Local Sierra Club chapter files suit to fight land deal

North county beach becomes the center of controversy in Hearst Corporation / Caltrans land swap

By Justin MacNaughton
Summer Staff Writer

A surfer stood above Arroyo Laguna Beach and watched a wave break in two directions for dozens of yards before crashing on the beach. At the moment, what mattered most were the waves he was about to surf.

What matters most for the Sierra Club is protecting public access to this same stretch of beach. The Sierra Club filed a lawsuit June 10 against the California Coastal Commission for wrongfully approving to give away public property known as Vista Point One.

The lawsuit, which is scheduled to go to trial September 10 in San Francisco, came after months of controversy between Sierra Club and the Coastal Commission, the Hearst Corporation, and Caltrans. The latter three companies have worked together to approve a road realignment project north of San Simeon Point which was approved earlier this year and is set to begin in October or November.

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By Teri Read
Summer Staff Writer

Cal Poly's oldest building, the Old Powerhouse, is scheduled for demolition as part of the campus's $22.6 million upgrade utilities project, but architecture students and faculty are rallying to save it.

The project known as Ullidor is planned to route utility lines under the southern edge of the historic building requiring its removal.

Facilities Planning must go through a series of processes before the final decision is made. "I estimate this process will take six to eight months," said Director of Facilities Planning, Robert E. Kitamura.

The deteriorating powerhouse has been the focus of several preservation attempts by the School of Architecture and Environmental Design. The powerhouse is the only remaining building from Cal Poly's original campus.

Built in 1910, the Old Powerhouse was a small, single story powerhouse for the university until the early 1950s when a new power infrastructure replaced it. It was used as an art studio and gallery from 1967 to 1974 by the School of Architecture and Environmental Design.

It was then used as instructional space until 1991, when a new computer lab was installed. The lab was later replaced by a new computer lab and a new computer network in 1996.

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The group has asked Facilities Planning to delay demolition until the university's campus is complete, but it has received no reply to date.

The Old Powerhouse has no formal use," Kitamura said. "There is no funding in place and no group wants to take it on.

Although the stained-glass windowed building may not be saved, its historical prominence may be remembered.

One suggestion from Facilities Planning was to look at the entire old campus site rather than the building alone.

"All historical district buildings in the past should be remembered," Kitamura said.

The latest powerhouse group is currently conducting a study regarding demolition for Ullidor. Members were unavailable for comment at press time.

"Our process will not be complete until December 1996 at the earliest," Kitamura said. "So this should be adequate time to complete the other study."

Ullidor is scheduled to start on campus in July and proceed for 20 months.

"There are major cost implications to the project, but the utility lines can be moved if we do not gain approval for demolition," Kitamura said.

The land given to Caltrans will eventually become Vista Points Three and Four. Together they will provide 2.8 acres more land than Vista Point One. According to Perano, the new access ways will offer more off-highway park, direct beach access, a boat launch and bluff-top trails.

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two points of public access to the coast. The Hearst Corp., the landowner in this area, has agreed to give Caltrans this coastal access in exchange for Vista Point One.

Vista Point One lies just north of Arroyo Laguna Beach and is the closest publicly owned land to the hotel/golf course which the Hearst Corp. plans to build. With the Coastal Commission's approval, Caltrans agreed to exchange Vista Point One to the Hearst Corp. for the property to create two new access ways.

Sierra Club claims the giveaway could ultimately restrict public access to Arroyo Laguna Beach.

"The reason we're suing is to preserve public access," said Jesse Arno, Sierra Club Chapter. "The one (public access) they want to give away is our only dedicated access to Arroyo Laguna."

The controversy began with a safety study conducted by Caltrans that indicated an above average accident rate along a stretch of Highway 1 north of San Simeon Point and south of Pecho Road.

"It's just about double the rate for this same type of road," said Jim Perano, director of the project for Caltrans. "That's what triggered the project.

Caltrans will straighten and resurface 1.7 miles of the highway. In order for the project to proceed, Caltrans was obligated to provide coastal access for each mile of highway redevelopment.

Not having enough money to buy the necessary land to create the access ways, they went to the Hearst Corp. The media mammoth Hearst and Caltrans then agreed upon a swap.

"Caltrans came up with this idea, working with the Hearst Corp., to have a larger area in the northern location, which Hearst would provide to Caltrans," said Peter Douglas, executive director of the California Coastal Commission.

"But, the only way they agreed to do that is if Caltrans would give us about 3.5 acres for Vista Point One. According to Perano, the new access ways will offer more off-highway park, direct beach access, a boat launch and bluff-top trails.

