Crew club to continue using Morro Bay

Members tell of one agitator, but mostly receive community support at hearing

By Liz Weber
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly Crew Club maintained its license for daily practices and an annual regatta in Morro Bay, although it met with opposition at the standing-room-only Morro Bay City Council meeting Monday night.

The Council voted unanimously to renew the permit, but set nine conditions for the crew that included:

• Providing a $1-million insurance policy for its activities in the bay.
• Keeping noise to a minimum, especially before 7 a.m.
• Staying clear of other bay traffic.
• Waiving the docking fee in exchange for the crew reporting environmental hazards and other infractions in the bay.
• Paying for any additional water consumption.

The city made a major commitment to the Cal Poly Crew when they granted the building," Mullin said, referring to a newly-constructed boathouse. "I think that we do need to improve the lines of communication. I support the crew, I support what they're doing, and I'm also concerned about the citizens who do feel they have legitimate complaints.

Crew President Trevor Carone, said they appreciate the city's cooperation and pointed to the benefits of the team. "We appreciate your letting us row in your bay, and if you've ever come out and watched, it's a very beautiful and natural sport," said Carone, a city and regional planning senior. "As far as economic concerns — during our race, we bring in not only our family and old, powers, but (other) people to watch."

"Carone said they have run into opposition from a man who recently began haranguing the crew.

"For the past three weeks, this one gentleman has gone out every morning at practice — knowing that we must stop in front of any boat — and stood there in his skiff and rowed out in front of us and made us stop... in one day, over five times,"

Carone said. Paul Lorenzen told the Council he was the man Carone spoke of, but denied any wrong-doing. "I did no such thing," Lorenzen said to the council.

Lorenzen also threatened to sue (the team) because their deeds were evil.

Five other Morro Bay residents spoke against the crew, saying it violated the city's noise ordinance and upset other boaters and wildlife in the bay.

Bay resident Larry Shears said he has had run-ins with the rowing shells and has seen them row over police cars.

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Students say they’re afraid of the dark

By Matthew Hoy
Staff Writer

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hated the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

As darkness falls over the Cal Poly campus, street lights come on, sometimes, and push back the night.

But several students who walk around campus at night say they would like to have light. In fact, all of the students interviewed for this story expressed some fear or dissatisfaction with the lighting on campus.

"They need more lights," said Karen Vandenbush, an account- ing senior. "Especially out by the new business building."

"I don't feel safe," said Pitta Namor, a mathematics junior. But while some students fear being attacked, others just fear injuring themselves.

"There are some places where you can't see where you're walking until you're right on top of it," recreation administration junior Kris Praveshelli said. "Some walkways aren't even lighted at all," computer engineering junior Lisa Shoberg said.

Other Cal Poly students complain of the lights going out at the most inconvenient times.

"A few times I've gone up (to the R-1 parking lot) and all the lights have gone off," said Dave Glasser, a computer science senior. "But what do you expect with fearless Mr. Baker in charge?"

"I don't feel safe," said Jennifer Kornegiel, a mechanical engineering senior. "I think there are enough lights installed," she said. "But I'd be happier if they wouldn't go out while I'm walking under them.

Other students avoid the dangers all together.

"I don't go out at night," agriculture freshman Keir Perry said. "I make sure I don't have to worry about that."

But while improved lighting may make some Cal Poly students feel safe, one official says it may create a false sense of security.

"Lighting is not something that is going to prevent a crime from happening," said Ray Berrett, a Cal Poly Public Safety officer.

"Lighting is a deterrent to crime, but that doesn't mean it's necessarily a deterrent to sexual assault," Berrett said. The criminal "is looking for someone"

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DARKNESS

ON THE EDGE OF TOWN

Today: Students complain of poor campus lighting; help may be on the way.

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Students wonder; where are they? Also, results of the daily's campus safety survey.

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Former attorney general accused of lying for Reagan

Washington, D.C.

"It's going to be a long two years," Attorney General Edwin Meese mused in a note to Caspar Weinberger as Congress clamored for details of the arms-for-hostages deals with Iran.

Iran-Contra prosecutor Lawrence Walsh disclosed Meese's note Monday, according to the note, the former attorney general of making a false statement designed to protect Ronald Reagan by announcing at a Nov. 24, 1986, White House meeting that the president hadn't known about one of the arms shipments.

Meese made the same false statement on television the next day, even though Secretary of State George Shultz had told Meese on Nov. 29 that Reagan had known about the arms delivery, Walsh said.

