Students round up in Arroyo Ranch’s animal therapy helps disabled residents

By Holly Vanderlaan

Two Cal Poly students were "cowboys for a day" during the sixth annual Fall Horse Show at Rancho De Los Animales for the Disabled in Arroyo Grande.

Kelly Covert and Roger Hanger joined eight other disabled riders for a friendly competition Sunday at the ranch, which is located just off Highway 1 atop the mesa near Arroyo Grande.

Both Cal Poly riders are visually impaired, and all participants on horseback had volunteers lead their mounts around the Rancho arena.

It was only Covert’s third time on a horse, but she placed second in the musical barrels category.

"It felt great," said Covert, a human development sophomore. "It was wonderful. The horse was on 'Flash' was a doll."

Each year RAD serves more than 6,000 people, including 1,200 to 2,000 schoolchildren, youth groups and seniors, disabled people and battered or abused children, RAD Director Beth Currier said.

At the ranch, the visitors learn animal husbandry, ride horses or pony carts and experience what it’s like to be on a ranch, Currier said.

The ranch also brings the outdoor experience to schools, vocational training centers and Special Olympics sites, she said. In other occasions, volunteers take petting animals to senior citizens.

Currier, who is an assistant coordinator for Disabled Student Services on campus, founded the non-profit ranch eight years ago.

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ASI Board of Directors will revote Wednesday night on a resolution which passed 21-4 at last week’s meeting.

The resolution proposes that an $11 ASI fee increase referendum appear on the November ballot along with the IRA fee referendum. But some concern was raised over the legality of that referendum.

Dennis Lang, director of the School of Business, said Monday that ASI violated the California Education Code by voting on the resolution without giving proper public notice.

The code states that "No governing board shall take action on any issue until that issue has been publicly posted for at least one week."

Lang said only two day’s notice was given to the student body.

The ASI Finance Committee reviewed the resolution as a discussion item for four weeks. During its Oct. 28 meeting, the committee decided to move it to a business item and a vote, Lang said, leaving only two days to be posted publicly.

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Enthusiasts hope for rebound after bungee accident

By Holly Vanderlaan

Will bungee jumping enthusiasts continue to jump after the thrill sport recently claimed its first life in the United States?

The accident happened when bungee jumping instructor Hal Mark Irish, 29, of La Mirada, demonstrated the first jump of the day from a hot air balloon and fell more than 60 feet to his death in front of awaiting customers.

The accident happened south of the Perris Valley Airport and Pursuit Center in Per-

"It's a tragedy," said bungee jumper Peter Kockelman. "He wasn't hooked up properly and became detached on the rebound."

In 1988, Kockelman and his brother John started the world's first commercial bungee jumping company. Bungee Adventures, located in Mountain View, Calif. Kockelman said that violation of the Education Code is a mis-

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ASI is revote after complaints surface

By Patty Hayes

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China talks of nuclear program with Iran

BEIJING (AP) — China released more information today about its nuclear cooperation program with Iran in an effort to convince U.S. critics that its purposes are peaceful.

A Foreign Ministry statement issued by the state-run Xinhua News Agency said China provided Iran with an electromagnetic separator for isotope production and a small reactor.

It said Chinese and Iranian companies signed commercial contracts for the sales in 1989 and 1991, respectively.

"These facilities are used for nuclear medical diagnosis and nuclear physics research, isotope production, education and personnel training," the statement said.

"Guided by the internationally observed regulations, China had requested the International Atomic Energy Agency to enforce safeguards before these facilities were shipped."

South Africans strike to protest new tax

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Millions of blacks went on strike Monday as anti-apartheid groups shut down large parts of the economy in a bid to force the white government to share power. At least 17 people were killed in strike violence.

To protest new tax. But it was widely seen as a power struggle between the government and black opposition groups.

The strike appeared to be one of the most See WORLD, page 8

Foul play suspected in storefront crash

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The father of a man who is believed to have died when he drove into a Goodwill store says his son was not suicidal and he suspects foul play.

Arthur Pugh Sr. says he thinks his son Arthur Pugh Jr. is the man whose car started a fire that destroyed six North High­lands shops last week.

"I don't think he was suicidal and he suspects foul play."

