Come hell or high water, I'm gonna get that lousy car

By Tracy C. Fowler
Staff Writer

After staring awake for more than 76 hours with his ankles packed in ice, an only slightly bleary-eyed Mark Reimer won a brand new sports car in the Miits-On Mitsubishi Marathon.

Reimer, a Cal Poly senior, placed his hand, along with hands from 30 others 마련ית, on a 1990 Mitsubishi...
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Lenin's legacy uprooted

The following is an excerpt from an essay written by Richard Hornik.

Attempts at economic and political reform in China, the Soviet Union and other Communist countries often seem to consist of two steps forward and one or even two steps back. In China the recent rash of student-led demonstrations is just the latest manifestation of deep public discontent over the perceived failure of economic reform. In the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev's position has been similarly threatened as the benefits of perestroika have thus far failed to match the hopes and expectations of the people.

Although selfish resistance by entrenched bureaucrats is usually cited by reformers as an obstacle, the lack of popular understanding of and support for the needed changes is equally important. Contrary to what Westerners think, the majority of citizens in these countries have found their lives intolerable, at least until recently. While it is true that they grumble about long lines and shortages, workers also appreciate guaranteed employment and low prices for life's necessities—housing, medical care, basic foods. Their education and everything they have heard from the media have led them to expect that they could enjoy economic benefits equal to those of capitalist countries with none of the risk or pain.

The challenge is to change gradually the prejudices that these regimes have cynically cultivated since taking power. Ways must be found to teach people that a gain for one is not necessarily a loss for another, that long-term improvements may require short-term sacrifices, that some changes are for the good, that it is their responsibility to keep local authorities in line. Only that sociological change will make possible the economic and political reforms that Gorbachev, Deng Xiaoping and others reformers insist are necessary. Thus far, no communist regime has found a way to achieve this dilemma. Lenin once said, "Give me four years to teach the children, and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted." His political heirs are finding that it is a difficult task indeed.

Letters to the Editor

Ticket sales are essential to grad

Editor — In response to "Grad ticket sharks prey at Poly" (May 22): Schuermann obviously could not afford not to sell my tickets. When summer savings are long gone, I have to scrimp and save to pay rent every month. Don't talk to me about conscience until you have been there, too. I need money. My parents cannot come to my graduation because I could not afford not to sell my tickets.

Secondly, we live in a capitalist system of supply and demand. The greater the demand the lower the supply, the higher the cost. Take an economics class, Schuermann.

As your friend who lost his tickets, I sympathize, but if he lost his homework, would his professor forgive him? He blew it, not me. Why should I give him my tickets to him?

Jeff Kidd
Computer Science

Accusatory note irks dog owner

Editor — When I returned to my track Friday, I found a note on my windshield that read, "If you care about your dogs, you would leave them at home."

Future DVM. You are a classic case for the SPCA."

Before you decide to accuse someone of negligence, make sure you know what you are talking about. You don't even know me or my dogs, so how can you judge me? My dogs are spoiled and well taken care of. My dogs would rather ride to school with me than stay home on the ranch. They had plenty of water, and they had shade to lie in. I might have agreed with you if the temperature was in the 90s. My dog's fur was not hot, and they were not panting. If my dog was panting, that is not unusual. She pants a lot.

I really hope before you become a DVM you learn not to jump to conclusions. Next time you decide to leave a note, leave your name and number if you think you are so right.

Dennis Gunter
As Management
Taco loses $200 Bell, 'feels naked'

By Mike McMillan

"We feel naked," said Maider Toney, area operations manager for Taco Bell.

For the second time in as many years, the local restaurant on Santa Rosa Street is doing business without its rooftop bell.

Stephen Sayholt of the San Luis Obispo Police Department said the fiberglass bell and its 40-pound wooden frame were stolen sometime between 2:30 and 3 a.m. last Saturday.

Officers responded to a call about several people on the restaurant's roof at 2:15 a.m., but a search of the premises turned up nothing.