Meese denied Monday night that he had lied. But Weinberger's notes, Walsh said, suggested that the attorney general was warning the president's advisers that to disclose the president's knowledge of a 1985 missile shipment to Iran "would expose him to a charge of illegal activity."

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Nuclear waste kills 3 in China

Beijing, China

Three people died and more than 90 became ill in Communist China's worst accident involving nuclear waste, an official report said today.

The China Disaster Reduction News reported that cobalt 60 killed Zhang Youchang, his father and brother in Xinzhou, in northwest China's Shanxi province, late last year.

Cobalt 60 is a radioactive isotope used in radiotherapy, metallurgy and materials testing. In 1972, scientists in Shanxi province cobalt 60 from the Soviet Union and France. Ten years later, the cobalt ceased to be useful for research and was stored in a well, the newspaper said.

Last November, Zhang, 29, was cleaning the well along with 10 other workers when he found a piece of cobalt 60. He was attracted by what the newspaper described as the shiny gold ball, and put it in his pocket.

In the following days, Zhang vomited five or six times daily, coughed and had trouble breathing. Purple spots appeared on his body, his hair began to fall out and the white-cell count in his blood plummeted.

Within two weeks, he was dead. His brother, who stayed with him during his hospitalization and even slept in the same bed, and his father, who also spent a lot of time with him, died in the next eight days.

Carjacking made its own crime

Sacramento, Calif.

A carjacker who shot his victim could be sent to prison for 17 years under a bill approved Tuesday by an Assembly committee.

The bill would create a new crime of carjacking. It was approved 7-0 and sent to the Ways and Means Committee. A similar bill is also moving through the Senate.

Current law does not mention carjacking but punishes the crime as a robbery, which has a maximum prison sentence of five years.

The bill sets a maximum sentence of six years and adds on time for using a gun and injuring the victim. The maximum sentence under current law for a carjacker who shot a victim would be 13 years. The maximum under the bill could be 17 years.

NBC says headlight sparked fire

New York, N.Y.

NBC News acknowledged using incendiary devices in a test crash designed to show that some General Motors Corp. pickup trucks are prone to catch fire. But it said a spark from a broken headlight actually caused the blaze.

The network on Monday was sued by GM over a "Dateline NBC" report on the alleged dangers created by General Motors pickup trucks. The network said in the broadcast that "a faulty headlight" could start a fire in the truck.

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But crew faculty advisor George Knecht said he spoke with many experts who said the crew presented no danger to the bay with the shell in the water.

"I also spoke to an ornithologist who's been studying birds ... in Morro Bay for over 20 years," Knecht said. "He said that there is no way a (rowing) shell would run into a bird in Morro Bay."

Ree Sports Director Rick Johnson said he is willing to help the crew with its relationship with the city.

"I think we can work out something to establish the guidelines that the crew would follow and, if they have complaints, come to us," Johnson said. "We want to make it work anyway we can. We're here to offer solutions that are mutually beneficial."

ASI Executive Director Roger Paul Lorenzen voiced opposition to Cal Poly Crew Club's use of Morro Bay at the town's city council meeting Monday night.

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who seems vulnerable and is in an isolated area." Most important, Barrett said, is that in "99 percent of the sexual assaults that are reported, the person was by themselves."

"The lights' periodic shutdown at night is called "cycling." And the "cycling on the lights is a problem with the transformer," said Ed Naretto, director of facility services.

"The problem started getting bad about six months ago," Naretto said. "We did all sorts of things until we finally discovered that it was the transformer."

That was four months ago. It was then that Facility Services discovered that only one company makes the kind of transformer needed.

Naretto said the university has purchased the new transformer, which is due to arrive late this week. It cost about $22,000, and is expected to eliminate the cycling problem.

"We couldn't believe it was a specialty item," Naretto said. "They actually had to make it special for us."

Naretto said the lights will still cycle (if the bulbs are worn out) but they will replace them once the new transformer is installed early next week.

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By John Hubbell

No more ‘boingers’ in politics

I’m doing this for Chelsea Clinton. I’m doing this because she needs help.

God knows this isn’t for her, but if not for her, then for her sake.

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You’re her friend. That’s all it takes. All the rest of the world remains ignorant.

I’m not mentioning anything, all whitewashing Republicans: Start showing some respect for the president of the United States, please. I’ve had about enough of your drivel already, and it’s only February.

You’ve got President Clinton until at least 1996. So have a whiskey, put on a blue tux, light up a cigar, and quit all the complaining. The country could use your support.