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Students irritated with quarterly fee hikes may be looking at a separate monthly strain on their pocketbooks.

Due to the enlarged modem pool on Cal Poly's computer systems, students now have the option to pay a monthly charge of $11 for improved and faster access.

Director of Communications Services Norm Johnson said state funding could not keep up with increased demand for Internet, World Wide Web and other communications on the Cal Poly community off-campus sites.

Johnson also said the amount of incoming calls to the old modem pool overwhelmed the system and sent busy signals to those who tried to connect.

"Most students have automatic dialers," he said. "They would call from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. dialing continuously until they made a connection."

About 6,000 students used the 234 free modems available during Spring quarter last year.

Now there are about 230 pay modems working in conjunction with 64 free modems.

The modems have also doubled in speed from 4.14 to 8.38 baud.

"Last year there were about 30 students for each pay modem," Johnson said. "With the pay system we'd like to maintain a 12-to-one ratio."

When there are more than 12 students per modem, new ones will be purchased, he added.

One hundred students are now using the pay modems. Johnson expects no more than 300-400 students using pay modems this summer, but he expects a rapid increase to about 3,000 students by January.

Computer science senior Paul Zoda echoes the view of Johnson. Zoda said he would spend at least half an hour trying to connect every time he used his computer.

"It'd be better if you providing it at a reduced cost in the right direction," Johnson said.

Johnson said that this system should bear some similarity to other carriers such as America Online or CompuServe. Although other carriers provide more services, Cal Poly's modem pool costs less in order to keep its counterparts, which in most cases, charge the hour.

Sanoma State University uses a similar computer system and charges $12.50 per month to its students.

"With other services, you can pay up to $2 or $3 per hour," he said. "With ours you can stay on-line uninterrupted for a full four hours, wait five minutes, then connect for another four hours."

Students must first have an AIX account to subscribe for the upgraded modem service. Those interested should go to Telephone Administration located in Chase Hall (building 115) and fill out a Request for Modem Access form. Activation will begin within 24 hours.

"Students may continue to use the free modem pool if they don't wish to subscribe to the new service, " Johnson said.

Cal Poly faculty and staff will have access to the pay modem pool at no charge. Neither pool is open to the public.
Three Cal Poly professors recently upgraded their stock of traditional apples when they purchased some of the traditional apple placed on their desk for a job well done.

At a spring commencement ceremony, chemistry professor David L. Keeling, who received his bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, inspired him to make the donation. Although the committee received dozens of nominations, Keeling added that although the committee received dozens of nominations, Keeling enjoyed his students so much that he regularly interacts with them outside the classroom. For the past five years, Keeling has taken to conocer his students at beach bonfires, taking excur- sions in Morro Bay and star gazing during meteor showers.

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COMMON CENTS

Time is On Your Side
By Randy Gehlen

While doing an internship at a local financial planning firm this summer I realized how important it is to plan for your retirement. Retirement planning has become even more important for our generation with the uncertainty of receiving Social Security benefits. I know it seems so far away, especially since we are all still poor, starving students, but waiting until your "earning years" hazards your most important ally in retirement planning—time.

Time allows money to accumulate in a retirement account. Each time you receive an interest payment, it is deposited into your account and becomes part of the whole amount earning interest. So the next time an interest payment is made it is calculated on the original amount plus any past interest payments. In a nutshell, you are earning interest on your interest. Over long periods of time this really adds up. Let's look at an example:

If you were to start saving at age 25 with a modest $20 invested at the beginning of each month at 10 percent interest you would have over $127,500 when you retire at age 65. If instead you waited until you were 35 to invest that same $20 per month, up to 10 percent interest, you would have accumulated less than $46,000. So you see how only those 10 years can affect your cash accumulation—almost $82,000.

The stakes get bigger as you begin to save every month. Let's assume the same 10 percent interest on $100 invested at the beginning of every month until retirement at age 65. If we start at age 35 we have a little less than $228,000. Not bad, but if you began saving at age 25 instead you would have a nice $637,000. Not only is that a $409,000 difference, but you have accumulated over a half of a million dollars!

Let's take one last look at this from a different direction. Let's assume that you want a cool million when you retire at age 65. By making one payment at the beginning of every month at 10 percent interest you will only need to deposit $157 starting when you are 25. Compare that with $439 per month at age 35, or $1,306.00 per month if for some terrible reason you wait until you are 45.

As you can see, it is much less painful to begin saving when you are young and can use time to your advantage. I realize that many Cal Poly students are already over 25 years old. This advice is even more important for you! As we get older we have less and less time to use to our advantage. So, no matter what age you are, get started on a regular savings plan now, because time really is on our side.

