**Electronic loan checks a convenient service**

By Michelle Castillo

Now you see it. Now you don’t.

Backpack thefts are on the rise, and Ray Berrett, University Police investigator, says “lock it or lose it!”

In the last 11 weeks, there have been 27 reported cases of backpack thefts, Berrett said. “That’s an average of one every three days.”

University Police started noticing a drastic increase in the theft of backpaks last quarter.

“The Recreational Sports facility tops the list as the No. 1 spot for reported thefts of backpacks,” Berrett said.

According to University Police news release, the biggest mistake is students leaving their backpacks in or on top of unlocked lockers in the gym.

“Last most recent victim (student) at the recreation facility left his backpack in a cubby box, unlocked, next to a water fountain,” Berrett explained.

“Unfortunate thefts of these people leave their belongings in open view.”

But not all of the stolen backpaks were left unsecured. The investigator said locks are being broken off lockers in the middle of the day.

“Backpack theft is an ongoing problem both day and night,” he said. “It also occurs at Mott Gym.”

University Police had a sting operation in place at Mott Gym last quarter, Berrett disclosed.

“We were able to catch the perpetrator after he managed to break the padlock securing the locker,” he said.

The Lighthouse and El Corral Bookstores rank second and third for the location most likely to be hit by backpack thieves.

According to another crime report, a student placed his backpack on top of the lockers at the entrance to the Lighthouse — only to find it missing when he returned.

“The reported loss was approximately $447,” Berrett said. “But the contents were not just books; there was clothing, cash, apartment keys, a Swiss army knife, a checkbook, student identification, credit cards, a calculator, class notes and the Jansport backpack.”

Berrett wants to remind students that monetary valuables are not the only thing at risk of being stolen.

“Often more valuable to the student,” Berrett said, “are class notes. One student lost his entire senior project.”

Psychological Services, in the Student Services building, offers a variety of confidential counseling free of charge for students, faculty and staff.

“Help with relationships, depression and other problems is offered to individuals, couples and groups in one- or two-hour sessions,” Diaz said.

“We’re here to help,” said Joe Diaz, a counselor at Psychological Services, “and there’s a way we can help you.”

“Many of the students come in with relationship problems,” Diaz said.

“Boyfriend/girlfriend relationships and depression — these go hand in hand,” he said.

“When couples come in for counseling, the help provided hinges on how much the couple is willing to work with the counselor, and with each other, Diaz said.

“Depends on the cooperation of the students,” Diaz said, “and how much they want things to get better.”

Diaz says students needing help coping with related problems is also common.

“A lot of times we get students who have difficulty concentrating and learning or they are dealing with parent problems or other stresses. We teach them relaxation skills, and how to study,” Diaz said.

Diaz said students with more severe problems, like acute depression or problems requiring medication, are usually referred to a doctor or facility off-campus, Diaz said.

We talked with a Cal Poly student who used the personal counseling services on campus and wished to have her name withheld, agreed that the potential embarrassment of needing help keeps many people away.

“Think people are ashamed to go to counseling, but (the counselors) can help you,” she said. “It just depends if you’re open to it or not.”

“I needed to go,” she continued. “It was good — it made me realize things I didn’t want to admit.”

It is also important, she said, to find the right counselor.

“My mother recommended it, but be sure to find one that’s right for you. It works — it’s the same as dating.”

Lastly, Diaz said, it’s important to come in before you get out of control.

“We want to move towards prevention,” he said. “If we can prevent problems, it makes our job easier. Unfortunately, however, we don’t always catch it until the last minute.”

To make an appointment for counseling, call Psychological Services at 756-2111. Appointments available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Today's WEATHER:  mostly sunny, coldest night of the year.

Beginning kayaking lessons are being offered every third Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in Avila Beach. Lessons cost $10 and include helmets, kayaks, wetsuits and personal flotation devices. Students must sign up for classes in advance at Pismo Beach City Hall. For more information, call 773-7049.

