Crime Statistics in San Luis Obispo

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Three months ago, the FBI reported that the nation’s crime rate in 1995 had fallen to its lowest level in a decade. In this past year, the trend continued with overall incidents of murder, rape, robbery and assault falling 5 percent from last year. In 1996, there were 177 aggravated assaults, a decrease since 1995’s 238. Simple assaults in 1995 were up to 94, 44 over the 50 assaults in 1996.

It just means that there is the same amount of crime, but fewer with weapons,” Chief Gardiner said. “It’s the first time in five years that major assaults have gone down.”

The number of reported rapes has remained constant at 15. The Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper reported, however, that any rape statistic, local or national, should be taken with caution.

Bruce Tedilla is one of many faces in the Utilidor trenches around campus.

Aramco’s swimmers and divers.

Community invited to special workshop for city budget planning

San Luis Obispo residents can share ideas with city council members about goals for the upcoming two-year budget period at a Community Workshop Jan. 14.

“The council has that the community participate in giving their ideas for funding and spending,” Mayor Allen Settle said.

Council members believe resident input to be imperative in deciding asked how city government runs.

“I think it’s really important that people understand their local government and how it’s funded,” Councilman Bill Roalman said.

Roalman added that those who come to the meeting will typically be representatives of groups and committees asking for funding, such as the Chamber of Commerce, the San Luis Obispo City/County Library and the Sierra Club.

However, all community members are welcome to

By Adrienne Gross

Daily Staff Writer


Utilidor trenches around campus, the severity of them hasn’t escalated, Gardiner said. According to the police department’s statistics, simple assaults rose 88 percent and aggravated assaults fell 26 percent. The sum of these two figures closely resembles the total from last year. In 1996, there were 177 aggravated assaults, a decrease since 1995’s 238. Simple assaults in 1996 were up to 94, 44 over the 50 assaults in 1996.

Just how safe is San Luis Obispo?

By Jennifer Burk

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Even though crime figures are up, a closer look shows we live with little fear.

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Skateboarding

Is it a crime?
By Shoshana Hebehi, Daily Staff Writer

"Four wheels and a board," speech communication junior Amy Morris declared as she heard the familiar sound of a skateboard roll down the sidewalk in front of her house.

For decades, skateboards have intermingled with bikes, cars and pedestrians on city streets and sidewalks. Although the board's style and shape have changed over the years, its distinct sound as a rider skates down hills and practices tricks off of curbs and ramps alerts any passerby of its presence.

Skateboarding has become not only a form of transportation, but a sport and even a lifestyle for many. "Skaters," as these boarders are called, live in every town of the United States. They are Cal Poly and Cuesta students, as well as local high school and junior high students, and are recognized by their baggy fashion and cutting edge hairstyles. They laugh when others would cry, as they fall while trying new jumps. Broken bones, cuts and scrapes are just a part of the game. Even a broken skateboard bears no tragedy.

However, for many skaters trouble with vandalism and the law follows them. In San Luis Obispo, the skater population is highly visible for a city of 45,000, but local law enforcement bans the sport in most public areas.

The prohibition of skateboarding within downtown San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly has left many skaters disgruntled and frustrated.

Breakin' the Law

For many Cal Poly students, skateboards are their only form of transportation and are upset by the restrictions. They do not see validity in non-skateboarders' complaints that skateboards impose a danger to pedestrians.

For more than a decade, the city of San Luis Obispo has outlawed skateboarding in the streets and sidewalks of the downtown area. First-time violators receive a $10 fine, but after that, punishment is left up to a judge.

The Atascadero Police Department said it wants the city to ban skateboarding throughout its downtown because of citizen and business-owner complaints about vandalism and safety.

Downtown Pismo Beach has banned skateboarding already. Despite these restrictions, San Luis Obispo did open up a skating rink at Santa Rosa Park for in-line skating and skateboarding this summer. Other parks around the city are skater-friendly, and sidewalks, excluding those of downtown, also allow skateboarding.

As for Cal Poly, skaters are seen carrying their skateboards around campus because skateboarding has been prohibited through the California vehicle code. A section of the code (22130) says governing bodies of institutions, such as at Cal Poly, can impose various regulations on footpaths, bike lanes and other pathways.

Thus, skateboarding throughout campus, including Highland Drive, Grand Avenue and Perimeter Road, was made illegal.

"Skateboarding is just as dangerous as biking on campus," Mitchell said. "There's no difference except that skateboarders make more noise," he said.