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COMMMENTARY

Today's National Forecast

Clouds loom over entire U.S. except sunny California
By Matt Berger

Today's forecast calls for sun, a light coastal breeze, a few clouds, (but only enough to create a shady spot to sit and contemplate the beauty of California) crowds of friendly people and westerly winds of good moods.

The rest of the country calls for rain, clouds of condensation and mosquitoes, a flow from the south of horrible drivers and off and on bad moods among many residents, especially in the east.

I recently experienced the damage. To my disbelief, there was no exchange of insurance companies, no discussion of the sudden, unexplained condition of who was at fault, just a shrug of the shoulders and a sigh. By the time I was out of the car, dizzy from the accident, I was pushed back inside by the taxi driver, and we were back to our conversation about a loose mouse that ravaged the city the day before.

Later during the trip, I headed to Burlington, Vermont to experience even worse conditions than the Boston excursion. Instead of stormy weather, Vermont was experiencing a dry spell; there was no alcohol to be found in the entire state. For some reason the lawmakers of the Green Mountain State made a law that says you must have a Vermont ID to buy alcohol no matter what age you are. The only problem with the law is that it discriminates based on age. If a 40-year-old were to attempt to buy liquor they wouldn't be carded and would leave the store with a six pack ready to get drunk. If you are 21 and attempt to buy liquor, and the clerk sees an ID, you will be turned down because you are unable to show a Vermont ID, as I experienced first hand. (Note, unless you don't drink alcohol, or look like an adult, don't go to Vermont to party.)

After 14 days clouded by age discrimination, poor drivers and rain, I boarded a plane back to sunny, pleasant California. From 3,000 feet in the air, the whole country looked the same despite a few geographical differences, but at ground level no state can compare to California, where drivers let you merge into their lane, liquor stores sell to anyone who can prove their age, and the sky is blue.

Please send letters to the editor and commentaries to us here at Summer Mustang (see address below) because we want to hear what you have to say. If you have any opinions or complaints LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!! M.B.
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heavily considered.

"This is not a protest," said the
21-year resident Vix. "No one is
opposed to the concept of a park-
ing structure. We just don't sup-
port the idea of where to put it."

Unlike private entities, the
university did not have to submit an
environmental impact state-
ment before building the
Performing Arts Center and its
parking structure. Instead, uni-
versity officials had to file a public
notice of their plans, prepared by a
consultant, allowing citizens 30
days to respond.

Vix said the notice stated that
the parking structure would be an
"intensification of existing land
use" implying that the structure
would be built on the current lot
adjacent to Grand Avenue.

However, Kitamura said that
plans to build the structure on the
existing lot were part of an old
master plan, which has been
altered in the last five years.

"It will be in about the same
location (as described in the mas-
ter plan)—it's just a matter of
semantics," he said. "It is a matter
of opinion because it will be locat-
ed adjacent to Grand Avenue. It
will be in the general location of
existing parking."

The four-level parking struc-
ture will be located just north of
the track and on top of part of the
tennis courts with an entrance
and exit leading out to Grand Avenue.

Vix maintained that the
notice's wording flawed the public
notification process, denying resi-
dents' concerns to be heard.

Vix said that Performing Arts
officials also failed to complete a
parking management study out-
lined in the center's initial con-
tent.

Kitamura said that the provi-
sion was only intended to assure
that a parking structure would be
built, and that a detailed study is
currently being created.

Vix said that due to the uni-
iversity's failure to present a park-
ing study beforehand and the
flawed notice, he and other con-
cerned neighbors are investigat-
ing legal ways to make the uni-
versity consider their concerns.

He said university officials have
made it clear that they do not
intend to alter their plans, so the
neighbors are aiming their efforts
at the city council mem-
bers.

"The city has a very interest-
ing dilemma," Vix said. "They are
responsible for half of the operat-
ing losses of the center so it is
important to them that it is suc-
cessful. But is that responsibility
greater than representing our
neighborhood?"

Although the city is a partner
in the Performing Arts Center, the
$7.14 million for the parking
structure will be provided by the
chancellor's office. Kitamura said.

Construction is scheduled to
begin at the end of August, Kitamura
said.

Vix and many of the Alta Vista
residents are not dissatisfied,
though.

"Being a neighbor of Cal Poly
we understand what our relation-
ship with them is," Vix said. "We
have to accept certain conditions
but we don't have to accept a
1,000-car parking structure in our
neighborhood that we weren't
allowed to voice our concerns over."

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Rinks will be open to the public

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coordinating the construction of
the project."

