Poly teams up to open botanical garden

By Travis Mooney
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly students have always had a reputation for interacting with the San Luis Obispo community, lending their skills in the classroom to projects in the surrounding area. Such is the case with the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden. The groundbreaking ceremony for the preview garden featured Cal Poly construction management senior Tamara Mullison and Mary White, construction management professor.

"The preview garden is really a miniature botanical garden," said Eva Vigil, president of the Friends of the Botanical Garden. According to Vigil, the garden will eventually be a 150-acre showcase of the five Montesinos — coastal California, coastal Chile, the Cape region of South Africa, southwestern Australia and the Mediterranean region of Europe and Africa.

The botanical garden project has involved approximately 100 Cal Poly students, Vigil said. "We've had students from landscape architecture, soil sciences, graphic arts, ornamental horticulture, biological sciences, even the Cuesta college biological sciences department," Vigil said.

However, in addition to helping found a local tourist attraction, six construction management seniors are turning the preview garden into their senior project.

Mike Gibson, Darren Hiatt, Mike Terstriep, Bill Sittman, Tamara Mullison and Reihsen make up the team that will oversee the $43,000 project. "They've told us what they have and we've worked up a budget," Mullison said.

"We're also going to save them about $10,000 by doing some of the work ourselves," he said. "We're pouring footings and building structures in addition to soliciting bids and managing the subcontractors.

"We're in charge of all the hardcore — the paths — the structures, irrigation, electrical, the bridge and the kiosk," Mullison said.

"We're also designing and building an amphitheater," he said. "It's a big job." The project will begin this Saturday and continue through December. Mullison estimated the construction management team's portion of work on the preview garden will be completed in early January.

"It's going to be fantastic," Vigil said. The Friends of the Botanical Garden see their garden eventually being both a learning resource and a tourist attraction.

"We will be looking to involve any organization in the county and beyond," Vigil said. "We've already had interest expressed from the biological sciences as well as the architecture students at Cal Poly." According to Dave Itner, an architecture club member, businesses at the F-Stop began to boom in an effort to meet the growing demands, the club extended operating hours. Itner said they didn't think that would be a problem.

"The F-Stop was clearly something that is beneficial to the students that Foundation can't provide," Itner said. An abbreviated service was part of the reason Campus Dining agreed to the F-Stop in the first place, said Alan Cushman, associate director of Campus Dining.

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WACO, KY — A smooth-talk­ ing drifter who police say strangled or stabbed at least four women in a cross-country killing rampage was captured Monday after a New­ speed chase on a rural Kentucky highway.

Glenn Rogers, 35, was forced off the road by more than a half­ dozen police cruisers after a 15­ mile chase that reached speeds of 100 mph, state police said.

Rogers is wanted for question­ ing in the killings of at least four women in California, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida in the past two months. Authorities are also checking into the deaths of four other California women to see if there is a link with Rogers.

And Rogers is wanted for questioning in the death of a 73­ year-old Ohio man whose decom­ posed body was found last year tied to a chair in an abandoned cabin that Rogers' family owns near Beattyville, Ky.

Police said Rogers took little effort to conceal himself, boast­ ing to friends about at least one killing and driving one victim's car after another.

Rogers, who has been married twice, grew up in Hamilton, Ohio, where he had a long arrest record on charges such as assault and arson. He is believed to have moved to California in 1990.

He is wanted for questioning in a death that has not been officially ruled a homicide.

— Sandra Gallagher, 34, a par­ time worker in Los Angeles, who was found raped and strangled in her burning pickup truck Sept. 29.

— Linda Price, 34, of Jackson, Miss, who was found stabbed to death in her back yard Sunday Nov. 5.

— Tina Marie Cribs, 34, of a town near the Texas border was stabbed Nov. 7 in a motel where Rogers stayed in Tampa, Fla.

— Andy Jones, 37, whose slashed body was found Thursday on a pocked­ up waterbed in her apartment in Bossier City, La.

A sign on the mirror behind the door at McFad's Cocktail Lounge, where Gallagher worked, went up quickly Monday — "Glenn Rogers caught 11­13." A banner was also unfurled read­ ing: "Do you know the person(s) serial killer caught 11­13?"

Sgt. Tony Young, a Kentucky state police spokesman, said police received an anonymous phone tip that Rogers was in the area 40 miles southeast of Lexington.