Cold winter weather could control medfly

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Agricultural officials believe a severe winter could help stop the spread of the Mediterranean fruit fly but agricultural interests contend the state should not let up on control efforts.

"We are kidding ourselves if we think winter is going to stop the Medfly," said Michael Durando, president of the California Grape and Tree Fruit League, a trade association.

"They should start a more aggressive eradication program, I don't think we have seen the last of the Medfly."

Medflies are around during the winter but are less active, said entomologist James Casey, a member of the state's Medfly Science Advisory Panel.

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BUNGEE

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bungy jumper Ian, who declined to give his full name. "There is no regulation or certification."

Kockelman said there are bungee masters who are trained in proper hook-up techniques and must have a certain number of jumps under their belts.

Kockelman said accidents like this happen due to little regulation of the sport.

He said the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is looking into classifying bungee jumping as an amusement ride which means it would regulate bungee companies to make sure they are operating properly.

Ian said he talked to a man who owns a skydiving company about the effects the bungee-related death will have on business.

"He said that after every time there is a skydiving accident, business increases. People feel the odds have been beaten for a while," Ian said.

For those worried about the risks involved with bungee jumping, Kockelman suggested they just stay home.

"There will be accidents... and there is human error... and airplanes come out of the sky with some regularity... so even with the best-protected systems there will always be failures; but with checks and balances you can minimize or eliminate these," he said.

Kockelman said that most people in the United States have copied his equipment system because it was well-designed by engineers.

"That's why so few people have died in the U.S. over the last four years," he said.

According to Time magazine (April 23, 1990) two French jumpers fell to their deaths in 1989 when their cords snapped, and a third died after colliding with a tower.

But enthusiasts maintain that the thrills outweigh the risks.

Jumpers leap off high places headfirst attached only to a long elastic rubber bungee cord, then free-fall a few seconds before the cord stretches and rebounds skyward like a yo-yo as the cord snaps back to its original length.

Poly honors outstanding staffers

Three employees get award, $300 for doing good job

By Laura Carrillo

Cal Poly takes notice of its finest staff members by honoring the top three with an Outstanding Staff Members Award and offering them each $300 cash.

This year the top three staff members chosen were Barbara Ciesielski, supervisor of Telephone Administration, Harriet Clendenen, coordinator of Disabled Students Services and Harriet Ross, departmental secretary for the biological sciences department.

Ciesielski has worked 29 years for Cal Poly. Most of that time she has supervised the General Office.

Clendenen began working at Cal Poly as a clerical assistant in 1977 and has been Corr.

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Ramping trekkies from hell in San Luis Obispo

By Peter Hartlaub

You know your life has hit an all-time low when you are kicked by a gang of "trekkies." With perhaps the exception of being beaten in basketball by Danny DeVito, there is nothing worse for morale.

My most recent near-death experience started during a routine trip to Radio Shack. I was getting a need to pump up my basketball when I saw a trio of those very unique human beings who make the unfortunate decision to spend their sexual prime worshiping a television show.

In a place like San Luis Obispo, a trekkie is as easy to spot as a bottle-thrower at a church service (and if you do see a bottle-thrower at a church service, be sure to turn them to ASI for your $500 reward).

First of all, I know they were trekkies because they were using a shopping cart in Radio Shack. Some other outstanding trekkie characteristics were their wildly blonde comformations from lack of daylight and inflamed red thumbs from playing endless hours of Nintendo.

I always thought of trekkies as harmless. In the little films in my brain, trekkies were in the same folder as second graders, mums and the Amish.

So I didn't panic when I walked by the circuits department and heard them mumbling "Check the tri-color, I think he's the chosen one." and "Better grab him quick, the dilithium crystals are running in his mouth."

Okay, I thought, they're just talking in their little trekkie language (TrekkieSpeak). They're probably just talking about their last "Holmes and Dragon" game, I was brought thinking trekkies were about as dangerous as gerbils. In the Jungle of humanity, trekkies belonged in the petting zoo.

That's why I didn't panic when they followed me outside, pulled out something that looked like an electronic squid attached to 42 nine-volt batteries, and put it on my head. Before I could react, I got an enormous shock that felt like someone was trying to fit a porcupine through my spinal column. My heart jumped into my mouth, my brain fell into my shoes. I was definitely dealing with professionals.

