Transient arrested at Poly

Repeated trespassings will cause Public Safety to act on violations

By Marisa Fujikake
Staff Writer

The transient population, though relatively small in the community, has caused public nuisance problems at Cal Poly as well as in San Luis Obispo, according to Public Safety officials. James Patrick Johnson, 30, was arrested for trespassing on campus last week, said Cal Poly Public Safety.

Having been arrested several times before, Johnson, a transient, has been caught for numerous reasons. “Once he was found yelling at a female student,” said Wayne Carmack, investigator at Public Safety. “He’s been found using the gym showers and sleeping in the library after hours.”

Carmack said that most transient cases on campus do not lead to arrests because the individual usually cooperates and leaves when told. But Johnson has been spotted on campus several times. “He’s subject to arrest when he is found on campus.” Carmack said. “We just watch for him and book him when he’s in violation.”

Transients are usually harmless, said Sgt. Robert Schumacher of Public Safety. “Many people get alarmed by their dirty clothes, but they’re usually just looking for a place to stay,” he said.

Occasionally, staff or students notify Public Safety when they see a suspicious person on campus. “It’s not uncommon to have somebody in the school report someone,” said Lt. Leroy.

Construction of the public library on the corner of Osos and Palm streets is expected to be finished in October. Construction worker Manuel Lopez works on the four-storied building, designed at 32,000 square feet. Photos by Lara Cartwright.

PAC anticipates salary increase

By Claire Nickelson

The Cal Poly political action committee for the California Faculty Association successfully lobbied in Sacramento for a faculty raise increase and Proposition 71 last week.

CFA sent representatives from 13 California State University campuses to lobby against the legislative analysis’s proposed reduction of a negotiated faculty raise from 4.7 percent to 4 percent.

Earlier this year, Gov. George Deukmejian agreed to the 4.7 percent increase for CFA faculty based on a state study of 20 comparative universities and their faculty salaries.

Cal Poly was represented by George Gowgani, the PAC chairman, and Ed Seim, CFA vice-president.

“We had a very successful day,” said Gowgani. “We made our case and the legislators were very receptive.”

Gowgani and Seim met with Assemblymen Eric Seastrand and Jack O’Connell, both of whom were sympathetic to the issues they addressed.

“Assemblyman Seastrand was particularly helpful. He said we negotiated a contract and it should be followed. He added that we had 100 percent of his support,” said Gowgani.

The Assembly Ways and Means subcommittee will decide whether or not to go ahead with the analyst’s recommendation today. If the committee votes against it and follows the governor’s original recommendation, the 4.7 wage increase will go into effect as planned in January.

After meeting with the representatives from the other 13 campuses who spoke with the other legislators, Gowgani expressed his confidence with the PAC’s success.

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By Christine Kohu

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Impress your friends, thrill your neighbors and please your parents

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If you’re interested, prepare a resume, a 500-word proposal and a list of two professional references. Submit the package to Floyd Jones — and meet him personally — after 3 p.m. in the Mustang Daily office. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 11. Good luck!
EDITORIAL

Plastic will be death of the sea

The woman bagging the groceries began putting my food into their new plastic bags. I asked, "Could you show me how to use the paper bags? Plastic is not biodegradable." She did not want to change bags, claiming it didn't make a difference and that she had to use what was assigned. Then she told me she wasn't doing it to give her a bad time, but was making key management to ensure that it does make a difference to her (our customer) that they not go plastic.

She still couldn't grasp that we would actually care about the consequences of the kinds of bags used at the store.

Most plastics take hundreds of years to break down, if they break down at all. Plastic products can't be recycled or burned (without polluting the air), and they take up space in landfills for centuries. Plastic is produced from a nonrenewable resource (oil) and is the wave of the '80s. My hope is that our fascination with plastic will be lost when we realize its grave implications.

For centuries humans have been dumping in the ocean without many long-term consequences. This was because the garbage was mostly natural and the vast oceans could break it down and recycle it. Plastic has changed this. Two years ago, 48 billion pounds of plastic were produced, of which 75 million pounds of garbage overboard every year. Beachgoers in Los Angeles County alone leave 150,000 pounds of trash on the beaches each week, with much of it getting blown into the water.

Plastic is proving to be deadly for our friends who live in the ocean. Almost 600,000 northern fur seals are choked to death by plastic straps each year. More than 2 million seabirds die from plastic-related deaths, such as getting choked by six-pack holders or ingesting enough plastic to keep them in the water. A 12-meter sperm whale recently was found dead with 50 plastic bags in its throat. Turtles die from eating plastic bags, mistaken for jellyfish. Well over 100,000 mammals are known to die from plastic every year. Who knows how many more suffer similar fates but are not discovered?