"I can see how Cal Poly doesn't want to be liable for the skateboards, but when it comes to running over people, it's just as dangerous as biking. Skateboarders should be allowed whenever bikers are allowed," Mitchell explained that certain types of skateboarders could be considered vandals such as those who perform tricks off of curbs because it damages property.

Mitchell estimated that skateboarding on campus caused several thousand dollars of damage to property. While many Cal Poly skaters risk consequences by riding their skateboards on campus, others comply with the policy, but seek to change the anti-skateboard laws.

The Thrash-a-thon, held on Oct. 25 and 26, was sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, attracted skateboarders and people who appreciated or were curious about the helmet and kneepad clad skaters defying gravity on a 11-foot-high ramp in the University Union. This annual charity benefit is the only time when skateboarding is allowed on campus.

English senior Jodi Brandi marked this as the perfect event to increase support for his petition to legalize skateboarding on campus.

While rounding up signatures, Brandi found out that the process of the legislation would be extremely extensive and tedious since the bill would have to go through the state vehicle code.

Therefore, the skateboarders would have to convince not only Cal Poly, but the legal profession that skateboarding is a legitimate sport.
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isn't expected to wind down until a year from now. So you'd better get used to them, if you haven't already.

The social science sages agree: one of the best ways to break down feelings of hostility and confusion is to open the doors of communication. Meet the people behind the Utilidor project.

Amador Juerero, a laborer with DJS Construction, has been working on campus for about five months. On the weekends, he goes home to his wife and kids in San Diego. Travelling around the state in pursuit of the almighty-dollar has become a way of life for Juerero. His last job was in Fullerton. Riverside County will be the site of his next weekday home.

Juerero runs everything from bulldozers to compactor machines. When he operates the equipment, he can relate to how students and faculty feel about cramped conditions.

"Sometimes we have little problems, we get no respect," Juerero said. "We have to wait for about five minutes sometimes for students to walk across the street."

Juerero identified another problem with the large volume of people traversing through campus as he fastened sections of the infamous orange fencing with wire.

"Some people turn their faces, and don't see open trenches. They try to get into the work places. We can't tell them to get out," Juerero said.

Roger Smith, a crane operator for S&W Industrial, witnesses the same phenomena.

"A few of the kids, the ones who haven't been around construction, don't watch where they're going. They don't realize what's going on," Smith said. "We have to wait for people to get to their classes so we can move through an area. They need to know this is a potentially hazardous situation."

In mid-October, Smith moved his family from Del Mar (near San Diego) to Santa Maria so they could be together for the duration of the Utilidor project. He said his wife would rather be back in Del Mar, as she hasn't made any friends yet.

"It gives me something to look at," Teofilo said.

Juerero identified another problem with the large volume of people traversing through campus as he brown-bagged it in his parked pickup truck. "Other times, I think this job isn't enough of a challenge. I think genetic research would be really interesting."

One S&W employee has thought about a different career for long enough. He's in the process of getting out of construction and into photojournalism. Bill McMillan, a resident of Los Osos, takes classes at Cuesta College to further his part-time occupation as a freelance photographer for motorcycling magazines such as Sport Rider.

McMillan has been in construction for 20 years. He's worked at refineries, breweries, and a nuclear power plant. He said the job has been good, but he's ready for a change.

"The industry goes up and down," McMillan said. "Some years, you'll work only six to seven months and that's it. When I had a job in San Francisco, I made $30 per hour, but my cost of living was $1,500 per month and I put 22,000 miles on my car."

"My babysitter is a student here at Cal Poly," McMillan continued. "She saw me working here and said, 'You guys make all kinds of money and you get to sit around all the time. That may be what it looks like on the surface, but that's simply not the way it is'."

Being in the university environment has made Smith reflect on his career.

"I've been fortunate to get this job. I feel sorry for people that get degrees who don't make nearly as much money as I do," Smith said as he brown-bagged it in his parked pickup truck. "Other times, I think this job isn't enough of a challenge. I think genetic research would be really interesting."

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The need for discussion: Why the Opinion page isn’t meant to appeal to the masses

—Josie Miller

Many of you read the Opinion page and find you disagree with the views expressed on it. A smaller number of you call the Mustang Daily office to vent. Others submit columns through campus-wide discussion.

I have really enjoyed reading and printing the many responses which categorically contradicted Roland’s distorted facts. Many of them also included paragraphs questioning why the Daily published such a piece.

