Sierra Madre resident arrested for possessing stolen property

By Geoff Seratti
Staff Writer

A Cal Poly freshman was arrested April 29 and charged with three misdemeanors, possession of a stolen cellular phone valued at $1,000.

Neil Marutani, a computer science freshman living in Sierra Madre, surrendered Tuesday to authorities at the San Luis Obispo County Jail. Marutani was booked on four charges, three of which stem from incidents that occurred on campus against residents of Sequoia Hall.

Marutani's father posted bail at $3,000, and he was released later that day.

The main charge brought against Marutani was possession of stolen property, a $1,000 cellular phone, which was reported stolen in Sparks, Nevada. The charge is a felony, said Investigator Mike Kennedy of Cal Poly Public Safety.

"In terms of penalties, Marutani could receive anything from jail time (in state prison) to community service work to a fine," Kennedy said.

"There was no evidence of criminal action. It was obviously a suicide," Crawford said. The Sheriff's Department is not conducting a criminal investigation of the incident, he said.

Hardenman usually went shooting when something bothered him.

"Nothing out of the ordinary happened really. I just got worried," Burke said. "It was one of those things when you'd have to explain it to anyone they wouldn't believe it. It was just a feeling I had."

Burke said he went out searching for Hardenman and found his shotgun and had not returned by 9:30 p.m. Burke said Hardenman left at about 1 p.m. with his shotgun and had not returned by 9:30 p.m.

Sea creatures from PG&E invade Morro Bay museum

By Malei Jesse
Staff Writer

What stands on its head and catches food with its feathery legs? A sea barnacle, of course. All kinds of bizarre and interesting sea creatures have taken center stage at the Morro Bay Natural History Museum. The animals aren't just there to look pretty, though. They're part of PG&E's "touch tank" project. Marine life is displayed in open tanks so that visitors can touch and hold the creatures to get an up-close feel for the animals. "Marine weekender attendance has increased from 30 visitors a day to 300," said Karen Tacket of PG&E's education department.

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About 50 percent of the people don't want to touch the animals at all, but some of the kids want to dive in the tank with them.

Former director awarded for contributions to ag

By Tracy Condon
Staff Writer

A former Cal Poly director of Vocational Education was honored by the California Chapter of Agromony at the 1991 Plant and Soil Conference on Feb. 1, in San Luis Obispo.

The late Edward A. Apodaca received the award, which is given to one or two people who have made lifelong contributions to California Agriculture. Apodaca came to Cal Poly in 1979 and became associate director of Vocational Education Productions until his death in 1989.

Apodaca was involved in the development of numerous vocational, agricultural and bilingual texts, videos, filmstrips and slide sets. The publications are in use in high schools, community colleges and universities throughout California, the United States and many parts of the world.

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As in any biology lab, the Morro Bay Natural History Museum uses the lab to maintain up-to-date information for the community because many of the presentations became so popular that the company decided to look for other publications.

"The environment was before the plant existed," Tacket said. "The goal is to keep the area as it has always been.

"The bio-lab is the most popular part of the Diablo tour. "It's a favorite because you really get to see some unique animals," Tacket said.

PG&E was inspired to share its marine life with the community because of numerous phone calls from schools who wanted the animals to come into the classroom.

At first, PG&E hailed the sea creatures around in its sheets. Eventually the presentations became so popular that the company decided to look for ways to present the display on a larger scale.

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Cal Poly's ROTC must be banned

On April 16, Cal Poly's Academic Senate voted to amend the resolution, passed unanimously by the Academic Senate of the California State University, on CSU policy on nondiscrimination and ROTC programs. While leaving in place strongly condemnatory language regarding ROTC discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, the amendment removed the only active clauses which would have called on Cal Poly to terminate all future contracts regarding the offering of ROTC programs.

As passed, the resolution stated: "the policy of discrimination by the military on the basis of sexual orientation is based on prejudice... It is a violation of CSU policy for the CSU system, or any part of it, to discriminate in employment or access on the basis of sexual orientation." While the Cal Poly Academic Senate overwhelmingly approved this language, which clearly condemns ROTC policies towards homosexuals and bisexuals, the amendment on this campus, senators also voted to condone the continuation of these very policies. We strongly object to the Senate's condoning of discrimination and its transformation into mere posture rather than policy making.