San Luis Obispo residents can finally enjoy a cold beer or a Jack Daniels while connected to the World Wide Web.

The Library, a full bar offering Internet access, logged on to the downtown scene Friday after much anticipation.

Bill Hales, the owner of both The Library and The Frog and Peach Pub, said customers can now gather around a computer with beer and friends to play games or meet people from across the globe.

"The social computer setting appeals to everybody," Hales said. "Maybe after a beer or two people will be more creative."

A Cal Poly student who experienced The Library's opening weekend appreciated the comfortable atmosphere.

"It was a great bar situation," said economics senior Lynne Stewart. "The best part was the easy computer access in a casual, comfort zone.

Hales said people who are thirsty for information can use this cyber-learning experience to no end. The programs offered at The Library will keep patrons informed, said Judd Jones, a computer specialist from El Corral Bookstore.

The "Web Force Five," a volunteer computer group comprised of Jones and Cal Poly students, contributed their time and technological skills to ensure the success of The Library's setup.

"You can do anything from watching the MTV Top 20 videos to seeing live ski reports from cameras on the actual slopes," Jones said.

The modems used by the bar are extremely fast and are all the latest equipment, he said.

In addition, personal tutoring will be offered to computer novices, Hales said.

"We will have people walking around who can answer questions," Hales said. "Eventually we will hold classes on Saturday mornings in a relaxed setting with coffee and donuts."

For about the first week, the time on the bar's computers is free, but the rate will be $6 an hour for about three or four people to a terminal.

The Library is in business.

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LIBRARY: Problems couldn't interrupt opening

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tie delays, like inspections and paperwork caused setbacks.

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"Those types of situations are simply solved with communciation," he said.

Still, the council approved the plans, so those issues were settled, Hales said.

"All kinds of things pop up," he said. "We played the hand we were dealt."

In addition, students without EFT are not eligible for a fee deferment for the quarter, Reynolds said, and must pay registration fees before accessing

8-year-old enjoys life at Cal Poly

By Jennifer Cornelius

Church argued intelligently and had legitimate facts to back up his arguments, Griffin said.

"The Math 100 class is "ideal because of the way it's structured on the computer," she said.

Church is taking Math 100, the equivalent of first-year algebra, at Cal Poly through the concurrent enrollment program. This program allows people in the community to take courses at Cal Poly.

"I find the best thing about (taking the class) is that it's challenging," Church said.

Not only is he challenged by the class, he said, but the older students as well.

"He doesn't talk to many of the students in the class, but he was quick to point out he hasn't had much of an opportunity. Each student works individually, so unless they have questions, talking is at a minimum," Garnett Kenahan, a teaching associate at Cal Poly, teaches the Math 100 class.

Physically, Tom looks like an ordinary child, but intellectually, "it didn't take long to figure out he wasn't normal," she said.

He read spontaneously, and learned alphabet at age 2.

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Another day, another doubt

It's the start of another quarter here and I always get to thinking: where the hell am I doing here? Why do I waste so much time with school and rules and assignments when I should be out there doing what I suppose I'm supposed to be doing? It's like being a security blanket. But then my common sense always chirps in like the goody two-shoes girl scout she is and says, "This is adulthood. Be a responsible adult and do your job; don't blow off another quarter." And yet, somehow everything seems brilliant when it's free...

Editor,

Charrisa is a weird one. It's almost hard to believe we're such good friends. I'm more the loneristic, "I hate reading" type, while she is always so well, cheerful! I guess there's a degree of envy there. People just seem to like her. Maybe because she's so damn pretty. I don't know.

Beautiful people usually seem to be more easily accepted...in any form of packaging. Don't get me wrong--for myself. English is like a second love so if someone ruins it for me, I still have music. But then, I'm the one who would get in fights at school for no apparent reason. I'm a mean little bitch. Hahahah! My sisters would always be scolding me: "Tara, honey, you need to control your anger. It'll eat you up inside." Talk about a cliche...but she means well. I've calmed down quite a bit in my old age, actually. I only really get mad at myself these days. I'm such a scatty, long-winded person I've been wearing Depends by the year's end. Say, now THERE'S a song!