Rogers did not put up a fight after he was stopped, state police and federal boyfriend Ken Knifley said. "I don't know how much fight was left in him when they got him stopped," Knifley said.

State police detective Robert Stephens said he spotted Rogers after responding to a tip that he might be in the area.

"I pulled up beside him and was able to get a look at him," Stephens said. "... I knew it was him. He was backed off and ran the road out of the post and they sent additional units.

Then the chase began.

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Rogers' sister, Sue Rogers, told TV's "A Current Affair" in an interview for broadcast Tues­ day that her brother "hasn't already killed 55 people (and) he said the police will never catch him unless he wants to."

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COMPUTERS: Format makes procrastination easier

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quarters at Cal Poly.
• SAT math score of 560 or above
• ACT math score of 25 or above
• Advanced Math Placement score of three or above
• Transfer students can meet the requirement by receiving at least a "C" or better on the ELM requirement.

Students who are partially-sighted, "There's actually a lot more students who might need more time to work on math skills. Miller said the new Math 100 and 104 classes do not depend on computer skills.

The computer version of the course is not necessarily better for everyone.

For blind and visually-impaired students who can read braille, the computer version presents a real challenge, said Shelly Alsheire of Disabled Student Services.

"We think we can adapt the course for low-vision students who are partially-sighted," she said. "But we need different technology to enlarge the screen or screen reading programs, large print or other adaptive software.

"There are so many graphics on the computer screens that we've determined it's not feasible for blind students to take the course that way," Alsheire continued. "Color is used as an instructional method — blue for positive, yellow for negative. For visually-impaired, it has to be explained. Color cannot be brailled.

Alsheire said there is currently no method to print what is on the screen of a CD-ROM math course. A parallel course using braille texts would be preferable, she said, and she is talking to the software company about providing that option.

"For other students the workbooks are secondary (learning) source, for blind students they're primary," she said.

Others said they prefer a traditional classroom setting to sitting in front of a computer.

"You're more motivated to keep on top of things in a (lecture) situation," said forestry sophomore Riley Morrison, who is currently enrolled in math 100. "It's too easy to procrastinate with computers. The motivation is not as high to come in and use one," he said, pointing to all the empty chairs in the computer lab.

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Citing GOP budget priorities that would "rob the American dream from millions of Americans," Clinton vetoed emergency legislation that would extend the government's ability to borrow money beyond its expected expiration. Wednesday's Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin immediately took steps to raise cash and prevent a first-ever default, which could cause financial turmoil.

The Senate, by voice vote, passed and shipped to Clinton on Monday a stopgap stopp that financing agencies through Dec. 1. That, too, was destined for a veto. Knowing that, congressional leaders planned to keep the House and Senate in session until the end of the week, in case the president and Republicans could find middle ground.

"The time might be right for the president and the leadership to work out something," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and ship the Senate floor after the vote.

But with most agencies' power to spend money set to expire at the start of business Tuesday, failure to break the political deadlock meant that 800,000 federal workers would be laid off, in case the president and Republicans could find middle ground.

Air traffic controllers, meat inspectors, prison guards and others with crucial jobs would keep working, as would military personnel. But national museums and monuments and the IRS and Social Security hotlines would be among the federal operations closed.

Both bills contained provisions Clinton opposes, such as higher Medicare costs for the elderly and restrictions on future anti-pollution rules. The president pledged to block those items, despite the havoc it would wreak on federal services and borrowing plans.

"Ordinary Americans don't like pressure tactics, and I would be wrong to permit these kind of pressure tactics to dramatically change the course of American life," Clinton said as he vetoed the borrowing legislation. "I can't do it and I will not do it."

For their part, Republicans sought to portray themselves as responsibly doing Congress' job of completing needed legislation and of being willing to seek compromise.

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As intense as the battling was, it was but a prelude to a bigger fight that looms over GOP plans to balance the budget by 2002, taxes by $45 billion and reshape Medicare, Medicaid and a vast array of other federal services. That bill also faces rejection because Clinton considers its cuts too harsh and its tax breaks too generous to the rich.

The brightest ray of hope on the immediate problem of keeping the government running came with two telephone discussions between White House chief of staff Leon Panetti and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., old friends from Panetti's days as a House member.

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AOD Spirit

by Maria Adams

Let us introduce ourselves! We are part of Peer Health Education, specifically the Alcohol and Other Drug Team (AOD Team). We are here to educate you, the student body, on facts regarding alcohol and drugs.