As indicated by the Senate's overwhelming vote in favor of the above language, there is little dispute that ROTC programs discriminate against students on nonacademic grounds. This discrimination is felt through the withholding of financial support from students who admit to being homosexual or bisexual. While it was argued that program discontinuation would hurt students who are now eligible for financial aid, it is clear the present program hurts many more students who are precluded from such aid.

The question before the Senate was whether we should condone such programs on our campus and accommodate such discrimination through the use of facilities and personnel funded by California taxpayers. Clearly, the majority of senators felt comfortable unreasonably condemning such prejudice but in fact condoning such discrimination. We do not. ROTC programs have no place on this campus until they are open to all students regardless of sexual orientation.

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Administration doesn't include faculty in budget decisions

Over the past two weeks you have been receiving open letters regarding various topics from the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Robert D. Koch. I believe it is time to clarify some of the issues he has raised and to ask some basic questions.

As Vice President Koch notes, "Anyone reading the newspaper must be aware by now that the financial outlook for next year is grim. The final outcome is still very uncertain because most of the significant legislative processes are yet to be completed." He then goes on to suggest that, "100 plus faculty positions plus an even larger number of administrative and staff positions..." could be lost. Why is he presenting such a worst-case scenario? As I have already pointed out in other publications, using the Trustee's budget request and comparing it to the Governor's budget proposal does not give a truly accurate picture of what the actual budget situation is.

Early on in the budget "crisis" reports from the CSU administration claimed the budget deficit would be $200 million to $280 million. At the same time the budget analyst for the California Faculty Association, Paul B. Worthington, estimated the real deficit to be $143 million. So and behold! Now the CSU administration presents the deficit at $145 million. True, it still is a significant deficit, but let's deal with real figures.

The budget analyst for CPA projects that Cal Poly would lose about 77 faculty positions next year, if nothing is done to mitigate the existing budget shortfall, not quite the 100 plus faculty positions projected by Vice President Koch. Let's talk about real positions we have this year. The California Faculty Association has proposed alternatives to the chancellor's request by $100 million to meet the $51.2 million shortfall, which is being discussed to be doled out to the campuses. These proposals include both mandatory and voluntary means of reducing expenditures and avoiding layoffs.

Unfortunately, the university is still clinging to the Trustee's budget proposal versus what the governor has allocated to the CSU method of comparison. Given the increased revenue generated by the state sales tax, perhaps the deficit will be only $7 billion, the governor's original projection, instead of $12.6 billion, as so far cuts will have to be made in the CSU budget. The Trustee's budget proposal, however, still lacks the needed dose of reality to make it a reasonable document to plan from.

Another question that still goes unanswered, even when staff members are being told that their jobs may not exist next year, is why there has been no staff input in the budget reduction process, either through their employee organizations, that represent them, or through individual contacts? Proposals are already being made and implemented without, to my knowledge, any staff input. The administration has also ignored our calls for making long-term temporary university employees permanent to save them from having their jobs cut out from under them.

Another question deals with the budget reduction planning process and its implementation. Reduction targets of 8 to 15 percent have been requested by the administration. The actual cuts needed may be 71/2 percent or less. If the reductions turn out to be less than expected, what will happen to programs and employees already ready placed on the "hit list"? What system will be used to restore funding and programs, and how will consolidation with the university community occur? Hopefully, the process will not be the "trickle down" theory of consolidation via the program administrators to department heads and on down to the faculty and the students, a process which does not work on this campus.

There is concern that the administration is merely using the budget "crisis" to eliminate programs and employees it does not like, particularly to the nonacademic program side of the university. Unfortunately, there may be some substance to this concern.

There is a discussion also taking place concerning campus "unmet needs" in this time of budget "crisis." How ooccurred to come up with this priority list of "unmet needs" is unclear at best. On the academic program side no consultation occurred beyond the deans council. Should we be funding "unmet needs" when programs are being targeted for elimination? We have requested accurate budget information concerning last year's actual budget and this year's actual budget. To date, we have not received the requested material. Every time we try to obtain sensible, comprehensible data, our quest is like trying to climb a mountain made of garbage. At the top of that mountain is where the budget wizards reside. Every time we get a few steps closer to the information we need we keep slipping back down the mountain side, and even if we reach the top, the wizards would present the information in such jargon and doublespeak that it would be unattainable to the layperson. For if the information where intelligible, then there would be no need for the budget wizards with all their incantations and chants.