Official roller hockey rinks are
200-feet long, 80-feet wide, with
curved corners. The Santa Rosa
facility falls a little short of those
measurements, but is close
enough to fall within the National
In-line Hockey Association's
guidelines for competition.

According to Quaglino, the city
and YMCA are continuing efforts
to erect a regulation-size facility
at Suisunmeir Park in the next
five years.

"We're all pretty exhausted
right now from the effort to com-
plete the Santa Rosa facility," said
Quaglino who added that the Cal
Poly Recreation Sports Roller
Hockey Teams have been invited
to use the new venue.

According to Joe Long,
Assistant Director of Cal Poly
Recreation Sports, there are sev-
eral club teams on campus.

"We also have a competitive
team that plays against other
col-
geges," Long said. "But I'm not
sure the Santa Rosa facility will
be big enough for those contests."

The competitive Cal Poly team
can officially compete on regula-
tion-size rinks only. The rules of
roller hockey are similar to its
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o
cus, but instead of five on
the ice on a single plane, roller hockey
features four on a side plus the
goalie. They also have different
rules for officials and icingle
penalties.

Long said Cal Poly students
must work their way through the
ranks of the club teams to win a
position on the competitive team
and travel to other universities to
compete.

But even though the Cal Poly
competition team might not be able
to compete on the new facili-
ty, Long thinks the rink will be a
real boon to the public.

"The bottom line is, roller hockey
is growing fast," Long said.
"People need a safe place to
play. Tennis courts have a good
surface, but most places don't
want in-line skates on the courts.
The YMCA and the city have pro-
vided a great place for roller hock-
ey players to play."

"It's a great sport," Quaglino
said. "It's incredibly exciting. I
found myself sitting through eight
games in a row. Best of all, it's a
great equalizer for the kids. You
don't have to be the tallest, the
fastest, the biggest, or strongest."

There are still spaces available
in the YMCA league. The YMCA
can be contacted by calling
543-
8235. For Cal Poly students
interested in the In-Line Sports club
and teams, call 756-1366.

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athletic equestrienne during a recent phone call from her home in Santa Cruz.

Lemon’s anticipation of the event was palpable—she was packing to leave for Europe the next day.

“My head’s not really on straight right now,” she said.

For those who are in the dark about Equestrian Vaulting, you’re not alone. The highly specialized sport is just beginning to gain wide acceptance.

This year it’s a demonstration sport at the Olympics, but prior to World War II equestrian vaulting was a regular Olympic event. It was dropped because of lack of interest.

The sport is just beginning to gain momentum in Germany, whose team members won the event. It was dropped because of lack of interest.

Vaulting is the art of gymnastics on a moving horse,” Lemon said. “You can do lifts and everything.”

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“A lot of people say that,” Lemon said. “But vaulting is a bit different. There are a lot more restrictions.

“In the circus the horses run free, but in vaulting someone always has control of the horse by standing in the center of the ring and holding onto a lead,” she added. "The horse runs in a circle around the ring.

There are two parts of the competition in vaulting. The first part is the compulsory event where each rider completes six exercises. The second part is the freestyle event, or KZ, where each competitor has one minute to do whatever they want.

Lemon got her start in the sport at age seven without any gymnastics training.

“Like a lot of little girls, I just loved horses,” Lemon said. “I wanted riding lessons, but I lived in Santa Cruz and there weren’t many places to go. Now there are three clubs that train equestrian vaulters.

In addition to individual vaulting there’s also team vaulting. Up to three people out of a team of eight can be on the horse at the same time.

“That’s a lot of fun because it’s more like ice skating,” Lemon said. “You can do lifts and everything.”

The mere owning of a horse is an expensive endeavor, and in some cases, dangerous for the horse. Two years ago when Lemon traveled to the World Championships in Europe, her horse died from trauma associated with the trip.

These days, Lemon has access to a horse that is boarded in Germany. She’s already competed four times this year in Europe, and each time she arrives a couple weeks early to train with the horse. Lemon and her animal must act as one.

This year her expenses were defrayed through a Travel and Training Grant awarded by Ocean Spray. Lemon was one of 39 grant winners out of 145 applications. She applied for the grant through the Women’s Sports Foundation, an organization dedicated to supporting women in all sports and at all levels.

“We are very excited to be working with a company like Ocean Spray who is dedicated to advancing sports opportunities for girls and women,” said Wendy Hilliard, president of the foundation.

“It’s important for companies to show their support for female athletes.”

“Like our WAVE (Women’s Athlete’s Voice of Encouragement) program, teaming up with the Women’s Sports Foundation is just one more way to emphasize our support for women and sports,” said Bob Fallon, division manager of marketing, promotions and merchandising for Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.