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we are here to educate you, the student body, on facts regarding alcohol and drugs. We are students, not a group of people who simply want to get the facts straight.

The AOD Team offers many educational programs. We hold workshops for groups that want to participate in fun, educational activities. We offer personal consultations regarding any questions related to drugs and alcohol that are one-on-one and are strictly confidential. We have many pamphlets and informational materials that are free and offered to all students. Our topics offered range from hangover remedies to alcohol-related issues regarding women to how to party smart (and many more!)

AOD Spirit will be published every other Tuesday and is designed to cover questions that you the students have, plus offer information on the above topics. If you are interested please write the questions and comments down and drop it off at the Peer Health Center located downstairs and the Health Center (Building 10), or you can mail the questions and/or comments to: Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, California 93407, Student Health Network, Health and Psychological Services. The questions and comments are due the Tuesday before publication.

Peer Health Education does not only offer information on alcohol and drugs to students. The Student Health Network has additional information and Peer Health teams on Nutrition, Sexuality and Lifestyle Wellness. Therefore, if you are interested please write or come downstairs at the Ed Center.

Remember, the AOD team, are here for you the students. If you want straight facts about questions you’ve always wondered, come and see us or write to us. We’ve got tons of intoxicating tidbits!

Rough morning after a night out? Feeling a bit under the weather Sunday morning and wondering how you’re going to study for that midterm on Monday? No worries! Next week AOD Spirit will focus on HANGOVER REMEDIES. We’ll give you all the cure!

Maria Adams is a biology senior.

Beyond the bounds of ignorance

Editor,

Brian Kropp wrote a very intriguing opinion on his views about homosexuality. He stated his argument in an opinion that went seriously wrong, I find myself wondering what is going on.

I look at all of you people in such a hurry to get some­where, and I have to ask myself—where in the world are you going? I’m by no means immune to this half-bred goal oriented “I’m going somewhere but forget where I am at the moment” frame of mind. Anyone who has caught me in the moment can tell you that. But at least in the back of my brain I’m aware of the life that surrounds me at every moment.

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Most people want power and money because they think it will make them happy. I’ve got news for you: it’s not what you have that makes you happy, it’s what you are.

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These little luxuries keep me sane. They keep me alive.

I know what you’re thinking. I have a point. You are right! I might have time to mess around like that, but I’m busy. I’m on my path to greatness. I can’t listen to Wham! — I’ve got too much work to do. And where is all this work going to get you? To an $80,000 a year job working 80 hours a week? I know, everyone who attends it.

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Death by stress — in 40 easy steps

by Fawn Damitio

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"One of my friends got caught going through a stop sign on his bike. You gotta be careful around them when you're riding your bike." Adam Pahl Agricultural science freshman

"I'm scared of them, because I do some stuff that's not so legal." Louis Liang Computer science freshman

"I don't think of them much. I know I watch out for them when I'm on my skateboard." Larry Anter Psychology junior

"I haven't had any problems with them, they haven't seemed to bother me or my friends." DaRel Williams Biological sciences freshman

"They're people on the payroll. As far as I'm concerned, I'm paying for them." Brian Skinner Social science senior

"I think it's incredible that the parking people can fine you no matter where or when you park." Will Bassett Biology senior

"We're very fortunate to have the quality police that we have." Shawn Dunning Mechanical engineering sophomore

"They almost run me over. That's the only reason I know who they are." Kurrin Spray Nutrition senior

"The only time I see any type of security is when people are writing tickets." Erica Chavin Economics senior

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MUSTANG DAILY

By Adam Malik

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A bomb ripped through a building filled with American and Saudi military personnel on Monday, tearing off the facade and engulfing the wreckage in flames. Six people were killed, including five Americans.

At least 60 people were wounded, including more than 30 Americans. It was not clear whether the attack was aimed at the Saudis, the Americans, or both.

Two groups claimed responsibility for the attack, but neither could be verified, said Raymond Mabus, U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

One group was the little-known Islamic Change Movement, which demanded last spring that Western forces leave Saudi Arabia or it would "exert all available means to expel these forces." The second group was the previously unknown Tigers of the Gulf.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, has been a close ally of the United States for decades and the two countries have extensive military ties. Some Muslim fundamentalists oppose the presence of the U.S. military and other Western forces in Saudi Arabia, home to Islam's holiest shrines.