This rant is coming to you after reading weeks of nasty letters and comments in virtually every newspaper — including here at Mustang Daily. Conservative’s loss of the White House has an astonishing thing to do with them: that they’re squailing like stunted, hollering, moaning, and being downright pathetic. Not very flattering, indeed.

What’s even less so is the emerging Clinton family album supplied by vocal right-wing conservatives: Chelsea as a homely, private school brat; Hillary as a shrewed political madame; and Bill Clinton himself as a gay-loving, petty, backwater hayseed who has a penchant for McNuggets and tax schemes. It’s almost like a good sitcom.

But it’s not a sitcom, it’s this presidency. And so to those who promote such talk, I say: Enough. Stop it. This is rude. You’re embarrassing yourself.

Enough. Stop it.

The people,” he said, “are given their formal rival a chance. I’m stupid, short, and eat lots of pig.

I want relevance. In our new president. I could care less what wing Hillary has in her office or, what “sign” that should give me. That’s mere, trivia, trivia, more.

I want debate about important things. I want relevancy. I want to like a job when I get up in the morning of the day.

There’s nothing more producive about slinging around “Slick Willie” alleles for the same reason teachers always saddled you for name-calling in elementary school: It’s useless. Say you called someone a “booger” if they got to take the class pet guinea pig home for the weekend. So what? The sun sets, you get the guinea pig, and you’ve called someone a “booger.” Feel any better?

Letters will now likely come from those speculating on my lifelong Democratic beliefs. They will also note I am a member of the historically liberal media. They will say I hate cats, and guess I like rodeos. And if this is the “real” me, they’ll also say I’m shorts, and eat lots of junk food. I may be all, or none of these things.

But I’d rather try to argue such personal attacks are productive. Argue it makes us feel better about ourselves, on the country. Argue, if you will; that calling someone a ‘booger’ ever scored the guinea pig.

Meanwhile in our nation’s capital, an awkward seventeen-year-old teenager will be denouncing her private school uniform, thinking she looks positively ugly, and fretting over the day ahead. It may be hard enough for young Chelsea to look in the mirror, harder still, I submit, for the rest of us.

John Hubbell is Mustang Daily’s News Editor.
By Keri Greenberg

Vicki Davenport had expected the usual from her first trip to Las Vegas; bright lights, gambling, fancy floor shows. The post-Christmas trek was to have been a vacation for she and Bob, her husband of 12 years. But for Vicki, a veteran employee of Campus Dining and currently manager of The Cellar, that first trip to Vegas was anything but a vacation.

On the night of Dec. 28, as the couple was returning to their room at the Vegas World Hotel, the Davenports became the victims of what Las Vegas police are calling a botched carjacking attempt. The crime resulted in the fatal shooting of Bob Davenport.

News reports say 21-year-old Sean Dandre White, a Las Vegas gang member, has been accused of killing Davenport. White is in custody, and police have already implicated him in the murder of a Las Vegas man in a prior carjacking attempt.

In both cases, the victims weren't robbed of their vehicles or other possessions. And in each case, the assailant fled the scene.

The Las Vegas Sun reported that Las Vegas Deputy District Attorney Robert Langford said of White's part in the carjacking attempt: "He was just not real good at it."

Langford told Mustang Daily that he thought he had solid evidence against White. "We have good I.D. on him. I expect we'll go to trial on both cases."

In sympathizing with the Davenports, Cal Poly photography professor Robert Howell has said, "I've been here for 12 years, and people are going out their way. They've just been great."

Brandon, Vicki's 11-year-old son, met Vicki while the two worked together at Safeway. "Bob was always pushing him to go (to college)," Vicki said. "Bob didn't have a college education, but he was going to Cuesta night school to work toward earning his degree."

Eleven-year-old Zack said he wants to go to college when he grows up. Vicki said that he recently asked for the book so that he could call and thank people. "I'd like to thank everyone who's been there for me, especially at Cal Poly," Vicki said. "I've been here for 12 years, and people are going out their way for me."

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Vicki said the first time she ever saw Zack cry was when she took him to visit his father's grave. "My dad wanted me to go to school, so I'm going to go to get a better education," Brandon said. A one-time Cuesta College student, he said he wants to attend UC Santa Cruz.

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From page 1 safe here. One of the things we battle the time is the fact that people think it’s not necessary to ask things up, and then their stuff disappears.”

Blanke said students are not the only targets of criminals. “Just because we do have so many students who come here from other cities, they are often crime victims,” he said. “But it isn’t limited to students.”

“Property crimes are as common here as just about anywhere else,” Blanke said. “One of the things we hear is that people sometimes overlook when they move to San Luis Obispo from a larger city,” Blanke said.

