Six-month update: SNAP delivering for city as promised

By Penelope Slaughter

Nearly half a year after it started patrols, the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) has proven its worth to the police department and the community, its members say.

Since taking to the streets in December, SNAP has handled 80 percent of the noise complaints in San Luis Obispo, freeing police officers for other tasks, according to the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

In March alone, SNAP responded to 84 noise disturbance calls in the city. Only 15 of those calls required police to return, according to the police department. When SNAP began in December, police were called back to settle noise complaints at the rate of 20 percent. A month later, the rate had dropped to 17 percent — and has remained steady ever since. I would like to see that number go down to 15 percent," said political science senior and SNAP member Casey Nielsen.

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By Chris Rombouts

Historic all-race voting begins in South Africa

By John Danzickowski

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SLO vendors clean House in Poly event

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Fiery Japanese plane crash kills 259

By David Thaler  

**NAGoya, Japan** — A Taiwanese jetliner crashed and burned while trying to land at an airport in central Japan on Tuesday night, killing at least 259 people and narrowly missing a nearby housing area.

The China Airlines A300-600R Airbus had 271 people on board. Airport officials said 10 were being treated in hospitals and two were unaccounted for.

Minutes before the crash, pilot Wang Lo-chi radios that he would abandon his landing attempt and try again, the Transport Ministry said. The pilot did not give a reason or indicate any trouble.

In his last transmission, he simply said: "Going around."

The plane, flying to Nagoya from Taipei, Taiwan, crashed several hundred yards to the right of the runway. Had it gone another 200 yards straight ahead, it would have hit houses.

It ended up just short of several hangars of an air force base at the airport, and the quick response by airmen was credited with saving some lives.

A Transport Ministry official said the fire was put out about 40 minutes after the crash, the second worst in Japanese aviation history.

OPEN HOUSE: Local businesses praise festival as educational, profitable

**Tony Brault, Izzy Ortega’s manager, said the four restaurants his company owns — including three locations of P. McLintocks Saloon and Dining House — hailed with activity from this weekend’s campus festivities.**

"I think the Open House was spectacular," he said. "No doubt it doubled our income for all of our restaurants.

"The general consensus in the community indicated Open House will be welcomed back with open arms by local businesses next year."

"It’s a real important part of Cal Poly," said Eva Young, a clerk at the Meridian dorms. "We are very dependent on tourists, and a lot are brought in by Cal Poly students."

But the Open House does more than just increase local shop’s revenues. Berner said a monetary value cannot be assigned to the public relations benefits that a positive event like the Open House has on the community.

"I’m certainly happy that they’re doing something that relates to what the school is about," said Ken Fremmlott, manager of Country Culture. "It’s definitely good for business as long as we stay away from riots."

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KUNKEL: What gets SLO's biggest political watchdog going? Student voters, the DMV, and the IRS, for starters

From page 1 sharply outline Kunkel's shortcomings. Big Brother government, Settle believes he's winning the war against local bigots.

San Luis Obispo City Councilmember and District Five Supervisor David Blakeley, currently facing a Kunkel-inspired recall, dismissed the effort as "rock in the bottom of your shoe."

"Big Brother government." Settle calls him a "sore loser."

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Open House: So this is why I came here!

By Joy Nieman

When I was a high school senior, I remember dreading November — the moment of truth when I could no longer procrastinate on my college applications. I was 17 years old, and like most people my age, had no idea what I wanted to do. I only knew I had to apply somewhere so I wouldn't have to sell lingerie in a department store for the rest of my life. But what did I know about college? When I filled out my applications, I had no idea what college "life" would be like. I didn't know if I would fit in — or if my major would be considered a "lesbian" — because as we all well know, any good feminist is a lesbian.

Instead of treating her with the respect she merits, we are subjected to the likes of Bush. It is important that we fight for ideas and being a highly successful lawyer as well as an intelligent, well-spoken woman — well, this nation just isn't ready to accept that. Not yet. Mention a woman who can explain the stock market, read the stock tables since childhood, and have a friend who was really stoked on Cal Poly. Other­wise, I had no real idea what programs Cal Poly had to offer. There was no Poly Royal or Open House the year I was accepted. If there had been, choosing Cal Poly would have been easy. I would have come to Cal Poly with a greater understanding of campus life and an increased appreciation of the school's reputation. The fear of the unknown that comes with moving three hours away from home also might have been lessened.

