Students help community clean up

Good Neighbor Day a success in its 13th year in SLO County

By Randy Halstead

Saturday was a day of service for the Cal Poly students who took part in the 13th annual Good Neighbor Day.

Primarily a fraternity event, Good Neighbor Day is seen as a chance to show the community that fraternities and sororities are more than just groups that like to party, said event participants.

The event involves students going to local residents' homes and performing jobs such as yard cleanup, minor home repairs and gardening. Aside from working at houses, students performed creek cleanups and park projects.

Matthew Ceppi, ASI special projects coordinator, said around 200 students were expected to participate in the service day. According to Ceppi, the weather wreaked havoc on the last two Good Neighbor Days; students were unable to perform most jobs because of rain.

This year, however, the weather cooperated, allowing students to be more productive.

Two sites that took advantage of the service day were Laguna Lake Mobile Estates and Chumash Village — both mobile home parks.

At Laguna Lake Mobile Estates, biology senior Matt Shreve and crop science sophomore Bryan Dovey, both with Lambda Chi Alpha, were busy weeding around an Olive Frank by cleaning her windows and raking her yard.

Although fraternities and sororities that participated in the event received points toward the Greek Week competition, participants showed little interest in that aspect of the service day.

"Senior citizens have given so much to the community," Doug Leppert said. "It's nice to be able to give something back to them."

At Chumash Village, agricultural engineering senior Rob Van Dyke was busy weeding for Loretta Holton as part of his third Good Neighbor Day. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Van Dyke said the people he worked for were all the motivation he needed.

"It gives you a good feeling helping out people who need it," Van Dyke said.

In another part of the trailer park, biology senior Jerry Cardinal and agricultural business student Matthew Ceppi, both with Lambda Chi Alpha, were busy for a family who lived in that area.

"Our service crew is about 80," Roody Halstead, ASI student activities director, said. "One hundred and nine mothers that are not doing too good right now," Bill Boland muttered to a fellow ambulance driver at midmorning.

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By Lisa Holzweiss

MIAMI — No survivors, no bodies, no hope on Mother's Day.

Authorities on Sunday called off the search for possible survivors of the crash of ValuJet Flight 592, which nose-dived into the Everglades with 104 passengers and five crew members.

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Edwards arrived in Miami. "Every human being in every seat of the airplane is a life and a loved one with stories to tell, with friends, with places to go. It's Mother's Day weekend, we know that."

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"This is huge for the rugby team," Quinn said of the proposal after the meeting. "In the three years I've been involved, we've never had a game on campus."
**Trustees to vote on CSU fee cap**

By Sandra Hangelton
Daily Staff Writer

On Tuesday and Wednesday, CSU Board of Trustees will vote in Long Beach on a policy designed to cap student fees, allow campuses to create local financial aid programs and establish new procedures to involve students in fee decisions.

The (CSU) Committee on Finance developed the policy in response to concerns voiced in the past two years by several systemwide task forces.

The policy addresses issues such as the need to limit the amount of student fees, the role of students and faculty in deciding on fees and how to ensure adequate financial aid for students.

All of these issues result from the lack of funding experienced by all state universities in the past several years.

"Looking to the future, the California budget process suggests that we cannot assume that Governor Buscaglia's appropriations to higher education in California will increase substantially," the policy states.

Each element of the policy aims to achieve the accessibility, affordability and quality of CSU education.

One of the main points of the proposal aims to limit all mandatory student fees to no more than one third of the cost of a CSU education, which would cap students' fees at $2,916.

Currently, a policy enacted in 1993 limits the state university fee to one third of the cost, but no limit exists for campus-specific fees.

This includes the $486 Cal Poly students pay each year in campus fees, such as University Union fees, ASI fees and facility fees.

Within the CSU system, the average amount of these campus fees, $380 per year, pushes average total fees to $3,301.

"No campus currently charges fees at the limit," said Brad Wells, executive assistant to the vice chancellor in business and finance.

Therefore, the limit would not immediately impact students, although fee increases in the future could be affected, Wells said.

As part of the new fee policy, university presidents would be encouraged to consolidate fees and eliminate miscellaneous course fees to simplify the administration of fees and students' budgeting for them.

"It will also help define a consistent vocabulary that applies to fees that will help the dialogue about fees," Wells said. "The biggest problem now is that there is an extraordinary number of fees which are sometimes contradictory."

Another part of the policy would permit each campus to create local financial aid programs to offset any burden incurred from campus-specific fees.

Currently, campuses are only allowed to offer state and federal aid. Under this policy, they could solicit funds from the private sector, students or any other source to establish scholarships, waivers or other aid based at least partially on financial need.

The policy also outlines two mechanisms to ensure greater student input on decisions regarding fees. The policy calls for an advisory student referendum before adjusting fees, except when a president provides a more effective means of negotiating with students.

Presidents would also be required to submit fee advisory committees, composed of faculty, staff, administration and a majority of students, to discuss any fee adjustments.

"Immediately, it will give students a greater voice in the decisions related to fees on campus," Wells said.

The administration hopes these provisions would expand the student involvement and concern exhibited in the past year about the Cal Poly Plan.

"We would need to make some adjustments to incorporate a student majority in such groups, because we don't have that now," said Daniel Howard-Greene, the president's executive assistant.

"We feel there has been a very good level of participation of students with the Cal Poly Plan and this would allow for even more."

Once students, faculty and administration agreed on fee adjustments, such changes would require approval by the chancellor, rather than the Board of Trustees, as is current policy.