Blanke described a Jan. 21 burglary as particularly disturbing because the suspect entered a house through an unlocked window while students were asleep. He said it also is unusual for the suspect to get information about the residents and to call them, as they believe happened in this case. This suspect alleged- ly looked through the victims’ wallets and one of their cars, but nothing was taken, except a few compact discs.

Since then, the victims have received two obscene phone calls, but police will not assume any connection to the break-in.

The four female victims said they are extremely disturbed by the break-in and the phone calls. One of the women, an English senior, said the incident changed how she and her roommates go about their daily business.

“She feels violated,” she said. “I’m not sure about it. We’ve talked to have changed our lifestyle.”

She said the burglary also changed how she feels about San Luis Obispo. “It’s the end of my fifth year, and I’ve never had to worry like this,” she said.

Steve Seybold, crime prevention coordinator for the San Luis Obispo Police Department, said 29 robberies were reported in 1992. He said the number of reported rapes also increased, with 21 reported in 1991 and 19 in 1992. Seybold said those figures represent a 138-percent increase.

Seybold credited the higher figures to an increased number of reports to the police. He also said the 1992 rape figures represent a return to past tendencies.

The 1991 figures were exceptionally low in comparison to the last 10 years, he said. “In 1989, there were 21 rapes reported and in 1990 there were 23.”

“Since then, we’ve seen an 18-per- cent increase in residential burglaries, with 216 burglaries reported in 1992. Those numbers may be lower than the actual number of crimes committed, Blanke said.

“I think that people don’t report a lot of things,” he said. “I would say that all of our figures...”
Sanders brings swim success to Poly
Like gold medal-winning sister, he’s leading life of a champion

By Brad Hamilton
Senior Staff Writer

Poly swimmer Trevor Sanders has qualified for Nationals in March. Poly swimmer Trevor Sanders has qualified for Nationals in March.

Cal Poly swimmer Trevor Sanders is freestyling in a pool of success and following in the wake of his sister, Olympic gold-medalist Summer Sanders. The 22-year-old sprinter recently qualified for a return trip to the NCAA Division II National Championships via a 50 free time of 21.03 seconds.

By making nationals a year ago in his first season on the Mustangs' swim team, he expected to qualify for this year's finals in Canton, Ohio, on March 10-13.

"Last year I set my goal just to make the nationals, and I didn't do as well as I wanted to," said Sanders, who swam on four relay teams that placed second, third, fourth and ninth. "I am kind of excited this year about the opportunity to maybe win a couple relays."

The business administration senior credits his success in the pool to summer workouts with gold-medalist Pablo Morales and the women's swim team at Stanford University, where his sister attends.

"You can't help but get better just by watching those swimmers," Sanders said.

Before transferring to Cal Poly two years ago, Sanders swam for Sierra College — located near his hometown of Roseville.

While swimming for the Wolverines, he met his girlfriend Jenni Fricker. The two transferred to Cal Poly, where Fricker swims for the Mustangs and also qualified for Nationals in the 200 breast during the same meet Sanders won.

"He is someone to look up to," Fricker said. "He has a lot going for him. He takes things in stride when things get tough. He's my best friend."

Sanders' outgoingness and friendliness have helped the swim team, said Cal Poly swim coach Nick Firman.

"He is able to sense when the team gets down on themselves, and he will do something funky to get a laugh," Firman said. "He is calm under the pressure of a big meet, and his leadership in that area helps."

Sanders thinks his ability to add comic relief to tense situations stands as one of the main reasons he and his sister have been best friends since their early childhood, when their parents went through divorce.

"She has a way of making me feel so good about what I do," said Sanders, who traveled the world recently because of a sports marketing internship.

Those travels included a trip last summer to the Barcelona Olympics, where he worked as a spotter for NBC.

"She (Summer) thinks that what I am doing (with sports management) is so much more interesting than what she is doing," he said. "In Barcelona, she thought it was so cool that I was working for NBC and there she was with a gold medal."

Through his work with NBC in Barcelona, Sanders said he has met and become friends with several sport celebrities. That includes attending the Super Bowl and sitting between his sister and former professional tennis star Tracy Austin.

While swimming for the Mustangs, he is with athletics, his family plays a special role in his life. Sanders' father was indirectly responsible for getting him and his sister into swimming when they were six and four, respectively.

"My dad was too cheap to buy air conditioning," Sanders said. "We were so hot all the time (that) he put a pool in. I lived in the pool all summer."

Although Sanders and his sister push each other in the pool rather than compete against one another, he said he could beat his sister in sprints.

"But in distance she can work me."