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LA hospital to lose privileges for refusing to treat wounds

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A hospital will lose its Medicare and Medi-Cal privileges after refusing emergency treatment to a 19-year-old man wounded while trying to thwart a holdup, state health officials said.

Juan Andrade was shot in the left leg the night of Feb. 9 after he tried to stop a bandit who stole $300 from a bakery where Andrade works. Paramedics took him to East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital, the closest emergency room.

A nurse there refused to provide stabilizing care and range his transfer to a county hospital as required by law, said Joe Scafe, chief of program review for the state's Health Care Financing Administration, which oversees the Medicare and Medi-Cal programs.

"There was a bullet embedded in the bone," Scafe said Monday, announcing the suspension of Medicare and Medi-Cal privileges beginning May 16. "This was definitely an emergency case that they should have ac­cepted."

Andrade was later taken by paramedics to County-USC Medical Center for surgery.

County Department of Health Services investigators found he was turned away from the 128-bed East Los Angeles hospital because he had no health insurance. The county also turned up two other allegations of "pa­tient dumping" which were referred to the Health Care Financing Administration.

The HCFA concluded that the hospital's emergency room and medical staff "immediately jeopardize the health and safety of patients," said Ron Currie, chief of the HCFA's standards and certification branch.

Patric Hooper, a lawyer for East Los Angeles Doctors, said the hospital is compiling a plan of corrections it be­lieves will fend off revocation of Medicare and Medi-Cal privileges.

Nation

Coast Guard ships won't go to Persian Gulf as planned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Strong Capitol Hill opposition led the Pentagon to scuttle tentative plans to send Coast Guard ships to the Persian Gulf, say lawmakers who contend that the ships are needed more for anti­drug patrols.

"I'm glad we've got a secretary of defense who can count, because he would have lost," said Rep. Mike Lowry, D-Wash., author of legislation to block the plan.

The Pentagon announced late Monday that "after a thorough assessment during the past week," it was happy with the mix of U.S. warships in the gulf. Lowry and Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., responded by dropping plans to seek a vote on their amendment to the Pentagon budget bill.

Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said the plan "was a non-starter from the beginning and I'm glad (Defense Secretary Frank) Carlucci could understand that. That idea was going nowhere."

For the past 10 days, the Pentagon had been consider­ ing taking up to six Coast Guard boats off anti­drug patrols and sending them to the gulf. But the idea had been sharply criticized by Democrats and Republicans alike.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said the decision came after Carlucci listened "carefully to those of us in Congress, including myself, and the leadership, who suggested that this would not be the right time to take Coast Guard vessels from the United States."

The Pentagon plan surfaced as the Reagan ad­ministration reviewed U.S. policy and extended U.S. protection of neutral shipping in the war-torn waterway. The review followed the April 18 fight between the Navy and Iran, when Navy ships and planes sank or damaged six Iranian vessels.
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Jonah would have related to this one. Aside from a few slimy guts here and there inside that big fish that swallowed him, this probably looked the same inside — all except for the glass belly.

This whale can fly. In fact, that's how it got from Grand Forks, N.D., to Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc. And since this whale — the KC-135 Stratotanker — was going to be sitting aboard would be like a kid's first trip to Disneyland for about 20 radio, TV and newspaper people.

The KC-135, a 1959 Boeing, is used mainly for airborne refueling of strategic long-range bombers. On this day, April 26, the plane was to refuel an Air Force FB-111 bomber somewhere over Mt. Whitney. And it took a little more than an assurance of coffee, pastries, and the anticipation of a rare view to lure the media into the belly of the plane. Military public relations at its best.

The morning was cool and the sun began to peek over the hills. Camera equipment was gradually piled into vans, and the Four Estate was off, winding through government land toward the airstrip. A couple of dull gray jets basked in the sunlight next to a short stretch of bunkers and shacks, which is no bigger than a medium-size house the tankers, each runs about 20 feet high and traveling 500 mph, putting a round peg in a round hole can be difficult.

After a short briefing, cameras darted in and out and circled around the tanker, which is not bigger than a medium-size airliner. From a baseball's throw away drooped the whisking hose of the FB-111 preparing for takeoff. Up the white, presidential-like staircase and inside the cockpit. At the rear of the plane was the glass belly, a place where best friends would later fight like cats over a five-minute view of the refueling.