James R. Conway is the president of the Cal Poly chapter of the California Faculty Association.
AVAGUSI, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi Kurds are returning home from squalid border camps faster than expected, the U.N.'s envoy to The Associated Press. "They are responding a day are being trucked down the mountain site for the allies' relief effort. De Mistura said more than 4,000 refugees a day are being trucked down the mountain from this open-air waiting area about 30 miles northeast of Zakho, the main staging place for the allies' relief effort. He said initially he expected only 2,000 a day.

President jokes about portable heart monitor

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush showed off his portable heart monitor to White House visitors Tuesday and made light of his experience with an irregular heartbeat. "Sienna old me," Bush said as doc­ tors reported that his heart rhythm remained normal for a second day. "I must admit I'm glad to be out of the hospital," Bush said. "It's a little unsettling to turn on the news and see Peter Jennings pointing to a diagram of a heart with your name on it. It isn't even Valentine's Day."

For the second straight day, Bush kept to a busy work schedule. Before arriving at the Oval Office at 7:23 a.m., Bush was examined by a White House physician and had an electrocardiogram test.

EPA begins campaign to reduce lead in water

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmen­ tal Protection Agency announced a new program Tuesday for reducing lead in drink­ ing water, setting standards that may force some cities to replace old lead pipes. Lead in water supply lines will give the most stringent drinking water standards for lead in the entire world," said EPA official Henry Hallock. Lead can produce high blood pressure in adults. Its chief danger is to children, be­ cause small amounts can interfere with development of the brain.

The agency estimates that its regulations would reduce blood lead concentrations in 600,000 children below the "level of concern" set by the Centers for Disease Control.

Man who torched son will be paroled today

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A man who was convicted of setting his young son on fire in 1983 will be paroled today, state corrections officials said Tuesday. Authorities refused to disclose specific details about when Charles Rothenberg, 50, would be released from the remote state prison at Pelican Bay, and where he will live. "He's going to be released from prison... sometime on May 8," said state Cor­ rections Department spokesman Mike Van Winkle. "That's all we can say about it."

Van Winkle said Rothenberg will be watched around the clock and be required to wear an electronic monitor that alerts parole authorities if he strays from where he's sup­ posed to be.

Pilot didn't see other plane until last minute

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The pilot of a USAir jet involved in a fatal airport crash said Tuesday he didn't see another plane on the runway until it was too late and that he had come to expect anything from Los An­ geles air traffic controllers.

First Officer David T. Kelley said USAir Flight 1403 had to ask twice for landing clearance at Los Angeles International Air­ port. The crew also was ordered to switch runways during the approach shortly after nightfall Feb. 1.

To that point, the flight from Columbus, Ohio, had been uneventful, Kelley told a Na­ tional Transportation Safety Board hearing.

But the order wasn't a surprise, he said.

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sulted in arts and bilingual education in many states. In Texas, he was a production artist at Channel 9. He then moved to Guatemala to work for USAID, an overseas assistance

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As a consultant to the Coliseum Managers Association, a national organization that includes managers of professional stadiums, little league fields, parks and university fields. “Under the stress of heavy traffic by athletes, many of the accepted fundamentals of turfgrass culture seem to fail,” Cockerham said. Much of the fundamentals are geared to the needs of the golf course manager, not the needs of an athlete, he said.

To get those hard facts about how well sports turf withstands wear and tear from high impact games, Cockerham invented a machine, replete with cleats, that can be adjusted to mimic the wear and tear of professional or amateur football, baseball and soccer games.

Results from Cockerham’s four-year study showed that the “elite” perennial ryegrass varieties now available, like Manhattan II, offer important safety features for athletes. “If we really care about our players and their safety, then we need to pay more attention to the turf under their cleats. Our results may surprise the diehards for bermudagrass,” he said.

Cockerham has a new study underway in collaboration with Maurizio Borghonavi, visiting scholar from Italy, on the best sports turf performers. The results will be important to athletes because the UCR research is measuring the impact absorption capability of these new turf varieties and their traction, a factor that estimates how hard the turf is on a player’s knees. If the torque is too high, it can cause problems, he said.

Cockerham expects results from the new study by July. Last summer, Cockerham con¬
sulted in Milan, Italy where world Cup soccer was being played. The stadium has been

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who is a graphic communication freshman at Cal Poly.
Playing it smart... Poly succeeds where other Cal State campuses fail in finding a balance between academics and athletics.