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Re: rats

by Ira Wasberg

The editorial commentary, "Off with the rat's head" by Dawn Pillsbury (Jan. 18) smacks of a kind of vicious snobbery and inexcusable coming from the paper's opinion editor. Ms. Pillsbury suggests that we should be fed up with our "servants," which she defines as "maintenance workers, garbage men, welfare workers, social workers, administration bureaucrats of all varieties, police officers, school teachers, DMV drones and thousands of others."

In grossly lumping together all service and administrative employees as government workers and labeling them "rat," Ms. Pillsbury shows that she is ill-informed about the behavior of rats as she is about people. Ms. Pillsbury feels we ought to be fed up with these rats...according to her, they "intimidate us" because they are not human beings. Since we have to have rats in our society, we might as well see "servants" as if it were their birthright, as if it were their "birthright to serve." Perhaps the gap in class, intelligence and sophistication the author sees as separating herself from her "servants" is perpetuated to keep them at a distance.

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Gay marriages legal in Hawaii?

By Bruce Dunford

HONOLULU — A thorny issue facing Hawaii’s reluctant Legislature could affect all 50 states: whether to allow men to marry men, women to marry women.

Prodded by a special commission’s 5-2 vote last month urging legalization of gay marriage, Hawaii’s lawmakers — who just over a year ago voted to ban same-sex unions — face fresh debate on the question in this election year.

The main good reason why this one vote in Hawaii is carefully watched by 49 other state legislatures — and by hundreds of thousands of American homosexuals — is the Constitution.

Heeding a clause in the Constitution, states generally agree to recognize each other’s statutes — from driver permits and vehicle registrations to court decisions and marriage licenses.

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Hawaii legislators convened their 60-day session Wednesday and promptly predicted the issue might take another year to resolve.

Complex issues like this take time, said Senate President Nor- man Minutichi. He also said the Legislature was more likely to consider the commission’s secondary recommendation — to devise a comprehensive domestic partnership law.

This also seems to be the path favored by Gov. Ben Cayetano, who appointed the seven members of the Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law last August.

Cayetano last week suggested the state should establish legal rights and obligations for domestic partners of the same or opposite sexes. Weddings would be religious matters, he said, and the government should quit the business of issuing marriage licenses altogether.

“The institution of marriage should be left to the church,” Cayetano said. “The government needs to explore its role in marriages ... (and) should not be in the role of sanctifying marriages. That’s when they run into problems.”

Hawaii was pitched into the push-and-pull of one of the nation’s most contentious social dilemmas May 27, 1991, when its Supreme Court agreed with three gay couples that they had been unconstitutionally denied marriage licenses in 1990.

The justices said the state had to show a compelling interest to ban such marriages and sent the case back for trial in a lower court.

Doctors, patient hope transplant will battle AIDS

By Richard Cole

SAN FRANCISCO — Somewhere inside Jeff Getty’s body, a biological battle is being waged that could revolutionize AIDS treatment and alter the future of organ transplants.

AIDS researchers say a 38-year-old Getty, whose doctors hope, will begin to produce a new immune system to combat the AIDS virus that is killing him.

For reasons immunologists don’t understand, a few cells from a baboon are struggling to plant themselves inside Getty’s bone marrow — and perhaps one day replace his HIV-infected immune system.

Although it’s still early, some doctors are already talking about using a baboon immune system to battle AIDS.

The transplant took place Dec. 14, and the world should have a glimpse of the battle’s outcome by the end of January, although the first or two years months or more before all results are in.

Getty, meanwhile, waits at his Oakland home to find out if he will live or die. He has just gone through a painful bone marrow biopsy — “it feels like someone running a corkscrew through your head” — that will help determine if the baboon cells have gained a foothold and what the eventual outcome might be.