While open opposition to the ruling al-Saud family is not permitted, some underground groups have threatened to strike against the deeply conservative Saudi leadership and the Western forces.

The U.S. Embassy spokesman, Jeff Thomas, said late Monday the death toll among Americans had risen to five after one of the critically injured victims died in the hospital. He said a number of Americans were listed in critical condition, but gave no specific figures.

Earlier, a Pentagon official said one of the dead Americans was a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army.

King Fahd convened his Cabinet, which "expressed its condemnation of this criminal act, which is foreign to our society, beliefs and religion," the Saudi Press Agency reported.

President Clinton pledged to "devote an enormous effort" to bring those responsible to justice, calling it "a hideous act" of terrorism.

A dozen FBI agents and evidence specialists were being sent to Saudi Arabia to help with the investigation.

Mabus said the blast was caused by "an explosive device."

"We are outraged by this act," he said.

The blast occurred outside a modern, three-story building that serves as the headquarters for a 22-year-old U.S. Army program which provides American military and civilian advisers to modernize the Saudi National Guard.

The multibillion-dollar program, run by the Army Materiel Command, aims to improve Saudi defenses so the kingdom can protect itself from Iraq or other potential enemies. The program was intensified after the 1991 Gulf War.

U.S. officials said some 200 people — half of them Americans — were inside the building at 11:30 a.m. when the bomb went off.

The Americans live in the same complex, behind the damaged building. Their homes were not destroyed, but windows were blown out in nearby buildings.

It was unclear whether the explosives had been packed inside a car as early reports suggested. There had been reports of a second blast, but it has not been confirmed.

Saudi police cordoned off the street and confiscated the film of photographers trying to capture the scene. Reporters visiting the area Monday night were turned away.

Earlier, the kingdom's state-run television showed a parking lot full of badly damaged cars, with twisted frames and blown-out windows. Some cars appeared charred.
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Announcements

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"The players worked hard all year to get to this position," Fens said. "We're going to play the pressure. We've played all year. We feel we can beat any team in the country."

Fens added that the selection was a great stride for the program and will help in years to come.

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The Mustangs may also be without sophomore midfielder Scott Holmes, who received a red card and his fifth yellow card of the season against Santa Clara. The status of Holmes' eligibility was still not known at press time.

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SPORTS

The unthinkable becomes reality

Men’s soccer becomes the first Cal Poly team to qualify for the Division-I playoffs. The Mustangs will face off with No. 2 UCLA Sunday.

Goofing around

Junior wide receiver Jon Pack had a career game against UC Davis last Saturday when he racked up 203 receiving yards on 12 receptions and one touchdown. However, Cal State Northridge quarterback Clayton Mills eclipsed Pack in the America West Conference Offensive Player of the Week poll. Mills completed 49 of 65 passes and accumulated 429 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions against Saint Mary’s College / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

Kentucky tops basketball poll

By Jim O’Connell

Kentucky was voted No. 1 in the preseason college basketball poll for the first time Monday, and big conferences again dominated the Top 25, with the Big East having three of the top six teams.

The Wildcats, who reached the round of eight in last year’s NCAA tournament and returned three starters, received 34 first-place votes and 1,550 points from the national media panel.

Kansas was just two points behind after receiving 24 No. 1 votes. The Jayhawks have four starters back from the team that lost in the regional semifinals last season.

Then came the Big East — No. 3 Villanova followed by defending champion UCLA of the P-10, Georgetown and Connecticut.

Villanova, which had 1,369 points, and UCLA were the only other schools to receive first-place votes with two and four, respectively.

The Top 10 was completed by Massachusetts, Iowa, Mississippi State and Utah.

The next 10 spots went to Wake Forest, Louisville, Memphis, Missouri, Maryland, Arizona, Michigan, Stanford, Virginia and North Carolina.

The last of the preseason rankings was Charlotte, Virginia Tech, Indiana, Purdue and California.

Kentucky becomes the second straight Southeastern Conference team to be selected the preseason No. 1. Arkansas, then the defending champions, had that distinction and reached the title game last April.

The Wildcats lost two starters from last season — Rodrick Rhodes and Andre Riddick — and have added consensus national prep player of the year Ron Mercer and Ohio State transfer Derek Anderson.

“We think we have a good basketball team, and if we do the right things defensively, maybe we can develop into a great team,” Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said.

The Wildcats will find out a lot right away as they open the season with neutral-site games.

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