The last thing I remember was being stuffed into a trunk of a 1979 AMC Hornet with the license DB4RKK. Then the lights went out.

When I came to, I was in a fake plastic prison cell and the largest eyebrows I've ever seen were bearing down at me.

"If you answer our questions correctly we'll let you live. If not you will be used as human sacrifices to appease the soul of the supreme creator, Gene Roddenberry."

"Just let me g..."

"Silence, human! In the eighteenth episode, the" Squire of Gothos," Sula comes across a real bunch of diabolical aliens who are all named Beta Six. What was his name and why did he need a telerean capacitor?"

"I don't know just leave me al...

"WRONG! In the forty-second episode, "Mirror Mirror," the evil Spock is destroyed when he eats sacred fruit from the planet Promethea. How many bites did he take?"

"In the thirty-fifth episode, "The Doomsday Machine," the black trim is missing from the "V" around Kirk's tunic. This was the fault of the costume designer. Name him!"

At that point I opened the door, jumped out and dived for some bushes at the side of the highway. Luckily, the Hornet's top speed was about 38 miles per hour.

The last I heard they were yelling something about arming the photon torpedoes and jumping to warp four.

I'm afraid the door of the "Dungeons and Dragons" universe is now closed.

There are many things that I don't understand in this world. Why did the Purdes let Roseanne Barr sing the national anthem? Why would anyone choose to drink Miller beer? How could the owners fire a real man on a last second Hail Mary from (gasp!) Billy Joe Tolliver?

The real question of the ages, however, is how can ASI offer a $500 reward for a "discretionary fund" to people who are willing to come out of the closet about being beaten up by a gang of trekkies. I don't know what it was that they put on my head, but I keep forgetting if my mother's name is Jeanne or Jenny and when it rains, the theme song to "Sanford and Son" keeps running through my head.

Permanent brain damage or no permanent brain damage, I don't take the trekkies for granted any more. I try trekkies right up there with the Crips, the Bloods and serial killers.

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LETTEDs TO THE EDITOR

Support the IRA athletics vote

Being a student here at Cal Poly, I fear for the future of our athletics program. I have become very disturbed with all of the negative feelings toward the upcoming referendum.

Though I agree that sports are second to academics, athletes still should be of importance to the university. As an active high school athlete, I found time for school and sports. Never did I sacrifice my study time for sports; I balanced my time wisely. By voting "no" on the referendum, the school will successfully alienate most of the student-athletes in the student body. Athletes in most sports have distinguished themselves both in the classroom and on the field, field or court. Granted, the move to Division II will take time and wins. But, with more money from the NCAA and hard work, Cal Poly athletics has the potential to add more income to the university as well as up the level of competitiveness for our athletes. The wrestling and volleyball teams have already demonstrated tremendous success at Division I level. The future rewards could be great. I urge a "yes" vote on November 22.

Mike Aquino

Rob Dixon

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LETTERWRIGHTS: Peter Hartlaub is the demure, obedient opinion editor for Mustang Daily.

Possibility for new tournament

Pity we might lose the John Madden Golf Tournament due out of my meager salary to anyone who beats the crap out of a bottle-thrower. Just bring me video coverage or at least one of the assailant's teeth.

Interlude — the only hard brave enough to play speed metal in San Luis Obispo — is playing Tacos Acapulco Cantina on Thursday. Bring the whole family!

Peter Hartlaub
I'm so proud that Ted Holz took the initiative to present his views on ethnic diversity (Oct. 25 commentary) regardless of how misconstrued they may be. The reason being he is a prime example of how blind a person can become after years of indoctrination through the elementary, high school and university years.

Fear is the impression I receive after reading Holz's first paragraph. He opens by stating the effect of ethnic diversity is to "indoctrinate students on the virtues of one ethnic group's culture and the evils of another." Mr. Holz, what are these evils of another culture you mention? I perceive ethnic diversity as a vehicle to inform the people of this country on the accomplishments to this world by peoples of different ethnic groups. Now if there's a specific ethnic group whose image could be damaged by ethnic studies i.e., revelations that claims my accomplishments are not valid or "not so good" contributions were twisted to appear like they were good, then is it not important we know this?

