Student reports racial hate crime

By Carolyn Nielsen
Staff Writer

A Cal Poly student was robbed and beaten this weekend in what San Luis Obispo police are calling a racially motivated hate crime.

Eze Okebata, an electronic engineering and mechanical engineering senior from Nigeria, suffered a minor injury to his left eye when he was attacked by three white males who hit him and stole his bicycle, police reports said.

Okebata told police his attackers yelled threatening racial slurs at him during the incident. According to the report, he was turning onto Mill Street from California Boulevard at 1:50 a.m. Saturday when his bicycle lock fell on the sidewalk.

He told police when he bent down to pick up the lock, three men in their early 20s knocked over his bike and punched him in the face numerous times.

The report said the men then ran away with his mountain bike. His fancy park containing his identification, credit cards and British currency was attached to the bike.

Kendall Holbeck, a biology junior who lives on California Boulevard, said Okebata came to his door immediately after the attack. Holbeck said he helped Okebata look for the assailants, but didn’t find anyone.

Holbeck said his roommate, Tim Caudill, a biology junior, then called the police to report the attack.

Okebata declined to comment to the Mustang Daily on the incident.

His roommate Joseph Horne, an electronic engineering senior, said, “We were all shocked. I hope he’s OK.”

Volunteers honored for service

By Gregory Rieber
Staff Writer

Two individuals and one club were recognized Friday by General Motors for outstanding community service in San Luis Obispo.

Michael Ma, Judy Nagai and the Circle K Club were recognized by Cal Poly and General Motors, each being presented with the 1992 General Motors Volunteer Spirit Award.

A plaque signed by Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker and Robert C. Stempel, chairman of General Motors, was presented to each award winner at a luncheon Friday afternoon at the Alumni House. Baker and Carl Sheffer, Pontiac Division Western Regional Manager of Public Relations, were both in attendance to co-present the award.

The students’ black-and-white catamaran was discovered by a commercial fishing boat Thursday evening near San Miguel Island, roughly 80 miles from where it was launched. The catamaran was brought to Santa Barbara, Sgt. Mike Poquette of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department said Tuesday.

The catamaran initially was discovered April 5 off the coast of Point Arguello. However, no attempt to recover the boat was made “due to the swells and rough seas,” Poquette said.

The craft was left to drift until an aerial search team from the Sheriff’s Department spotted it Wednesday, he said.

“We got a report on Wednesday that the boat was hung up on some rocks between Bay Point and Cardinal Point,” Poquette said.

By the time recovery crews responded to the report, the boat was no longer there, he said.

Following the recovery on Thursday, “we had deputies go down and check the boat” for clues as to possible causes for the April 4 incident, but due to the rough seas and the amount of time the craft was adrift, “there were no overt signs of anything that would indicate what happened,” Poquette said.

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By Alex P. Ramos
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Politics...

Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand gave a speech at Vista Grande Restaurant in which she addressed some key issues.

A helping hand...

Students relay their experiences helping to build homes for needy families in Tijuana, Mexico, during spring break.

Opinion...

A little research goes a long way: ASI President David Kapic addresses the allegations of Gail Wilson.
Boris Yeltsin's cabinet submits resignation

MOSCOW (AP) — The Cabinet of President Boris Yeltsin submitted its resignation en masse Monday, telling a combative parliament that abandoning free market reforms could heighten inflation and block Russia's entry into the world marketplace.

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Seastrand speaks on pressing issues

By Alex P. Ramos
Staff Writer

The state budget crunch and reapportionment were the two hottest issues Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand addressed during an afternoon luncheon Friday.

A great portion of the discussion, however, was spent addressing the dilemma over funding for the California State University system.

Seastrand’s speech, held at Vista Grande Restaurant, was attended by several Cal Poly professors and a number of City Council members.

“We have the bond issue on the June ballot,” Seastrand, R-29th District, said, in reference to an initiative that would legalize the sale of state bonds to generate money for the CSU system. “It will be interesting to see what happens. My crystal ball is very cloudy.”

Another factor in the California money puzzle is the June 30 deadline on the California state budget.

“We have a budget problem. I hope everybody realizes the seriousness of what we’re in,” Seastrand said.

Another issue Seastrand took seriously was reapportionment and California’s redistricting plan.

“The current plan is a very good plan for the state of California,” she said.

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Needy family gets real break

Students build house for family over spring vacation

By Jennifer White
Staff Writer

While many students were tanning their bodies, taking trips or earning a few dollars during spring break, some Cal Poly students were doing something for nothing.

A group of engineering majors and some friends spent most of their vacation in Tijuana building a house for a needy family.