On the Thursday before Open House, I could already feel the excitement on campus. On Friday, I walked around the campus and watched as booths were put up in preparation for the big event. I watched as the entire school came together under a common, uniting goal. On Saturday, I was surprised to see more people on campus than at any time since freshmen week. Students showed up. Faculty showed up. Alumni, parents and incoming students packed in the family station wagon and drove the many hours it took to get here.

Carolyn Nielsen is a daily senior editor. Stop by the newsroom and feed her some fish flakes.
SNAP: Unit has new toys, growing reputation

SNAP members assist local law enforcement as first responders to specified student related calls and conduct safety patrols.

S.N.A.P. Info-Session: April 25 at 6:00
at the U.U. Room 212A

Applications can be picked up in U.U Room 212
Application Deadline: April 29
The body attached to the hand lies in its bed sound asleep, oblivious to the scene just played out — until ... buzz! The alarm sounds again. The scene plays out in much the same way as before, stopping the noise quickly.

Bannon, the third baseman, is Kelley Bannon. She has just played out — until ... buzz! The alarm sounds again. Bannon is one of the many Cal Poly athletes who have made a point of excelling at their sport and community together. She is a junior softball player, and Community Together is part of the team she plays for.

One of the highlights of her week is Wednesday, when she visits the children at Los Ranchos Elementary School as part of a program sponsored by the head of her bed. By this time it's 6:20 a.m., so she jumps out of bed to keep on schedule. After taking a shower and getting dressed, she has just enough time to grab her books, hop in her car and get to campus by 7:40 a.m.

"I cherish sleep. More so than food — which is why I usually don't eat breakfast," the 20-year-old said with a smile. "I'd rather sleep than eat."

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Bannon leads her team in many categories. Her hitting is tops with a .402 average and she has stolen 16 bases to lead the Mustangs' fall practices without throwing or hitting. "It was hard to see my teammates able to schedule and taped up to guard against hip pointers — bruises on the bone sometimes caused by sliding and driving for line drives. Then, at 3 a.m., practice starts. The women go for a 20-minute run and practice for a couple of hours. Rounding out their workout, the team lifts weights to cool baseball coach for Moorpark College, has really been playing all her life with her dad and brothers. Bannon says her father, the men's baseball coach for Moorpark College, has really been playing all his life with his coaching staff worked with Bannon and taught her how to throw a new way. She has a family of four children, she says she has really been playing all her life with her dad and brothers. Bannon says her father, the men's baseball coach for Moorpark College, has really been playing all his life with his coaching staff worked with Bannon and taught her how to throw a new way. She has a family of four children, she says she has really been playing all her life with her dad and brothers.
An alarm set to wake its owner at 6 a.m. starts to buzz.
A frantic hand appears from beneath the covers of a double bed as if it has a mind of its own. Almost knocking over the items in its path, the hand grogs towards the annoying buzzing sound. Finally reaching its destination, the hand violently hits at the noise maker as if to say, "How dare you wake me this early!"
With the disturbance ended, the hand retreats to where it came from as if it had never left.

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Heart condition forces Holyfield out of the ring

Anxious but

ATLANTA - Evander Holyfield, diagnosed with a congenital heart condition, announced his retirement from boxing today, four days after losing the world heavyweight title to Michael Moorer.

Holyfield's personal physician, Dr. Ronald Stephens, said the condition was diagnosed after Holyfield lost to Moorer on Friday night in Las Vegas. It was not life threatening, he said.
"Mr. Holyfield fought this fight in heart failure, and it's an absolute miracle he could fight this fight for 12 rounds in this condition," the doctor said. "It's hard enough to fight in perfect condition."

In a conference call, Stephens said Holyfield could live a normal, active life, but he could no longer box. Stephens said the condition, diagnosed as a non-compliant left ventricle, prevented sufficient oxygen from being pumped to Holyfield's muscles and tissues.
"The left ventricle squeezes blood out of the heart normally but does not fill up normally," Stephens said.

Holyfield made the decision to quit the ring as soon as he knew the results of tests taken Monday.