“In order for women athletes to succeed, corporations must step up to the plate and support athletics at the grass-roots level,” he said.

Lemon hopes to return to the United States with a gold medal, and judging from her past record, she stands a good chance. She’s one win away from tying the world champion after July. She is scheduled to start toward the end of ‘96 and should be finished by the county.

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A plan to build a downsized operation, still including a hotel and golf course further away from the point has been recommended by the county.

Construction along Highway 1 is scheduled to start toward the end of ‘96 and should be finished after one year. According to Perano, only when construction of Vista Point Three and Four are complete, will Vista Point One be closed off.

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there are no plans to restrict any access to Arroyo Laguna.

“Hearst has never threatened to close off access at Arroyo Laguna or any of the other beaches in the area,” Lyon said. “I think that a lot of the confusion and misinformation has been spread that Vista Point One provides access to Arroyo Laguna, it doesn’t. We worked an exchange that got (the public) better access in a better location.”

According to the most recent Local Coastal Plan (LCP), provid-
Poly student heads for World Equestrian Games

By Otto Moe Beal
Summer Staff Writer

For some people, the mere riding of a horse simply isn't difficult enough. They need a bigger challenge, like doing gymnastic moves atop a galloping steed.

Such is the case for Cal Poly physical education major Kerith Lemon. The 20-year-old sophomore is a four-time National Equestrian Vaulting Champion.

Lemon is currently on sabbatical from Cal Poly. She competes in the Vaulting Games this July in Kaposvar, Hungary. Currently she's ranked second in the world, having won the silver medal during the 1994 World Cup Event.

"This year I'm going for the gold," said the Cal Poly physical education major and four-time National Equestrian Vaulting Champion Kerith Lemon. She is ranked second in the world after a silver medal win in the 1994 World Cup Event. / Summer photo by Ralph Hampton

Four Cal Poly baseball players selected in MLB draft, two become free agents

By Katrina Riddi
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Cal Poly's baseball season may be over but for three active players and three prospective players, a new season has begun.

Four Mustang baseball players were chosen in the Major League draft during the first round in June and two other players signed as free agents.

Cal Poly outfielder and designated hitter Rob Neal was selected in the draft along with three freshman recruits.

Neal was chosen in the 27th round and signed with the California Angels and is playing in Boise, Idaho for the Angels minor league teams.

The three Cal Poly freshman recruits chosen in the draft included shortstop Jonathan Storke of Mindon, Nevada.

Storke was drafted in the 10th round by the Philadelphia Phillies.

The New York Mets selected Justin Linquist, a right-handed pitcher from Palma High School in Salinas, in the 28th round and Andrew Watt, an outfielder from St. Francis High School in Mountain View.

Linquist and Watt have been turned down by the Milwaukee Brewers and the California Angels and is playing in Boise, Idaho for the Angels minor league teams.

"The only problem with freshman recruits signing with MLB teams is that they will not be able to play college ball, because of an NCAA rule which doesn't allow athletes to participate on professional teams and college teams at the same time," Price said.

So far, all contract offers have been turned down by the freshmen recruits.

"We have our fingers crossed that they will play for Cal Poly," Price said.

Santa Rosa Park new site for public sports facility

By Otto Moe Beal
Summer Staff Writer

The YMCA and the City of San Luis Obispo have teamed up to create a new public sports facility at Santa Rosa Park. The project, which cost $32,000 to complete, was the brainchild of YMCA Community Programs Director Deborah Quaglino and a host of volunteers.

Five years in the making, the 3,000 square foot lighted sports venue will be unveiled during a grand opening ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, at 4:30 p.m. Immediately after the opening ceremony, regular youth hockey competitions will follow through the evening.

For the last several years, the YMCA Roller Hockey League has been using the basketball courts at Laguna Junior High School for its competitions, but a more permanent facility was needed.

"Unfortunately we received a lot of flak from the neighbors," Quaglino said. "It wasn't that they didn't like the idea of the facility. They were 100 percent behind the idea and 100 percent behind the sport."

"Most of the concerns were related to traffic," she added. "But those same neighbors donated $1,500 to the project."

After several sites fell through, the YMCA approached the city which suggested the Santa Rosa site. Through fundraising efforts, public and private donations, and grants from the city from funds set aside to improve public sports facilities, the project became a reality.

"The community really came out for us," Quaglino said. "Sonic Cable was the biggest contributor followed by the Strathmore Corporation. Local developer John Rossetti, whose 13-year old son is a member of the youth league, donated his expertise in..."