The reason is simple: some people in this world feel the way Mr. Roland does. Yes, it seems ludicrous to many of us, but there are those who think women are inferior to men. I’ve heard rumors of guys in the dorms cutting out Roland’s article and taping it to their door —proof that some people are meant to appeal to the masses.

The publication of such an article gave all the people who wrote replies a chance to extalt the accomplishments of women. They might not have been inspired to do so otherwise. It also gave the people who wrote to encourage equality of the sexes an opportunity to share their views.

If nothing else, that article’s publication allowed the people who wrote in response to Mr. Roland to expose him as the fool they evidently think he is.

The fact that Mustang Daily published such an article does not, by default, make the paper and its editorial staff sexist. Mark Roland wrote that piece, not the Daily’s editorial staff.

In fact, it is safe to assume that the opinions expressed on this page aren’t the opinions of the Mustang Daily’s staff. Even if they are the opinions held by one staff member, they aren’t necessarily the opinions of all staff members. We are a diverse group of people who all happen to produce a paper together — not a group of like-minded clones.

The words on this page aren’t meant to appeal to everyone. They aren’t meant to be impartial accounts of the world we live in. They’re meant to stimulate thought and discussion among the students and staff of this university. I hope they continue to do so.

Josie Miller is the Opinion editor.

Editor.

I was dismayed to open the Daily’s first edition of the new quarter only to find the Opinion page dominated by a piece of sexist drivel. I will not even bother dignifying Mr. Roland’s piece with a reply; I am more concerned about the lack of journalistic ethics displayed by the Daily’s editorial staff.

I suggest that you go back and re-read Roland’s piece, substituting the words “American Americans” for “women” and see if you still publish it? I think not. You would immediately, and correctly, be vilified as racists. Why is it considered acceptable to you still publish it? I think not. You would immediately, and correctly, be vilified as sexist.

The juxtaposition of Ms. Miller’s high-sounding thoughts on the value of a “forum of public discussion” with Mr. Roland’s sexist tract was particularly disconcerting. While I applaud her notion that everyone should have “informed opinions,” I wonder how she thought Roland’s piece would make any sort of contribution to her readers’ fund of knowledge.

I support Mr. Roland’s right to pen any kind of commentary that he may choose; what I don’t understand is why the Daily editorial staff would opt to print it. There are certainly issues that are of great importance to the Cal Poly community. When they may not be as necessary as an attack on 50 percent of the human population, certainly you must accept some journalistic responsibility in choosing what is printed in your page.

Ms. Miller is neither new nor news, and to use it to troll for response is cheap and cheesy journalism.

Patricia Harris
Women’s programs and services

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victims other than such crimes that usually occur between people who know each other at social settings involving alcohol.

Sex crime, meaning a misdemeanor other than rape, has gone up 91 percent from 34 in 1995 to 65 in 1996. This includes citations for public nudity and public urination. One Cal Poly student, who wishes to remain anonymous, contributed to this figure on the night of his 21st birthday. While walking home from downtown bars with his friends he urinated on a Higuera Street storefront, only to be spotted and cited by a police officer.

Even with a rise in murder, simple assault and rape rates, many residents still feel relatively safe.

“For my well being, I feel very comfortable, but with my material property, I feel a little uncomfortable,” said architectural engineering senior Nathan White. Someone broke into White’s car and attempted to steal his stereo in the beginning of the year. The thief failed to remove the bolted-down stereo, but White said he still felt violated.

Many students who live in the area believe most local crime is due to the presence of a large university and its students. Thieves can make quick cash of selling books to bookstores or students at the end of each quarter. Many students complained about book theft as a big concern. One person even had his backpack stolen out of his locked car, although overall vehicle theft dropped 26 percent from 80 to 58.

Many students also seemed concerned about the security of their homes. Many student dwellings could be easy targets for stealing goods such as televisions, stereo and computers. Despite students’ worries, residential burglary dropped by 15 percent to 122 incidents from last year’s 143.

With students renting their own houses, a significant number of them chose to host parties last year, which was reflected in an increase in noise complaints by about 5 percent, Gardiner said.

Last year the number of complaints reached above 3,000, which is significantly higher than last year’s 143.

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SPORTS

Swimming anyone?