Mr. Holz asks what kind of career does this (ethnic studies) prepare a student for. Common sense tells me that ethnic studies is just as important as knowing your contributions to the world is a self-motivating boost to excel in any field of study. As Marcus Garvey eloquently stated: "If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won even before you have started."

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Another view of ethnic diversity

By Ardarius McDonald

40-Tuesday, November 5, 1991

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor should be typed, less than 250 words, and include the author's name, phone number and major or occupation. Letters can be turned into the letters box at Mustang Daily, Graphic Arts room 226.

To a "no" vote on the sports referendum. Perhaps a new tournament would take its place. We'll call it, "The Cal Poly Academy of Priority Memorial."

James Malloy

political science

Vote 'hell no' on referendum

They're kidding, right? Why would they need to keep the library open more than 10 hours? If they want us to pay another $160 per year for some alumni jock fantasy? College tuitions have doubled this decade, and com­
bined with the recent budget cuts, this means each of us is getting less and less for our education dollar each quarter. Classes are closed, professors are canceling right and left.

If they're going to take $40 per quarter extra from our pockets, what does that money go to replacing essential academic books, hiring new professors, or pay the players for the athletics. Don't just say no Cal Poly vote 'hell no'!

Dave Gross

Governor's Office

Stacy Bell

Kevin Keller

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Ethnic studies class important

This response is directed toward Ted Holz's commentary regarding ethnic studies. The more education you get, the more you open your mind. It is very important to know your contributions to the world is a self-motivating boost to excel in any field of study. As Marcus Garvey eloquently stated: "If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won even before you have started."

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nalism junior.
Students advised to avoid health insurance hang-ups

By Patricia Egan
Staff Writer

Health insurance is not usually a topic of much concern to graduating seniors at Cal Poly, but it should be, a local insurance broker said.

When students graduate, the two health plans they have relied upon, the Health Center or their parent's health insurance plan, will no longer be available to them.

"The Health Center doesn't offer any services to students after they graduate," said Virginia Lemell, a clerical assistant at the Health Center.

To be prepared for this dilemma, students should inquire about health insurance before they graduate.

"Scott, England of Engle Insurance Services in San Luis Obispo said that typically, insurance companies terminate health coverage of dependents at about the same time most students graduate from college, before they find a job.

He warned that health services are expensive and the uninsured person is taking a big financial risk.

In particular, students with pre-existing health problems like diabetes, cancer or heart disease should pay special attention to obtaining health insurance, England said.

For these students, insurance will be difficult to get if they are dropped from their parent's plan beforehand. In such a situation, they try to secure their own health insurance, England said.

Likewise, if a person develops a new health problem and he or she has no health insurance, obtaining coverage will be very difficult, England said.

There are basically three health insurance options graduating students can consider - group, short-term and long-term, England said.

Group health insurance for college graduates is a group plan acquired through an employer.

The current trend in corporate health insurance programs is to offer group health plans with the many benefits, England said.

"Offering comprehensive plans entices employees to stay," See INSURANCE, page 8

STAFF

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Director of Disabled Students Services for the last 10 years, Ross, the departmental secretary for Biological Sciences since 1985, began working for the department in 1983 as a clerical assistant.

"It gave me a lot of self-satisfaction to be rewarded for doing something I really like," Ross said. "I was very pleased and surprised when I received the award because it encourages staff to go beyond just their job and take the time to be considerate and helpful."

The selection process was finalized at the end of May and the winners were announced in June.

"It was a tough decision to make," said Nancy Roest-Vilkitis, chair of the Outstanding Staff Committee. "We started off with 45 to 50 nominees and had to narrow it down to three."

Roest-Vilkitis said that the selection for the Outstanding Staff Employees is made by a committee consisting of past recipients of the award.

"The staff members selected are required to hold a position on the following Staff Committee for three years during which they are evaluated by their colleagues for the award," she said.

"There are nine acting committee members, and every three years the committee will select the best suited of their colleagues for the award."

"This way we have some continuity."

