Poly student caught spying on neighbor
Kris Kar resident drilled illegal peephole behind bathroom mirror

By Alex Naughton
Staff Writer

"Curiosity" is what drove a Cal Poly student to peer through a self-made, two-way mirror into the bathroom of his female neighbors.

Agribusiness senior Bryan Huckell faces one misdemeanor count of installing and maintaining a two-way mirror. He is scheduled to be arraigned Feb. 23 in San Luis Obispo Municipal Court.

The alleged incident occurred:

"It was just curiosity. When the mirror was down, it was just too easy."

Bryan Huckell
Agribusiness Senior

Senate takes 'high-tech' class
Project DELTA aspects espoused by Poly professors

By Amy Hooper
Staff Writer

Tuesday's Academic Senate meeting found faculty members discussing experimental methods of teaching at Cal Poly.

Three professors reported information to the Senate from the Project DELTA workshop held in Sacramento on Jan. 21 and 22.

Project DELTA stands for Direct Electronic Learning Teaching Alternative.

"It's an idea or program ... that will deliver academic courses and degree programs using an increasing amount of high-tech media of various types," said Edward Sullivan, an associate professor of civil and environmental engineering.

A workshop overview defined the multimedia tools of the program, including: computer-driven, overhead displays, compact discs, text e-mail, E-mail graphics, sound capability, computer conferencing, computer-FAX, two-way video teleconferencing, wireless networks and modern and interactive community cable.

Sullivan said Project DELTA is an initiative of the California State University system that originated from the CSU Chancellor's office.

"It is currently in a planning phase," Sullivan said. "We're trying to learn as much as possible about whether this is a good idea or not."

Sullivan said the CSU Board of Trustees will deliberate in July whether to implement the program.

The CSU Commission on Learning Resources and Instructional Technology began studying the project in July 1992. The Commission includes Cal Poly President Warren Baker and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob.

"Interestingly, our own President Baker is taking over as chair of the commission within the next month," Sullivan said.

He said the commission hopes to pull in outside funding to finance each campus' proposal for implementation. The project has received $1.26 million while under development.

Sullivan said a number of motivations prompted the development of the program.

"There is a strong sense that the demographics of the student body are changing, making it increasingly difficult for students to be at all the same place at the same time," he said.

"This is an attempt to reach out and loosen up the confines of time and space."

Sullivan said other motivations included the desire to increase students' responsibility for their own learning and to increase student participation in the classroom.

"Perhaps electronic (methods) will allow students to participate in ways other than raising their hands and being on the spot," he said.

Social sciences professor Donald Floyd said Ohio state and other CSU campuses have already implemented distance learning programs.

Accounting professor Charles Andrews said Cal State Los Angeles and Dominguez Hills also use electronic teaching methods.

"From a technological aspect, this campus is as far along as the next," Sullivan said.

Graduates looking for more education

By Chris Brandi
and Laura Bloner
Staff Writers

Recent Cal Poly graduates were given a dose of reality when they were shoved into the real world.

The battle waged by career-hungry graduates to land a job, they say, is fierce.

Many of those holding bachelor's degrees are finding out that graduate school is a necessity in slowly economic times.

After graduating with a degree in political science last spring, Dave Brown decided he needed a year off of school before beginning graduate courses.

After moving in with his parents in Los Angeles, Brown figured it would be easy to find a job. But after working for a mortgage insurance company for a couple of months, he was fired.

"You don't want to hear the drawn out reason I was given," he said. "Basically, it was because of budget cuts."

Brown said that bartending school was something he could try.

"In two easy weeks I will be a certified mixologist," he said.

According to Brown, the class costs $600 and teaches students how to make about 150 drinks.

"It's something that I will be able to do all the way through grad school," Brown said.

Work is something that Rich Johnson, a former construction management major who graduated last spring, knows all too well.

Johnson was given a job right after graduation with a construction company in San Diego.

He said it was hard to separate overwhelmed him at first.

"Some weeks I will work 70 to 75 hours and then some weeks I will work only 30 hours," Johnson said.

He said the 75-hour weeks occur once or twice every few months. "If I had to do that all the time I would die, (but) most of the time, it equals out."

Johanna Kingsley, a recent math graduate, said her degree hasn't helped her ... yet.

Kingsley is working as the assistant to a regional sales manager.