With a total of 27 first-place finishes across Northridge this weekend, the Cal Poly men's and women's swim teams soundly defeated the Matadors 198-79 and 203-94, respectively. Here's a look at the names and times of the Mustang swimmers that placed first:

**MEN**

- 200 Medley Relay Team
  - Kris Kiedrowski
  - Kelli Quinn
  - Ashley Fronger
  - Jodie Snowbarger
  - 153.83

- 1000-Meter Freestyle
  - Leisha Masi
  - 10:58.84

- 100-Meter Backstroke
  - Kris Kiedrowski
  - 1:00.54

- 100-Meter Breaststroke
  - Kelli Quinn
  - 1:08.25

- 50-Meter Freestyle
  - Jodie Snowbarger
  - 24.78

- 100-Meter Freestyle
  - Kim Jackson
  - 54.40

- 200-Meter Backstroke
  - Kris Kiedrowski
  - 2:09.55

- 200-Meter Breaststroke
  - Kelli Quinn
  - 2:30.78

- 500-Meter Freestyle
  - Leisha Masi
  - 5:22.48

- 100-Meter Fly
  - Kris Kiedrowski
  - 1:00.45

- 200-Meter Individual Medley
  - Jody Dyer
  - 2:14.03

- 400-Meter Freestyle Relay
  - Jodie Snowbarger
  - 3:44.42

- 50-Meter Freestyle
  - Ashley Fronger
  - 21.93

- 100-Meter Freestyle
  - Kim Jackson
  - 54.32

- 200-Meter Breaststroke
  - Kelli Quinn
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- 100-Meter Backstroke
  - Joe Madigan
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  - Eric Wyles
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- 50-Meter Freestyle
  - Joe Madigan
  - 21.93

Parcells knows what it takes to win a Superbowl title

By Dave Goldberg

GREEN BAY Wis. — Bill Parcells knows a thing or two about big games, and now the New England coach has two weeks to prepare for the Super Bowl.

**NFL**

The Packers are the better team, which is one reason they open as 13 1/2-point favorites over the Patriots in the Jan. 26 title game, an apt number considering the Patriots in the Jan. 26 title game. Only one of the 13 players on the two teams’ rosters have ever been to a Super Bowl.

Both the Packers and the Patriots represent a changing of franchises. He has to figure that both led the NFL in scoring and allowed the fewest points, and that both led the NFL in its second Super Bowl title, and Jefferson, Krutch and Mudgett are from the Giants’ second Super Bowl team, and Jefferson played for San Diego two years ago.

While the players may not have much Super Bowl experience, the coaches do.

Two-thirds of New England’s coaching staff was with Parcells in New York, and Maurice Carthon, now an assistant coach, was the fullback on the Giants’ two Super Bowl winners.

Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren was the offensive coordinator on the San Francisco 49ers that won back-to-back titles after the ‘88 and ‘89 seasons, and Sherm Lewis, the Packers’ offensive coordinator, was on those staffs as well.

Holmgren and Lewis certainly know Parcells and his staff. In the late 1980s, the Giants and Eagles, along with the Redskins, were the NFC’s dominant teams and often met in both the regular season and playoffs.

The bottom line is this: Most seasons, the team that’s been the NFL’s best during the regular season wins the Super Bowl. This year, that’s been Green Bay, although Denver was up there with the Packers until the Broncos clinched AFC home field with three games to go and lost their momentum.

The one exception was Parcells’ seasons as coach of the San Diego Chargers on Jan. 3, signed a five-year contract worth a reported $7.5 million.

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Ross hired as Lions coach

By Ronald Moon

PONTIAC, Mich. — Bobby Ross is the new coach of the Detroit Lions, bringing stern discipline and more important, hopes for a championship.

“I want perfect practices,” said Ross, whose appointment was announced at a news conference Monday. “Perfect practices make for perfect games.”

The Lions have had few of those lately, completing a 5-11 season that culminated with the firing of Wayne Fontes on Dec. 26.

Ross, who resigned after five years as coach of the Sun Diego Chargers on Jan. 3, signed a five-year contract worth a reported $7.5 million.

My position has always been that in the best interests in baseball, we belong in the National League,” Diamondbacks CEO Jerry Colangelo said. “We’re in a market that’s been outspoken, where 65 percent of its fans are in the National League.”

The Devil Rays appear happy that they’re going to the AL and already are planning a celebration Friday in Florida.

“We’re going to have a breakfast for a significant number of people in our area, both elected officials and prominent sponsors.”

**MLB**

When baseball owners approved the expansion teams will finally be assigned to leagues this week, and it appears virtually certain that both leagues will wind up in the National League.

**NFLEX**

Tampa Devil Rays happy in AL; Diamondbacks at home in NL

**NFL Brief**

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