By Peter Hartlaub


"Denise Gage" crosses the threshold of a stark white room with three pictures lining its walls. Two display yellow and green pastel prints of daffodils, and one holds emergency exit instructions in case a fire breaks out in this old Bamada Inn.

Denise is a biological sciences major at Cal Poly. Denise is also a standout on the Cal Poly women's track team in the 100- and 200-meter sprints. Despite getting some decent study done in the van, she is happy that her coach put her in this quiet room with other women who need to study. She has a midterm next week in her zoology class, and to put it frankly, zoology is a bitch.

In addition to her three running events, Denise has more than 100 biology vocabulary words to learn this weekend, but one word has already been burned in her mind. Symbiosis.

The intimate living together of two dissimilar organisms in any of various mutually beneficial relationships. Denise thinks about symbiosis as she pulls out a 4-pound book and a dog-eared lab manual and loses herself in the workings of the human lung.

A recent article in the San Jose Mercury News reported that among Cal State athletics, graduation rates were shockingly low. The report stated that at San Jose State, San Diego State and Cal State Fullerton, only 14 to 18 percent of athletes were graduating in five years, and that academic performances in CSL schools have been generally "extremely poor" in the last year.

At Cal Poly, the case is different. While graduation figures were unavail- able for Cal Poly athletes, other statistics compiled from the Cal Poly Evaluations Office and athletic department show that Cal Poly athletic GPAs are generally right on line with the school GPA, and in many cases, whole athletic teams are surpassing the academic achievements of the average Cal Poly student.

According to the athletic department, the Cal Poly student GPA is just under 2.71.

Of the 16 teams sponsored by the athletic department, eight have GPAs higher than the school average. The top teams are women's cross country (3.09), women's basketball (2.84), women's track (2.71), and men's cross country (2.63). Men's and women's track each had 11 students carrying a GPA of 3.5 or better last quarter (out of about 45 team members), and several other teams displayed similar outstanding marks.

Marilyn McNeil, Cal Poly associate director of athletics, said recent changes in the athletic department have become catalysts for greater student achievement. "In the past six years, since Dr. (Kendrick) Walker became athletic director, there has been an emphasis on academics in the whole athletic department," McNeil said. "He put it as a high priority to clean up things academically, and that has happened. "McNeil works with several student interna on the new Academic Support Sys- tem, which sets up help for academically troubled athletes. Both Fresno State and San Jose State have similar, yet larger programs with six or more paid advisers, and both continue to experience academic problems.

According to McNeil, Cal Poly's athletic support program started out with some positive surprises. "When we started this program to zero in on the few athletes having trouble, we came across the realization that there are a whole bunch of athletes out there who aren't having trouble, and no one is paying attention to them," she said.

Sheri Bates, assistant coach for Cal Poly women's basketball, feels that the credit for success begins with those who are keeping in the good marks. "Put the credit to the athletes," Bates said. "They are serious students, and they want to do well in class, and that's why they're here. "There's not a lot that they can do with their athletic abilities other than graduate, but there is a tremendous amount they can do with their academic abilities, and they are aware of that."

Bates said that coaches do everything they can to schedule games so that the time spent away from school is limited. Bates added that women's basketball usually spends only one school day on the road during fall quarter and that weekend road trips are generally accompanied by study time while on the bus or van and in hotel rooms.

As the San Jose Mercury News report stated, only 7 percent of San Jose State football recruits graduate in five years. As a result, fifth-year scholarships are difficult to graduate from in four years, many athletes are finding themselves with 60 or 50 units to complete their degrees without athletic eligibility and financial help.

The NCAA generally allows a fifth year of scholarship to help athletes finish their graduation requirements. Because of a lack of funds, however, many Cal State schools are unable to offer these scholar- ships. State schools such as Cal State Fullerton and San Jose State are competing against privately-funded schools like Notre Dame and the University of Southern California with only ticket sales and alum- ni support to pay for expensive scholar- ships. As a result, fifth-year scholarships are almost nonexistent in Cal State schools. The report blamed both a lack of five-year scholarships for athletes and a general lack of funds. Because Cal State
Pro athletics like basketball and football have farm systems (Division I athletics) paid at taxpayers expense. That is the chief corrupter of college athletics.