Some of the nomination criteria for Outstanding Staff Employees includes: dedication, perseverance, initiative, enthusiasm, ability to work well with others, loyalty, expertise in job performance, a willingness to assist others enthusiastically, an initiative to make his or her department more efficient and productive, excel-lent relations with co-workers, faculty members and students, and an effort to make contributions to both the university and the community.

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By Ted Holz

With seven returning players, the Cal Poly men's basketball team is optimistic as they prepare for the start of the season.

After the first three weeks of practice, Head Coach Steve Beason said he is pleased with the way the team looks.

"The seven returning players serve as a good base," he said.

Three of those seven returners are starters from last year — Bill Archer, a 6-foot-4-inch senior, sophomore Jeff Oliver, a 5-foot-10-inch guard, and Matt Clawson, a 6-foot-3-inch sophomore.

The three returnees will supply the Mustangs with close to 30 points a game. Oliver averaged 10 points and three assists, and Clawson averaged seven points and three rebounds.

"We look to be pretty good," said Archer, who averaged 10 points and three rebounds a game. "We're going to play up-tempo, shooting a lot of threes and play tough, hard-nosed defense."

"We will be playing man-to-man press all over the court and pushing the ball fast as we can, trying to hit a big man cutting or trying to hit a trailer for the three."

"We look to be pretty good. We're going to play up-tempo, shooting a lot of threes and play tough, nose-to-nose defense."

— Bill Archer, Senior forward

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MAKE A BETTER NEWS-
A fond farewell

David Crosby, left, Neil Young and Graham Nash of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young perform for the "Laughter, Love and Music" concert at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Sunday's concert was a tribute to rock promoter Bill Graham, who died in a helicopter crash 11 days ago. About 300,000 fans turned out to hear rock legends such as Santana, the Grateful Dead and John Fogerty.

WORLD

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politically effective actions taken recently by opposition groups, which have frequently been left on the defensive by President F.W. de Klerk's rapid reforms.

Skeletal staffs made up of mainly white workers kept many businesses operating at partial capacity, but the streets of some cities were deserted.

Johannesburg's sidewalks were clear of the hundreds of blacks who normally sell fruit and vegetables, and white supervisors unused to cash registers struggled to serve whites.

Essential services were not hit by the strike, and power stations, most transportation and other services ran normally.

Strike organizers claimed at least 3 million people were taking part in the action, but the figure could not be confirmed.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions alone has 1.2 million members.

ASI

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Directors after being reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Albiani said the $11 fee would cover a general inflationary increase as well as programs such as the Multi-Cultural Center, Student Community Services, sports clubs (men's, women's, volleyball, etc.), and the ASI Program Board.

It would also apply, in small part, to ASI leadership programs and the seven school councils, Albiani said.

He said the $11 figure is only a suggested figure that would go through a review and approval process by the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors if the referendum were to pass.

"Everything has to be justified through the Finance Committee," Albiani said.

Lang said he would prefer to know the specific details on where the $11 per student per quarter would go before approving it for a vote.

"If I'm going to approve a fee increase, I want to know where it's going," Lang said.

The next ASI meeting is at 7 p.m. Wednesday in U.U. Room 220. The meetings are open to the public.

INSURANCE

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with a company," Engle said. Companies extend group health plans that cover 50 percent of costs for the first year of employ-

ment.

Coverage is increased up to 100 percent in the following years as the employee gains ex-

perience and seniority in a company, Engle said.

A second health insurance op-

tion Engle suggests is to pur-

chase a short-term policy.

He said this a good precau-

tionary method for graduating students during the period in which they are dropped from their parents' health plan, but before they have established their own health insurance plan. Coverage under short-term plans ranges from 30 days to one year, Engle said.

The third option he proposes is to buy a long-term major medi-

cal policy.

This is usually the most ex-
pensive option, Engle said.

The costs, however, are based on the type of coverage and de-

ductible chosen by the buyer, he said.

The trend in today's consumer market is to buy a plan that car-

ries a high deductible along with few monthly costs.

He explained this by saying "people are selling to participate in payment of small costs, like routine office visits"—but major medical expenditures like unex-

pected surgery is covered by this type of plan.

Obtaining health insurance is an important decision students should make while they still have some type of health coverage, Engle said.

"Students must realize that they are healthy today, but may not be tomorrow," Engle said.

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