It was about an hour-and-a-half — somewhere over Fresno and after we had glided over a mass of snow-topped Sierras — before the bomber pulled in underneath us. Everyone rushed to the back to stand in line.

Before the flight, Master Sgt. Al Bekkerus, the "flying boom" operator of the four-man crew, said the tanker can pump 6,000 pounds of fuel per minute into the bomber. On this day the tanker was to pump 18,000 pounds of fuel into the FB-111 — a three-minute task, but dragged to 45 minutes for photo opportunities. When full, the KC-135 holds 120,000 pounds of fuel.

"If you haven't seen this before," Bekkerus said, "it's neat.

And it was. The boom operator stretches out on his stomach, and with his arms hanging over the recliner he peers out the 4-foot window and guides a long, metal tube with a joystick to the approaching bomber 30 feet below. A little hatch opens on the bomber's roof, exposing what looks like a shiny blowhole — probably twice the size of a car's gas opening. As about 30,000 feet above ground and traveling 500 mph, putting a round peg in a round hole can be difficult.

"There's not much of a target to get in down there," Bekkerus yelled over the bomber's buzzing turbojets.

The KC-135s were widely used during the Vietnam War. Bekkerus said they refueled planes over safer areas like Okinawa. But they still had their work cut out for them.

The following account is about two F-105 fighters returning from a mission over North Vietnam. They were short on fuel and later lost due to radio confusion. The account comes out of a pamphlet of the 905th Aerial Refueling Squadron at Grand Forks Air Force Base:

"Maj. Alvin L. Lewis and his KC-135 crew monitored the situation in another refueling area, managed to keep track of the F-105s, and silently proceeded to their assistance. Just as one fighter pilot was about to eject, Maj. Lewis maneuvered the KC-135 to its utmost in order to make the hookup, which he did in a 20-degree dive while turning to the right just as the F-105 flamed out. Nevertheless, the tanker refueled the fighter until it could restart.

The second fighter was successfully refueled, thereby saving both crews and their respective aircraft."

Bekkerus became a boom operator shortly after the war, so he hasn't seen as much action as wartime refuelers. During Vietnam the KC-135 flew almost 200,000 missions. Now, at Grand Forks and the 20 other bases throughout the country that house the tankers, each runs about 20 refuelings a week.

As difficult as the operation is, Bekkerus makes it look as easy as putting a straw in a milkshake. That's what 15 years of practice can accomplish.

The ride home was as good as the refueling. Pilots Lt. Col. Gary Hall and Capt. Dave Brook, guided by navigator Capt. Geno Rohl, flew over Yosemite Valley Half Dome, El Capitan and Yosemite Falls flew underneath like a movie. And that's what it seemed like when we touched down three short hours after takeoff — like we'd just walked out of the movie theater.

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Voter registration deadline
nearing for state primary

The California Primary is on June 7 and any U.S. citizens over 18 who wish to have a say in the selection of their party's candidate must be registered to vote by May 9. Voter registration forms must be postmarked by that date and received by the County Clerk by May 13.

Cal Poly students and San Luis Obispo residents have many ways to register to vote. Everyone must complete the voter registration form, but there are many avenues available to get and submit this simple form.

At Cal Poly, forms may be obtained in the government documents office on the third floor of Kennedy Library, or from the political science department office in FOB 14. Dorm residents may take advantage of the efforts of the Young Democrats and attend a voter registration drive in the dorms. This drive is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. May 4 in Sierra Madre and Yosemite halls. Forms are available at the UU Information Desk.

There is also a variety of sources to obtain registration forms off-campus. Party headquarters of both the Democratic and Republican parties have forms and will collect and submit completed forms.

—Dave Moore

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Youth, inexperience only and to success of women's track team

By Rob Lorenz

The Cal Poly women's track team is close to the end of another successful season, and this year the success has taken on a somewhat unusual form: there is an extraordinary amount of freshmen and sophomores contributing to the team in a big way.

"It's unique in that the majority of freshmen take a year to adjust," said coach Lance Harter. "This group has exceeded a lot of expectations."

One top performer has been middle-distance runner Teena Colebrook, who is a sophomore. Colebrook has not only qualified for nationals, but also for the Olympic trials of her native country. Great Britain, as well.

"I've benefited from having so many other talented girls around to train with. Sometimes it's hard to stay motivated in high school," said Harter.