Business senior Ken Shaw and Sean McMahan cross onto Madonna's property to mountain bike.

Madonna may close mountain bike park

By Laura Bloner
Staff Writer

Alex Madonna may choose to enforce the rules posted on his "No Trepassing" signs as mountain bikers continue to ride the trails on his property.

Madonna, a local contractor and owner of Madonna Inn, purchased all but 43 acres of San Luis Obispo Peak, also known as Madonna Mountain since 1973.

The city of San Luis Obispo owns the remaining land.

"If we don't have the hikers stopped, we will have to close it to everyone," said Madonna, citing environmentally damaging soil erosion as the cause of his worries.

Madonna said hikers don't pose problems when they are... See MADONNA, page 6

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New homes may be built near Bishop's Peak if a city commission gives the nod... See INSIDE, page three

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Kevin Bolinger says a Clinton health appointee is 'out in la-la-land'... See page four

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Men's basketball will end its home season with games Friday and Saturday... See back page
January increase was blamed on a 1.4 percent hike in food prices and a 0.7 percent rise in housing costs. The increase was the largest since consumer prices shot up 0.6 percent in January 1991.

Housing prices rose due to higher out-of-town lodging costs. The fuel and other utilities index increased 1.3 percent with residential gas rates jumping 7.3 percent. Medical care costs were up 0.6 percent while apparel categories in its Consumer Price Index posted sharp increases. The increase was the largest since consumer prices shot up 0.6 percent in January 1991.

Approval of the Vacaville state prison hospice, which will provide round-the-clock nursing care, will become a national model for treating HIV-positive inmates in the state prison system.

The hospice is part of the prison’s new integrated health care system, which was designed to address the needs of HIV-positive inmates.
Bishop's Peak possible site for new construction

SLO City Planning Commission to consider permit requests on Feb. 24

By Anita Kreile

 Should the city of San Luis Obispo issue building permits for new houses on Bishop's Peak — land that has been designated as open space? Some Cal Poly students think not.

The San Luis Obispo Planning Commission met Feb. 10 to decide what their recommendations to the City Council would be concerning the permits, but the agenda item was continued to Feb. 24.

Soil science senior Eric Nicita and several other students who volunteer time at the Escape Route, an on-campus outdoor-activities facility, are working to convince the commission to deny the permits.

If approved, they would allow for the construction of three new houses in the Bishop's Peak area, with the possibility of a fourth.

Nicita said he hopes to recruit more student support for the cause.

"They can write letters, sign our petition and go to the next planning commission meeting," he said.

About 100 signatures of people opposed to the project have been collected. Nicita said he hopes to have another 200 by next meeting to present to the commission at its next meeting.

The students were inspired to act after Gary Felman, vice chairman of the Santa Lucia chapter of the Sierra Club, spoke at an on-campus meeting.

Felman told students about the continuing struggle to acquire and preserve the chain of granite morres located throughout San Luis Obispo County.

One of the most visible and geologically hikeable morres is Bishop's Peak, located at the end of Highland Drive. It is flanked by Foothill Blvd., O'Conner Way and Highway 1.

In January, Felman attempted to transfer the title of the 100 acres, it isn't binding without a survey.

Meanwhile, the scenario that led to the current controversy was unfolding.

In the mid-1970s, Ferrini Development Corporation requested the city annex property at the end of Highland Drive to aid Ferrini in developing 51 lots.

As part of the deal, Ferrini agreed to designate 143 acres on Bishop's Peak as open space.

"As part of the agreement, Ferrini wanted the city to grant him an "open space easement exception area." The exception would allow him to return to the city to request four building permits at a later date.

Glen Matteson, the planner assigned to the current project for the purpose of making a staff recommendations, said the agreement was an unprecedented move in the city's history.

"I certainly hope they never do it again," he said. "My impression is that (the exception clause) was a deal-breaker and rather than let the whole thing fall through they agreed to the exception."

The San Luis Obispo citizenry voted against the annexation and development in 1978.

Known as Measure G, the vote was later deemed unconstitutional by the Second District Court of Appeals in 1984. At that point the annexation went back to the planning commission and was approved.

Now, John Rosetti wants to purchase the open space from Bishop's Peak and can take advantage of the exception by building three houses and retaining the option for a fourth.