He says he’s ready, no matter what.

“If something goes wrong, if I come down with a baboon virus, if it doesn’t work at all and I get off my ass and did something,” he says. “I didn’t just lie down and die.”

If it works, the transplant will not only help AIDS patients, it could eventually help many other dying patients from the genetic tyranny of having to wait for pristine tissue matches before lifesaving organ transplants.

MATH & STATISTICS MAJORS

What are the odds of your interviewing with a company whose business is statistics?

You’re a numbers kind of person. You relish solving mathematical problems, analyzing data, discerning odds. But now that your college years are coming to an end, where can you immediately apply those skills? Fair, Isaac and Company.

At Fair, Isaac, statistics isn’t a small department with out-of-state gay marriages

by Jennifer Kerr

SACRAMENTO A Republican bill to prevent gay marriages from other states from being recognized in California gets its first public hearing in the Assembly this week.

Assemblyman Pete Knight of Palmdale introduced his bill this month because a pending court case in Hawaii could make same-gender marriages legal in the island state this year.

His bill will be heard Wednesday in the Judiciary Committee, which has a new GOP chairman and a new 9-6 Republican majority.

Most of the action in the Legislature this week will be in the fiscal committees, which are hearing hundreds of bills left over from the 1995 session. Jan. 31 is the deadline for such bills to be passed by their first house.
Budget cuts signed: Debt ceiling raised

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Con­tradicting other Republican leaders, House Majority Leader Dick Armey said Congress will refuse to raise the federal debt ceiling next month unless President Clinton agrees to GOP budget-cutting measures.

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House Republicans in par­ticular have been reluctant to pass stopgap funding measures for the 1996 budget and raise the debt ceiling until the White House moves closer to the Repub­licans' seven-year balanced budget plan.

Talks on the balanced budget broke down last week, and it's unlikely there will be any progress in settling the differen­ces before President Clinton delivers his State of the Union address on Tuesday. Congress returns from a two-week recess on Monday.

"Let's not play games with the future of this country or the economy of this country," White House Chief of Staff Leon Panet­to said later on "Meet the Press," warning that Clinton would not accept a debt limit extension with strings attached.

Last week on the same news program, House Budget Commit­tee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, gave assurances that Republicans would extend the government's borrowing authority before Feb. 15, when interest due to bondholders would push the debt beyond the current $4.9 trillion limit.

"John Kasich's willingness to vote for it to the contrary," said Armey, R-Texas, "it's not coming through the House unless it car­ries with it something that is a substantial share of our agenda of de­creasing the size and the in­trusiveness of government.

"We have a House that is com­mitted to getting this job done, and we're going to use every in­strument we can to move the ball forward," he said.

Armey said he would support linking the debt ceiling increase to other Republican proposals for tax relief and budget cuts, suggesting that this time finding a proper­ proce­ss might be more diff­icult. He said a legal review was continuing because proposals being considered did not as yet "fully pass muster."

Fear of Internet shopping is unfounded, experts say

By Elizabeth Weise
Associated Press

S AN FRANCISCO — You're bopping around the World Wide Web checking out coal sites and you stop in at one of the shiny new on-line malls sprouting up everywhere. There's that CD you've been meaning to get. You pull out your credit card, and you stop.

Technology hasn't stopped you, the technical part of making a purchase by computer was worked out long ago. The gods of commerce haven't stopped you; they're eager to sell through cyberspace.

What has stopped you is your own mistrust — the fear that by inputting your credit card num­ber into a computer, you are opening yourself up to fraud. Perhaps, you think, some hacker will take your number and buy himself a new skateboard.

In fact, public fear of security risks on the Internet is stalling the boom many companies ant­icipated. But experts say send­ing your credit card number over the Internet to buy something is as safe as calling up L.L. Bean and ordering a sweater.