Rogelio Fontes, a civil engineering senior, was the person behind the project. Not only did he come up with the idea, but he also did most of the organizing and the fundraising.

Fontes, a native of Tijuana, said that he thought of the idea after a priest had told him about a family of seven people who were living in two rooms—one of which was part of a kitchen.

During winter quarter, Fontes discussed his idea with Jeff Falero, president of the Society of Civil Engineers.

Falero, a civil engineering senior, liked the idea and brought it before an SCE meeting at which he asked for volunteers for the project.

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"Grabbing city council by the gonads" is a little extreme

By Anne McMahon

Commission Organized for Political Equity (PolySCOPE), I surely don't know. I wonder whether I have missed something. I am a student and can generally relate to classmate. Even though I am part of another generation, I have a different reality than most of them. I believe that few things we have in common.

So, fellow students, what are your concerns? I've seen mention of local issues on the number of non-related people living under one roof and efforts to legislate where and when you can park your car overnight—moves labeled "anti-student" by some. These are issues of local control, and I admit there may be some legitimate reason for student domination of the City Council's handling of them.

But I am still waiting to read something—anything—that explains what it is that students want and expect from city or county government, and, more importantly, what they expect from themselves and their peers in order to get it. Nowhere has there been any admission or acknowledgment that some students, known as "student activists," are best in local politics is directly a result of the increasing number of high school students stepping over the line of good citizenship. I don't blame Residents for Quality Neighborhoods and others in the community for being fed up with the snarls of drunk and rowdy students, loud parties and strange activities on their rhododendrons—not to mention the growing list of student problems.

I am uneasy about the message of Jason Foster's column, "Students should grab government by the gonads" (Mustang Daily, March 16). I appreciate the goal of PolySCOPE and any other organization trying to encourage more people to vote. But if this column is representative of the feelings of attitudes of Cal Poly students, I am worried.

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And as far as the bad apple argument—well, that can only explain so much. It may not be fair, but Cal Poly students have a way of going before they can regain the trust and respect of their neighbors in the community. It must be EARNED, not voted in. I don't see how recent statements made in Mustang Daily by Foster, who called the City Council "mostly indifferent or ignorant" (March 16), and Vince Battaglia, who accused the City Council of being "absolutely out of touch" (April 9), can do much but aggravate and anger people in the community—especially the City Council.

I plan on living here for some time, maybe even a long time. I am concerned about how a voting policy that gives students who have no long-term ties to the area, or its future, might affect the outcome of an election in San Luis Obispo, city and county. The democratic process can be most intriguing. It's debatable whether the social phenomenon of the well-organized minority overcoming the stagnant masses in situations where process or legislation will not.
Stop wasting the student's money!

By David Kapic

How easy it is to play the part of skeptic. How easy it is to believe everything one reads without doing any personal research. How easy it is to give credibility to someone like Gail Wilson who can talk a big story. It is time for the other side of the story to be told about ASI. ASI need not continue to sit silently by while Gail Wilson tarnishes its reputation with unfounded accusations.

Let's cut to the chase. Gail Wilson has been on a personal mission to make life miserable for ASI Executive Director Roger Conway for the past few years. Now she seems to have grabbed the attention of the Poly Review and Dennis Long and seems to have stepped up her attack. In her role as ASI's external auditor, she is now sponsoring Roger Conway's personal character she has discredited ASI in the eyes of many students.

Gail Wilson's primary methods of attack range from derogatory news articles to most recently a petition to the ASI Board of Directors asking them to put the union director's employment up for student referendum. The basis, according to Gail Wilson, was to "Stop the Waste of Student Money." Let's examine just how many unfounded allegations. Ms. Wilson asserts that ASI and its executive director hired the new assistant director for fiscal operations without justifiable cause.

The fact is the personnel committee studied the justification for this position for two months, interviewing not only the executive director, but ASI's external audit firm, the university budget office and fiscal manager/internal auditor. We spent reviewing myriad documents, interviewing, observing board meetings. We found that the union director performs exceptionally well in bringing as much information as possible to bear on the students' research and deliberations. When the union advocate is satisfied with the decision-making, overall, we believe that the SLO union director, through his dedication, initiative and creativity, performs in an exemplary manner in a difficult position. Over the many hours spent reviewing myriad documents, interviewing, observing board meetings, we found that the union director performs exceptionally well in bringing as much information as possible to bear on the students' research and deliberations. When the union advocate is satisfied with the decision-making, overall, we believe that the SLO union director, through his dedication, initiative and creativity, performs in an exemplary manner in a difficult position.

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The fact is the budget to fund the position was reviewed at five levels, including Auxiliary and Business Services in the Office of the Chancellor, before funding was approved and a national search initiated.