"I don't know why we're considering issuing permits if we've already called it open space," Matteson said.

According to the agreement, the city is under no obligation to grant the permits, only to consider the request.

"The staff report recommends the permits be issued with mitigations, which include secur ing permanent access for hikers, eliminating the option for a fourth th dwelling, improving emergency vehicle access and other considerations," Felman said.

Felman said he hopes the commission will exercise its right to deny development. He said unless it takes action to acquire the development rights, the request can continue to be filed, he said.

Felman agreed people need to let the city know they think acquisition of open space is a worthwhile expenditure. He compared the current situation to offshore oil drilling applications.

"It's just like what happened to Santa Barbara," Felman said. "You wait long enough and keep coming back and finally you get a different guy and a different vote."

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Admitting the need

In response to Stan Langland's letter on Wed. Feb. 17, and all the other perceptions I get to what Christianity is about, I would like to explain what Christianity is from a Christian perspective, which is only fairly considering it is our faith. It seems ridiculous to me that something so free, as forgiveness for our sins, could be viewed as peer pressure. I admit Christians are sometimes quite emphatic about people's need for forgiveness, but I don't think it is too hard to understand why. It seems very easy for me to see that we are all less than perfect, and to dwell with a perfect God for eternity is not great, instead of trying to think we can make it through on our own self-righteousness. Hey, you don't even have to become christ-like, give up your culture, play your own music. No, that is not a right, but a privilege we don't deserve. Therefore, all God is asking is that we are humble enough to admit that we need Him to take care of our sins, and that His plan for our life is a lot more logical than our own.

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Huckell said.

He said he took his mirror down, drilled a hole in the wall separating the apartment's bathrooms and scratched an approximately three-quarter-inch hole in the backing of the women's mirror.

One of Huckell's neighbors, who said she once was on friendly terms with him, said he approached her and her roommate the day he made the hole and told them he had accidentally drilled through their wall and scratched their mirror while attempting to extend wiring for cable television.

She said he did not inform them he could see into their bathroom through the hole.

"People try to trivialize it," she said. "They think it was just a prank and laugh about it. But it's not funny."

The woman, who requested anonymity, said there was a "softball-sized" cloudy spot where Huckell had scratched her mirror. But since she could not see through to Huckell's side, she said she did not know the "scratch" opened a window into her apartment.

"You just wouldn't think that a neighbor would do that. It just wouldn't occur to you," she said. "I'm very angry and hurt at what happened. He's a sick person and he needs help.

Huckell immediately regretted altering the mirror and bought a new one to replace it.

"I feel like regardless of what happened, he shouldn't have done it," said a friend of Huckell's told the police, who investigated and filed a report with the district attorney's office.

Huckell originally was investigated for peeping into an occupied dwelling, but the charge was dropped due to a technicality specifying that the defendant must have been on the victim's property when the invasion occurred. Since Huckell attempted to view the women from inside of the wall, the charge is inapplicable.

"It was just curiosity," he said.

Although the hole was there for two weeks before its alleged purpose was discovered, the woman said she is sure of only one instance where someone was spying on her.

According to Huckell, it was Jan. 27 before he took his mirror down again. Huckell said he was preparing to start the repairs, which he was planning on completing after he returned from home the next week. While the mirror was down, he could not resist the temptation to look, he said.

"It was just curiosity," he said.

"When the mirror was down, it was easy," Huckell said he told the police.

Huckell said it was the only time he looked through the mirror. He said he saw one of the women, who was fully dressed, not resist the temptation to look, he said.

A friend of Huckell's told the police about the hole on Jan. 30. The women then called the police, who investigated and filed a report with the district attorney's office.

Huckell faces a six-month jail sentence and a $1,000 fine if convicted.
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Men close out home schedule

By Chris Rogers
Staff Writer

The UC Santa Barbara baseball team is the thorn in Cal Poly's side.

The Mustangs, who haven't beaten the Gauchos since 1998, looked to be in prime position to reverse those fortunes Wednesday when Hampton entered the match in Division II, was coming off a weekend in which they won four straight and their offensive power seemed unstoppable.

The Gauchos, however, were still able to stop Cal Poly, winning a 5-1 non-conference game in 12 innings at SLO Stadium.

Cal Poly fell to 7-2 overall, with both losses coming against Division I teams.

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