It's not that the computer security flaws are being discovered every other week by bored, graduate students — and trum­peted by the media — aren't prob­lems. They're just not problems for the average user.

"If a person's standards are that they're not willing to send their credit card over the Inter­net, they probably shouldn't order anything by phone or from a store where they don't know the proprietor," said Rod Kuckro of Information and Interactive Services Report.

On January 29th

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Talks on the balanced budget broke down last week, and it's unlikely there will be any progress in settling the differen­ces before President Clinton delivers his State of the Union address on Tuesday. Congress returns from a two-week recess on Monday.

"Let's not play games with the future of this country or the economy of this country," White House Chief of Staff Leon Panet­to said later on "Meet the Press," warning that Clinton would not accept a debt limit extension with strings attached.

Last week on the same news program, House Budget Commit­tee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, gave assurances that Republicans would extend the government's borrowing authority before Feb. 15, when interest due to bondholders would push the debt beyond the current $4.9 trillion limit.

"John Kasich's willingness to vote for it to the contrary," said Armey, R-Texas, "it's not coming through the House unless it car­ries with it something that is a substantial share of our agenda of de­creasing the size and the in­trusiveness of government.

"We have a House that is com­mitted to getting this job done, and we're going to use every in­strument we can to move the ball forward," he said.

Armey said he would support linking the debt limit increase to other Republican proposals for tax relief and budget cuts, suggesting that this time finding a proper­ proce­ss might be more diff­icult. He said a legal review was continuing because proposals being considered did not as yet "fully pass muster."

Fear of Internet shopping is unfounded, experts say

By Elizabeth Weise
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S AN FRANCISCO — You're bopping around the World Wide Web checking out coal sites and you stop in at one of the shiny new on-line malls sprouting up everywhere. There's that CD you've been meaning to get. You pull out your credit card, and you stop.

Technology hasn't stopped you, the technical part of making a purchase by computer was worked out long ago. The gods of commerce haven't stopped you; they're eager to sell through cyberspace.

What has stopped you is your own mistrust — the fear that by inputting your credit card num­ber into a computer, you are opening yourself up to fraud. Perhaps, you think, some hacker will take your number and buy himself a new skateboard.

In fact, public fear of security risks on the Internet is stalling the boom many companies ant­icipated. But experts say send­ing your credit card number over the Internet to buy something is as safe as calling up L.L. Bean and ordering a sweater.

It's not that the computer security flaws are being discovered every other week by bored, graduate students — and trum­peted by the media — aren't prob­lems. They're just not problems for the average user.

"If a person's standards are that they're not willing to send their credit card over the Inter­net, they probably shouldn't order anything by phone or from a store where they don't know the proprietor," said Rod Kuckro of Information and Interactive Services Report.

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"Any time a team gets momentum, that takes away the momentum from the other team," Carrillo said.

Cal Poly was sluggish reacting to loose balls, collecting only nine offensive rebounds in the contest, compared to 22 for Northridge.

This was a crucial part of the win for Northridge, Booker said, and Hoffman agreed.

"We made a lot of mistakes, we had turnovers that we shouldn't have had, we didn't rebound," Hoffman said. "That was our biggest problem ... If there is going to be something to nab it on, it's going to be rebounding, not turnovers."

Both teams were equally matched going into the game making the loss a disappointing one for Cal Poly.

Sport team members were expecting to win.

"I think we're getting there and we just need to have faith in ourselves," said an emotional Hoffman. "We feel that we lost to the worst team in Division I. We had identical records and here we are losing to them."

"I think this will be one of the last times these teams at this level compete with each other," Abraham added. "I think both teams are going to take a major step forward, given the first recruiting season each of us have."

Abraham credited the emotion and the drive to the Matadors' desire to win.

"Our kids fight as hard as anyone in the country does," he said, "and when you're not as talented, having the taste of victory is a sweet taste."
The women's basketball team headed into Mott Gym Friday night with the first chance it has had to beat a team in its own league -- a team that also had an identical losing record. But, Cal Poly lost to Northridge and has started...