The fact is the Search Committee was chaired by Shawn Reeves and the committee's first choice was selected by the executive director.

Should Gail Wilson's continual harassment be viewed as credible? Maybe we should look back to the 1989 CSU Trustees' Staff Audit on the John A. McPhee University Account.

According to that report: "Our conclusion is that all but one of the allegations are either without merit or merit whatsoever or simply overly critical of a less than perfect organization and decision-making. Overall, we believe that the San Luis Obispo Board of Trustees, through its board dedication, initiative and creativity, performs in an exemplary manner in a difficult position.

Gail Wilson has diverted hours of student-funded staff time and thousands of dollars in legal fees to respond to her endless barrage of allegations and charges. As a public benefit corporation, we are saddled with a responsibility to investigate and respond to these allegations. She has precipitated investigations and extended reviews by the Trustee's Auditors, the Attorney General's Office, Public Safety, and University Internal reviews. In any case, we only utilize resources (people and dollars) to support more student programs.

How long would you allow someone to discredit you personally before you would take action? ASI's constituents do not have to always agree with everything ASI does and should not stay silent when they would like to see changes. Other points of view are healthy and often provide an avenue to produce creative solutions to very real problems.

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If you have any questions as to anything ASI has ever done, please do some investigating of your own. Do not simply believe false accusations or facts. Instead, do your own research and form your own opinion based on facts. I am confident the truth will prevail, and hopefully without spending a great deal of student money!!

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Correction

In yesterday's issue of Mustang Daily, David H. Long's candidate statement was incorrect. Long is a candidate for ASI Board of Directors in the School of Agriculture. Long sent student-teacher evaluations and the $1 library fee increase. His statement (in part) should have read: "I am determined to run for the board of directors and fight for the students' research and deliberations. Overall, we believe that the San Luis Obispo Board of Trustees, through its board dedication, initiative and creativity, performs in an exemplary manner in a difficult position.

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Calvin and Hobbes

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However, money didn't come as readily as Pontes had planned. A few days before the project was to take place, he thought his idea would have to be postponed due to a lack of donations.

"I put up a lot of flyers and contacted a lot of people for any kind of donations," Pontes said.

But Pontes said the whole family helped the group all the time.

"The father would help us build all day while the mother made food for us," he said.

John Gomez, also a civil engineering senior and the person in charge of the house design and construction, said the family "was interested in helping out with that potential project, contact John Gomez at 545-0107."

"We all felt great about the whole experience," Gomez said. "We were presented with a task, and we accomplished so much for us and those people in so little time.

COURTESY ROGELIO FONTES

Tony Ferrelma takes a break after working on building a new house for a family in Tijuana. Ferrelma was part of a group that built a 16-by-24-foot house for the family.

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Some of his other community service contributions include organizing a Halloween Skate Day as well as organizing a Bowl-A-Thon to benefit Casa Salinas, a service designed to aid mothers who are recovering alcoholics.

Ma also served as vice president of Student Community Services, where he was responsible for directing the outreach program.

He is currently helping to revive Alpha Phi Omega, a national coed service fraternity.

"It is a great feeling to get this award. It is an opportunity to set an example for others," Ma said. "I feel no requirement to do the work, I get a lot of personal enjoyment out of it, even though it is behind the scenes, without a lot of people knowing about it. Volunteering is a good thing."

Nagai was recognized for her community service.

Ma worked with the American Cancer Society to coordinate a committee of 10 volunteers to make bouquets for distribution on Daffodil Day.

Since 1991 Nagai has volunteered her time to the People's Kitchen. Her work entailed organizing, budgeting and guiding 5-10 volunteers, once a month, to assist in the purchasing, preparation and serving of lunch to the needy.

Nagai was also responsible for the development and implementation of a benefit Tennis Tournament, sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. The proceeds provided financial assistance to the Court Appointed Special Advocates Associations. "I never expected this award. Personally, it is a great honor," Nagai said. "I really enjoy working with people and helping others."

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A study by the National Institute of Corrections found that cigarette use or possession now makes up 15 percent of all infractions in some no-smoking jails.

Deputies at the Riverside County Jail said they have found cigarettes lurking as a substitute.

Other inmates have dried out cabbage leaves and rolled them in paper to smoke, said Captain Charlotte Bogart, commander of Riverside's Robert Presley Detention Center.

"I don't understand how they can impose on your rights that far," said Michael Woodall, 30, of Yucca Valley, jailed in San Diego's Ana for cocaine possession. "But basically, I guess you don't have any rights in jail, and I'm beginning to understand that now."

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