"If this policy passes, it could mean a quicker and more timely review of the Cal Poly Plan," Howard-Greene said.

The chancellor has expressed favorable remarks on the plan, which might lead to a faster approval, he said.

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NEIGHBOR: 'These guys have been a help to me'

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Senior Adam Icardo helped Arthur Felicotti clean up his yard. Felicotti worked alongside Icardo and Cardinal as they cleared rocks, lumber and old plants from his yard.

Typical of the residents helped by the service day, Felicotti was very appreciative of the students' efforts.

"Since my wife died five years ago, I haven't been able to get this all cleaned up," Felicotti said. "These guys have been a real help to me.

"As with most of the people on the work detail, Cardinal and Icardo — also members of Sigma Phi Epsilon — said the work day was a chance to help the Poly students improve its image with the community.

"We like to do things to give fraternity a better name," Cardinal said.

Workers at the remote crash site spent the morning trying to determine how to recover the remains and wreckage, including the airplane's flight data and cockpit voice recorders.

The wreckage was buried under waist-high water and layers of sawgrass and swamp muck — estimated to be up to 40 feet thick in places. Temperatures were in the mid 60s under steady, bright sunshine.

"If they're out of here before two weeks I'll be surprised," said Metro-Dade Detective Ed Munn.

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Workers at his Channel Island Surfboards are churning out 150 boards a week with the help of a computer.

"Now people are asking for boards that come off the machine. I make boards for some of the best surfers in the world. The kids go. This is legitimate," says Merrick.

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Mother, daughter reunite by rare immigration procedure

By Helen O’Neill
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Karolina Bladek has spent most of her short life swaddled in red tape.

Until Saturday, when it unwound in her mother’s hands.

The 24-year-old Polish girl, accompanied by her mother, trolled off the plane from War­ saw at John F. Kennedy Interna­tional Airport and tucked into her mother’s arms for the first time in two years.

Clutching a giant stuffed lion, Regina Bladek whispered her daughter’s pet name — “Karolinka, Karolinka” — before recognizing her.

Karolina’s response sounded magical to her mom.

“Mama Regina,” she cried in Polish, squeezing her mother’s face. “I remember you from the pictures.”

This was no typical im­migrant family reunion.

A U.S. senator had to inter­vene on Karolina’s behalf. And a relatively rare immigration pro­cedure called “humanitarian parole” had to be approved before she could enter the country.

For two years Karolina was stuck in Poland, shuttled from one relative to another, while in Enfield, Conn., her parents waited in their dimly lit, base­ment apartment — at a loss to understand why their daughter was prevented from following them to America.

“How can you keep a baby from her mother?” sobbed Regina Bladek, who last saw her daughter on April 9, 1994.

Karolina was 8 months old. “How could I have stayed away,” wondered her parents.

Karolina’s convoluted journey began in 1993, when Greg Bladek, 24, and his 22-year-old wife Regina won green cards in an im­migrant lottery.

The green cards would allow the couple to emigrate to the United States, where they could live, work and raise their baby.

The Bladeks met them all, right down to the tiny passport photo of her 4-month-old baby.

Then Karolina got pneumonia. Worried about the effect of the journey on her health, but under a deadline to enter the United States by April 1994, the Bladeks left their daughter behind with relatives.

But when the time came for Karolina to join them, the Bladeks were told that the baby’s papers had expired and their only recourse was to file a “petition for alien relative” a process that could take three years.

There was no doubt that the baby was entitled to be here,” said Mark Stephanou, an aide to Sen. Christopher J. Neuton. “But once they let her visa ex­pire, she became an alien and had to show exceptional cir­cumstances that is very dif­ferent to do.”

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Injury-prone Leiter comes through for Florida Marlins

By Joe Martin
Announced Post

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The Florida Marlins general manager was backing in the success of a risky investment. Al Leiter had just thrown a no-hitter.

Facing just 28 batters, one more than the minimum, Leiter threw the 4-year-old Florida franchise's first no-hitter. It was also baseball's first this season.

"Spectacular," Dombrowski said. "It was just spectacular." Pitching for a team that ranks last in the majors in runs, Leiter improved to 6-2 and lowered his ERA to 2.53, fourth-best in the National League. No one has criticized his contract lately.

"I never really focused on that," said Leiter, holding a bottle of champagne after the game. "The press can say what they want. Scouts and general managers knew what Al Leiter was worth.

"I never thought about proving anything. I thought about coming in here and doing my share to help this team win."

Despite the 30-year-old lefthander's strong start this season, he was an unlikely candidate to throw a no-hitter. It was just his third shutdown and fifth complete game since making it to the majors in 1987.

Leiter struck out six, walked two and hit a batter. He threw 102 pitches, a total he often reaches by the sixth inning.

"I was a little wild at first," said Leiter, who led the American League in walks last season with Toronto. "I slowly gained more confidence, and as the game went on, I realized something special might happen."

"The franchise has outstanding stuff," manager Rene Lachemann said. "But he keeps you on the top step of the dugout."
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Rockets' 3-peat dreams swiped

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"He was a good person. It starts with that," Ross said of Culver. "You can go into all of the things relative to him as a football player, but those weren't important."

"They're just two great people, besides the football part of it," Beathard said.

"He was a deeply oriented family man, very proud of his two children, and had done some nice things for his mother," Ross said. "He was a good, strong Christian. Those would be the things that stood out to me.

"We don't ever put it to rest," he said of the loss of Griggs and Culver. "We still have memories of David Griggs and his family."

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