The weight events have also shared the wealth of young talent. Melissa White, a freshman, has qualified for nationals in both the discus and the javelin, while sophomore Buffy Sexton has excelled in the discus, javelin and the shot put. Other top freshman and sophomore performers include Karen Lawson in the long jump and sprints; Charzet Polk in the sprints; Julie Thatcher, a national qualifier in the 1,500-meters; Melanie Hiatt in the middle distances; and Kris Koch in the middle distances.

"There are always one or two underclassmen who perform at very high levels. It is very important to have as many as we have that are running very well," said Harter, adding that having such young talent has helped with recruiting efforts.

Night fun run to draw 400

Night Moves. Sounds like someone is coming on to you — getting hot, sweaty and dirty with about 400 others on the Cal Poly campus.

Rec Sports is hosting its fifth annual Night Moves 5K fun run Thursday, May 12, at Cal Poly. The run is designed for both Cal Poly student and community members. The run will be held at night, and will begin across the street from the Health Center. The route continues out to the tennis courts, loops around, and will end at the University Union.

The race will have seven divisions, including men, women and co-ed. "We tried to make it fair to everyone. We tried to divide it up enough so it's fair to everyone," said Van Horn.

Van Horn said last year about 350 people ran in the race. "One of our goals is to increase turnout each year, so this year's goal is 400."

"Walk or run, what's important to us is that people have a good time," Van Horn said. He added he is disappointed the race course is not accommodating for people in wheelchairs. "Because of the rough roads and all, it's really not a suitable race for them to participate in," Van Horn said. "My brother's in a wheelchair, and their chair is their body. They don't want to ride through the dirt like that."

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The choice between Dukakis and Jesse Jackson for the Democratic nomination is a 'pick between someone who is full of charisma but has no experience' and someone with the experience but not the charisma. 'We had 8 years of charisma with the Reagan legacy. I'm sick of charisma,' said Hansford.

"For the November election, and he (Jackson) won't get this... Jackson is too left of center for Jackson right now because his campaign was organized here before ours," Hansford said. "Dukakis stands for lower unemployment rates and takes a pro-Israel stance, Hansford said. "We had eight years of charisma with the Reagan legacy. I'm sick of charisma,'" said Hansford, an animal science sophomore.

"Hope to help governor from Boston win against Jackson in primary here," Hansford said. "If Dukakis could get the Democratic nomination, that's when most of the campaign action will take place.

"Not until after the primary will the main thrust start," Hansford said. "Hansford said the campaigners will then make a pitch to Dukakis supporters may feel says California may be a different story."

There is a lot of analysts say California is up for grabs, "Hansford said. "Some Dukakis supporters may feel that he already has the nomination wrapped up and decide not to vote. This could give Jackson the state if an overwhelming number of his supporters vote.

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Annual agriculture class is ‘fairly’ unique to the nation

By Bob Lorentz
Staff Writer
If someone were to tell you that there is a class that dealt strictly with the fair industry, you probably would not believe them. There is, however, such a class offered at Cal Poly.

"This is the 26th year we’ve offered it," said Jack Scott, an agricultural management instructor who teaches the course.

"And until last year, we were the only college in the United States that had a class in fair management."

The course, which is offered only in the fall, is designed to cover every major aspect of a fair, from carnivals to contracts to crowd control.

"There are so many different facets of the fair industry, so we’re not training only managers," said Scott. "We’re excited about getting volunteers to work at local fairs as well."

Scott has taught the course for 21 years, and he would like to see it expand to a wider variety of majors.

"There is a real need for the people in the design area to be involved in fairs, as well as graphic design and journalism," said Scott.

What, then, are students learning in this course? For the most part, they are learning what makes a successful fair.

"All fairs have to have a good, competitive exhibit program," said Scott. "That’s number one. From there, you need to add some entertainment."

Scott added that good food and a wholesome family atmosphere are also important. He cited the Paso Robles Mid-State Fair as an example.

"The Mid-State Fair is a real excellent fair," he said. "It’s got all the components of a good fair."

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But finding a job in the industry does not always prove easy.
"The program is the hiring practice of fairs," said Scott. "We don’t place as many as we would like. The competition is really hard because a young graduate of Cal Poly may be competing against 30 to 50 applicants, some of whom are from the local community."

To Scott, however, the class is too enjoyable to let problems such as these get him frustrated.

"Fairs are fun," he said. "Fair people are fun people. It is a very enjoyable class."

For these students, becoming involved in the fair industry is their occupation of first choice. But finding a job in that industry does not always prove easy.