The bell, valued at about $200, was discovered missing the next morning.

"Last year the bell was stolen and returned within days," said Toney. "A fraternity group brought it back because they didn't like the people who stole it."

Taco Bell's rooftop alarm was not functioning last Saturday due to a new phone system being installed in the restaurant.

"About a year and a half ago I scared away some kids after hearing their footsteps on the roof," said Toney. "This time we were so busy that nobody heard a thing."

Toney said if the bell is not returned within a few days, Taco Bell will ask for a full investigation. Anyone with information about the crime is requested to contact the San Luis Obispo Police Department or Maider Toney at Taco Bell.

"We just want to get it back," said Toney. "Right now we're just taco. There is no bell."

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could have won the Igor I. Sikorsky Award of $25,000 offered by the American Helicopter Society. This prize is awarded to the first team that builds a human-powered helicopter. In order to win, the helicopter must fly for 60 seconds, remain within a 10-meter square, and reach an altitude of three meters.

But it wasn't the money that first attracted the students. Constructing the first human-powered hovering machine was their top priority. They also wanted to prove that their rotor design could stand the test of being in motion. The rotor blades were tested at NASA's wind tunnels in Mountain View, Calif. In March of last year, the Da Vinci II, last year’s project, crashed inside a McDonald's Douglas hangar in Long Beach. Da Vinci III however was a lot better and lighter than Da Vinci II, Perón said. "Performance isn't the problem, it's the stability," Perón said.

Da Vinci III, with its 100-foot diameter weighs about 140 pounds. Because of its light weight and since the helicopter can't take any wind, all testing is done indoors. "The people at Vandenberg were fantastic for allowing us to stay here all week," Perón said.

The 45 students, mostly aeronautical or mechanical engineering majors, will wait until school is out before repairing the "moderately damaged" rotor blade, said Cal Poly spokesman Bob Anderson. "Hopefully in September, the club will have another test flight, I know they'll be back for sure."

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By Jenny Midgarden

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Judy Fraser

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Sports
Tennis season ends on high note
By Tracy C. Fowler
Staff Writer
Cal Poly's men's tennis team returned from last week's Division II nationals after placing second in team competition with three All-Americans.
"We were ranked second all year and never won lower," said coach Kevin Platt. "We really had a super year."
Tim Fresenius, Alex Havrileiko, and Eric Saso were Poly's All-American players. Fresenius was ranked number one in the West going into the national's top 10. Saso, who was ranked 44th going into the individual competition, succeeded in making it to the final eight.
The team competition filled the first half of the week and was followed by the individual championships.
The team competition was more important to the Poly players than the individual competition, Platt said. He explained that after the tough team matches and finishing second to Hampton University of Virginia, it was hard to find motivation to play the individual matches.
Mark Biddle of Bloomsburg University finished first individually. Individual standings for the Cal Poly singles players were unavailable at press time.
In the team competition, Hampton and Poly were followed by third place UC Davis and fourth place Chapman College. Platt said the season is official over and practices will begin again in late September.
"Everyone is coming back next year," he said, "we should do a little better because the team will be more experienced."

Rankin hurts foot, will miss nationals
By Michael J. Levy
Staff Writer
One of the Mustangs' top pole vaulters suffered a stress fracture in his right foot and has been held out from competing in this weekend's Division II national championship meet.
Kevin Rankin, who has the second best vault in Division II at 17 feet six inches, broke the navicular bone in his right foot two weeks ago at the S&W meet in Modesto. Despite the fracture, Rankin continued to jump a week later in the CCAA conference meet, not knowing he had suffered the break.
Rankin said when he ran down the runway at the Modesto meet, he broke. He says it slowly wore down, from what he feels was stress.
He finally went to see a podiatrist following the conference meet because it was so hard to jump. That's when the break showed up under a bone scan.
Rankin is wearing a cast that he will have to keep on for six weeks, and then he will have to go through rehabilitation. He estimates that he won't be able to jump again until summer.

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