-Michael Wenzl

Athletes in different sports, including track, baseball and softball, felt they are currently encouraged by the athletic department to excel academically, and all felt that academics were a highly important reason for their recruitment.

Athletic Director Kendrick Walker said that since his appointment six years ago, academics has been of foremost importance for the athletic department. Walker was the predecessor of Wenzl as the athletic representative of Cal Poly and worked with academics before he became athletic director.

"Some of these teams have a lot of people to figure in their GPAs, and to have such a level of overall excellence is a considerable achievement," Walker said.

"Most athletes are carrying a normal student load plus training, plus some of them work. Our student athletes are a very exceptional group of people that put out an exceptional effort. It's a shame that most of the time this is unsung, but it is a pleasure that their efforts will pay off in their futures."


Denise Gage crosses the threshold of a stark white room with three pictures lining its walls. One frame holds a team picture of the 1991 Cal Poly women's track team. Denise finished third at Division II nationals in the 200 meter sprint and was an All-American in both the 100- and 200-meter sprints.

A second picture holds the Bachelor of Science degree that she received from Cal Poly in 1992. She graduated with a 3.3 GPA in biological sciences and finished her Master of Science degree at the end of 1993. The third picture holds a similar piece of paper from the University of San Francisco that gives her license to practice Podiatry in California.

There is something wonderfully symbolic about the three pictures on the wall. There's no doubt in Dr. Gage's mind that symbiosis is what it's all about.

Peter Hartlaub is a journalism junior with a concentration in public relations. This is his first quarter reporting for Mustang Daily.
Architecture students shelter design for homeless

By Tracey Adams
Staff Writer

To house or not to house? That was the question for some Cal Poly architecture students in a recent "House the Homeless" competition.

With the formal awards ceremony last May, 19 for the winners of the competition, some students question whether or not the competition dealt with the real solution to the homeless problem.

The design competition involved designing a shelter that could be used by homeless people anywhere in the world. The competition criteria called for design plans for a structure that could be stacked, arranged in a variety of configurations and manufactured and transported easily.

The structure should have included food and sleeping preparation areas as well as sanitation, said architecture professor Ken Kohlen. He said the criteria also called for the structure to be easily shipped by all modes of transportation.

Jennifer Marca, a second year architecture student, took first place with a structure that provided basic sleeping, cooking and sanitation facilities. Her design also won high marks for being adaptable to different cultures and for creating a sense of private space.

Marca said she designed the structure for a design class and then entered it in the contest. She said the issue of housing the homeless was first debated by the students in the class.

"Basically, it's a short-term solution to the problem," Marca said. Housing the homeless, she said, is a part of the solution.

The project was very controversial, Marca said. "Everyone was debating whether these (structures) were really answering the problem."

Two architectural engineering students, Leonard Anzeda and Jason Garbutt, won a $100 special jury award for addressing the potential for realistic solutions.

Their entry included a paper pointing out flaws in assumptions behind the competition. Anzed and Garbutt emphasized the importance of education. Rather than imposing a Western solution, they wrote, the best solution to sheltering the homeless would be to help them find their own solutions.

Kohlen recognized the competition involved a larger issue than just designing structures. "I know it's a debatable thing to get money to house the homeless or get them to house themselves," Kohlen said. "My personal opinion is that there are instances when we need to give a helping hand to the homeless."

"Our own homeless, I have second thoughts about," he said. "There are people who need a helping hand." On the other hand, Kohlen said there are some who are perpetually homeless and who do not try to help themselves. In these instances, he has said, the homeless are not a solution.

Kohlen said that the structures could not solve the homeless problem but could be used for emergency night shelters and day shelters.

The awards ceremony will be held at the Embassy Suites hotel in San Luis Obispo.
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left five letters in his car for him on Cuesta Ridge around 10:45 p.m. He said Hardeman left five letters in his car for family and friends.

Burke and Hardeman were roommates for two years. Hardeman had recently been elected as marketing chairman for the Cal Poly Ski Club and the NOW counselor.

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Kennedy said Marutani's arraignment in court is scheduled for May 14. He said the district attorney of San Luis Obispo will combine all four charges against Marutani so he will have to appear in court to be arraigned only once.

Marutani's attorney, Chris Casciola, on Tuesday said Marutani will plead not guilty on the four charges, but he said the decision is premature because the district attorney hasn't filed any charges yet.

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