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IBP exhibit wows visitors, wins top Poly Royal award

Team effort, brainstorming key to display's success

By Claire Nickelson

From robotics to selecting the perfect wine for dinner, the industrial engineering department won the Poly Royal contest for the best display at the Homecoming Theme Contest, which will run all month and end May 23.

A $100 cash prize will go to the best entry. Entries should include both a theme and its supporting artwork and be no bigger than 8 x 10 inches. They are to be submitted to the Alumni House.

"Homecoming is a festive happening which brings alumni to the campus for reunions, and encourages student and community involvement," Shockley said.

"I don't want to stifl creative genius," Shockley said. He encourages any theme and artwork.

He said student involvement has increased since the inception of the Laugh O' Lymics two years ago. All clubs on campus are invited to participate in various events such as the Sundae Eating Contest, the Mackeral Toss, the Tri-cycle race and many others.

"Students were here to explain the projects and answer specific questions on a personal level, and people really appreciated our efforts. You can put together a great display, but if people don't understand what's going on they just walk by."

—Julie Miyaoa, exhibit director

Tourism brings millions to county, shows promotion programs work

By Keith Nunes

Tourism brought more than $323 million dollars to San Luis Obispo County in 1986-87. And this figure represents an 8.1 percent increase over 1985-86 statistics, said Jonni Eylar, director of the United States and even in the international market," said Eylar.

"When we are promoting the county we try to highlight the area's bright spots. For example, our number one tourist attraction to SLO County is Hearst Castle," said Eylar. "SLO County also draws a lot of attention because of its location. Many people who come to California want to see both San Francisco and Los Angeles. San Luis Obispo offers an excellent opportunity to see both areas.

"We are very excited about the increase in tourism, but we cannot slow down in our promotional efforts," said Eylar. "There are many businesses in the county who survive on our efforts. For example, a lot of hotels and restaurants thrive solely on our tourist trade.

"Our goal in the future is to continue to attract the same number of visitors, but we are going to try to make the tourist season in SLO county more consistent and not just during specific seasons," said Eylar.
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Stanford curriculum protest could broaden Poly courses

By Megan Owings
Staff Writer

The recent philosophy textbook protest at Stanford University could reverberate to Cal Poly — possibly leading to curriculum changes — according to two Cal Poly philosophy professors.

"I guess it could happen," said Charles Hagen, associate professor of philosophy. "I'm sympathetic to the students' view.

But because we've chosen to emphasize the classics, there was an unintended effect and that was to make the reading almost strictly male. I think there is a real education in trying to know the whole world...we need to get out of this lily-white cultural sea." —Stan Dundon

Stanford class under scrutiny:

Philosophy 230, which covers readings of various philosophical classics and focuses on the identification and evaluation of the central metaphysical and epistemological themes; and Philosophy 231, in which various readings focus on the identification and evaluation of ethics, social and political philosophy.

Each student must pass one of these classes to graduate.

Hagan said if any changes are made in these classes, he would prefer that there be a mix in the reading:

"I would hate to see a one-to-one trade," Hagen said. "I don't believe in the separation of ethics and tradition. What these books say actually accounts for a large part of the way we think and act today. I would hate to lose some of these works."

Stan Dundon, Cal Poly philosophy professor, said most students protested at Stanford because works by women and minorities were ignored. "Not including a group makes them not feel at all a part of the culture when they actually are. Including them would add to the breadth of courses.

"Plato has a great argument for this situation and that was if you are good enough to pick out the textbooks then you don't need to read them," Dundon said. "But if the students then are well-versed in knowing what books they would read then they don't need to read them...right?"

Dundon said a situation like this is a very healthy challenge for the general campus community. He said faculty in general are afraid of change. He has been involved for the past eight years in "trying to internationalize the school."

"But because we've chosen to emphasize the classics, there was an unintended effect and that was to make the reading almost strictly male," he said. "I think there is a real education in trying to know the whole world...we need to get out of this lily-white cultural sea."

John Perry, Stanford philosophy professor, said the committee on undergraduate studies has proposed a new core list with a new requirement — the "Courses, Ideas and Values" — which would bring "fresh blood" to a program plagued by rigidity.

Catherine Seagraves, Stanford's vice provost for enrollment, said the new core list was proposed after a task force recommended that the current core list be updated.

"The initiative did not originally propose changes to the core list," Seagraves said. "But faculty in the humanities and social sciences have been engaged in a conversation about the core list that is ongoing for the past several years."

"We believe it is important to have an education in the history of ideas, and the work that shaped our culture, and the analysis of the human condition," she said. "The new core list will emphasize this and will also include a requirement in diverse readings and perspectives."