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Two teams, same record, same skills but only one winner. It wasn’t Cal Poly.

The women’s basketball team dropped its first American West Conference game to the Northridge Matadors, 63-56, in a close, emotional match in front of a crowd of 133 at Mott Gym.

The first few seconds of the Friday evening game set the tone, with a Matador lay-up, a foul and a steal.

Consecutive turnovers by both teams in the first five minutes of play led to four Mustang field goals and a three pointer by Kellie Hoffman, giving Cal Poly the lead, 11-4.

Helping to maintain the Mustang lead for most of the first half, Cal Poly’s Katie Bauer dropped in eight of her career high 14 points.

However, a Mustang turnover towards the end of the half sparked a nine-point Matador rush, giving Northridge a 25-22 halftime lead.

Matador Head Coach Michael Abraham said he used perimeter passing on the offense to gain the lead, then drove his players into the middle when the Mustangs started to fatigue.

“The concept is to stretch the defense out and attack it in the middle once you’ve already built the lead with perimeter jump shots,” Abraham said. “Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn’t, tonight we were lucky enough to get it done.”

Cal Poly Head Coach Karen Booker agreed.

“(Northridge) did move the ball well, and the better ball movement just means your defense has to step up that much more,” Booker said.

An emotionally charged Mustang team started the second half with two turnovers, leading to a Matador steal, bucket and foul.

Gaining control, Cal Poly’s Christina Carrillo narrowed the lead back to three points with an inside toss-up, adding another point on the free-throw line.

“I always fight for every advantage I can get, including yelling at the referee — that’s part of my job,” Abraham said.

Cal Poly Head Coach Karen Booker agreed.

“We got a little over-anxious at times and part of that was the emotion in the game,” Booker said. “So we just have to make sure we stay under control, stay calm, stay cool.”

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Cal Poly shot a record-setting 11-11 from the charity stripe. Northridge converted their 20 free-throw attempts into nine points.

Abraham disagreed with many of the called fouls called against his team.

Who said old habits can’t be broken?

Cal Poly’s men’s basketball team finally broke through the road block it has run into for the past 31 road trips and won its first away game in two years.

The Mustangs beat the Cal State Sacramento Hornets Saturday afternoon, 102-86, and were able to break a streak they weren’t too proud to have.

The last time Cal Poly won on the road was Dec. 18, 1993 at Cal State Hayward.

“It was a streak we had to end,” Coach Jeff Schneider said.

The game at Sacramento was also the Mustangs’ first American West Conference league matchup.

In the first half, Cal Poly shot 54.8 percent, made 23 of 42 field goal attempts, and was 50 percent from the three pointer line with 5 of 10 threes.

The Hornets shot 44.1 percent and only made 3 of 11 three-pointers.

The Mustangs built a strong 23 point lead over Sacramento State to give them a 61-38 score by half-time.

Cal Poly also forced the Hornets to commit 28 turnovers.

“Our pressure defense was the key,” Schneider said. “We attacked at both ends of the court.”

The attack stayed solid for the Mustangs into the second half, which Schneider contributed to the team’s ability to stay fresh throughout the game.

“We had a good rotation going,” Schneider said.

Schneider spread the minutes on the court pretty evenly among the 10 players, including Ross Ketcham, who played 11 minutes in his first game of the season against the team.

In the second half, Sac State outscored Cal Poly 48-41, but the Mustangs were able to hold onto the game and win.

Colin Bryant led the Mustangs with 23 points for the night with Shanta Ketcham, who played 11 minutes in his first game of the season against the team.

The men’s basketball team broke in 31-game road trip losing streak Saturday with a 102-86 win over Sacramento State / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

Cal Poly’s men’s basketball team found the effects of committing too many turnovers and fouls — losing to Cal State Northridge Friday, 63-56 / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar