum said.

"The homeland Husum talks about was the Zone had always been separate from Panama. In 1978, the treaty was a very pivotal point in my life," Husum said. "When the bill was passed I became very disillusioned from my dreams of being an American."
Panamanian general strike has minimal effect

Organizers say movement will grow, most businessmen afraid of military

WASHINGTON (AP) — A general strike protesting the regime of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega failed to halt transportation and most commerce in the capital, but organizers predicted it would build momentum.

An apparent lack of faith in the effectiveness of mass action contrasted with the strike's success in Monday, which was pay day for many workers.

The strike appeared to be somewhat more effective in industry.

The government said the strike — called to demand Noriega's ouster as head of Panama's 15,000-strong Defense Forces — had been a failure.

"There's fear," said a middle-aged bank employee as he got off work Monday. "We lack unity to confront these people, who have all the arms."

"The people don't have means to resist," said a woman, a domestic employee, who was walking with him. Like all those asked, they spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal.

The pro-government newspaper Critica carried a banner headline Monday saying, "A Store Closed Is A Store Seized." Strike leaders said the government made that threat to many businessmen.

Carlos Gonzalez de la Laza, a business leader and strike organizer, claimed the action had shut down 95 percent of manufacturing and construction in the capital and seriously damaged the financial industry.

Speaking to reporters Monday night, he said five of Panama City's roughly 120 banks had closed and there were slowdowns at banks that remained open, resulting in a 40 percent loss of business.

Gonzalez predicted additional closures and greater employee absenteeism today. Banking is a pillar of Panama's economy, which is largely based on service industries.

Gonzalez also said a first-ever work slowdown began Monday at the canal, a claim denied by the Panama Canal Commission, which operates the waterway through which about 40 ships pass on an average day.

He predicted the slowdown would widen today.

The strike was called Friday after Noriega orchestrated the ouster of President Eric Arturo Delvalle and made former Education Minister Manuel Solis Palma the country's new chief of state.

A day earlier, Delvalle ordered Noriega to step down in light of the general's federal indictment in Florida last month on charges of trafficking in Colombian cocaine.

Delvalle, who the Reagan administration continues to recognize as president, escaped house arrest Friday night and went into hiding in Panama. He is a leading proponent of using economic pressure to force Noriega from power.

Solis Palma denied that the strike had been at all successful.

"Look around you," he told reporters Monday afternoon. "More than 60 percent of the country is operating."

A majority of businesses were open in the commercial district that caters primarily to middle-and lower-class shoppers. In the banking district and other areas, most offices were closed to tourists and wealthier Panamanians, most businessmen kept their doors closed.

Gonzalez said the strike would continue at least through Wednesday.

It was the sixth general strike called by the opposition Nacional Civic Crusade since last June, when it began its campaign to oust Noriega after the general's former second-in-command went public with charges Noriega was involved in election fraud, corruption and political assassinations.

Only one of the previous strikes, in August, was successful.

ADMISSIONS

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time study has said no to them," said Snyder, making it a traumatic situation.

He said admissions counselors try to help students with alterations.

"We encourage them to cut their losses, make a decision and do something else. If 35 students were accepted in a major and the student is mismatched, we try to encourage them not to reapply," he said.

"We absolutely do not recommend that a student apply under an easier major — it's a catch 22." Snyder explained that students will be admitted with disenrollment if they try to stay in their major while taking classes in another.

Snyder said the application rate for freshmen is around 1 percent every year, which is expected to continue. There is already an increase in minority applicants and a 12 percent decrease of caucasian students.

"This is typically following the demographic trends in the state, as by the year 2000 the caucasi­an population is expected to decline."
Two more Mustangs qualify for NCAA meet

BASKEFIELD — The Cal Poly swim team posted two more national qualifying times this weekend.

Chair Foster qualified for the

SWIMMING

NCAA championships in the 500-yard freestyle. Foster posted a time of 4:55.48 in the event.

The Mustangs, meanwhile, came away with second place in the team standings. They scored 334 1/2 points trailed Arizona State's 103. It was the Sun Devils' fourth straight Pac-10 championship.

Osborne wins second straight Pac-10 title

Fullerton — Eric Osborne successfully defended his individual league title, but the other two Cal Poly swimmers in the Pac-10 Tournament had to settle for second place Monday night.

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Osborne defeated Jim Gresley of Arizona State University 11-3, 11-4, Tabarez (126) forfeited his match. Third place went to Chip Parks because of an injury, and Romeo (177) advanced only one place. He fell to George Johnson of Oregon in their consolation final, 10-1. Four wildcard berths for nationals were available — the top three finishers qualified automatically — but Boykin did not get one.

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Mustangs take second behind ASU

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MONKS

By Meredith Swezman
Staff Writer

If America doesn't wake up, the blood of her own young men will be shed in Nicaragua, said a prominent Christian minister.

David Courson, founder and director of Christian Emergency Relief Teams (CERT), said the best way to prevent the United States from becoming involved in Nicaragua is by supporting the Reagan Administration's efforts to cut off aid to the Sandinista government.

Courson has been accused of being a right-wing fanatic and a member of the C.I.A. by some media representatives, but he denies there is any truth to these claims. He denies that CERT's efforts are political but acknowledges that some money does make its way to the Contras.

Courson openly admitted that $22,000 worth of medicine, bibles, boots, and "humanitarian supplies" are en route now to the Contras.

CERT is a Christian relief organization that was formed in 1974 in response to the needs of the victims of the hurricane in Honduras. The organization delivers what they call "Shoeboxes for Liberty" that contain toothpaste, soap, bandages, socks, matches and other personal items to the Christian refugees camped along the Nicaraguan-Honduran border.

CERT has provided medical assistance to more than 7,000 refugees.

Courson will be speaking on his experiences in Nicaragua on Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. A school teacher from Nicaragua will be speaking on the discrimination and persecution endured by the blacks and other minorities by the Sandinistas. At 7 p.m., preceding the lectures, a video on the slide presented to Congress by Oliver North will be shown.

SHEEP

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SHEEP is the fastest growing meat in the world. It is the sheep that consumers are demanding for a variety of reasons. It is low in fat, high in protein, and has a unique flavor. Sheep meat is becoming more popular as consumers are becoming more health conscious.

David Courson, a professor and sheep specialist at Cal Poly who attended the presentation, said, "It's refreshing to hear from people in the sheep industry that progress is being made. The marketing system is kind of cumbersome and slow to change, but they're now doing what we've been doing at Poly for the past 20 years."