Disappearance puzzles searchers

By Louise Attard
Mustang Daily

San Luis Obispo Police are still investigating the disappearance of Cal Poly student Rachel Newhouse, who was last seen Thursday evening with friends at Tortilla Flats. Newhouse was reported missing after failing to return home.

Monday's search centered around Johnson and Jennifer streets near the railroad tracks. According to a news release issued by police, air and ground searchers — including tracking dogs — were unsuccessful in locating Newhouse.

Today police are following leads in their investigation. The Jennifer Street Bridge became a point of focus Monday, when police took samples of what they believe to be blood on a bridge handrail, said Capt. Butt Topham. The samples are being sent to a lab for further testing.

“These samples haven't been confirmed as belonging to Rachel,” he said. Peter Morreale, Newhouse's uncle and a criminal defense attorney, said he is investigating matters with police before giving out any information.

“We want to err on the side of caution,” he said. Morreale said San Luis Obispo police will read a statement prepared by Newhouse's parents at a press conference today.

Newhouse was last seen at a greek fund-raiser at Tortilla Flats on Nipoma.

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Poly student dies in car accident

By Kristin Dohse
Mustang Daily

Sonia Sandoval, a modern languages and literatures junior, was killed Friday night in a car accident on Highway 101. Sandoval's boyfriend, Sean Lavery, was driving. Lavery, a 21-year-old biochemistry junior, sustained major injuries and was admitted into Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital's intensive care unit.

They were driving to Sandoval's home in Castroville. According to SVMH, Lavery was in stable condition as of Monday afternoon.

The accident occurred just north of Soledad. According to the California Highway Patrol, Lavery's vehicle, a 1993 Pontiac Grand Prix, was headed northbound when it drifted into the mud/brush center divider. The vehicle then entered the southbound lanes and was struck head-on by a semi-truck hauling two flat beds of lemons.

Sandoval was killed on impact. She was 21 years old. Sandoval was also minoring in dance and had danced in the Orchesis Dance Company for three years. She was president of the company last year.

Dance professor, Maria Junco, said she knew Sandoval for four years, in a variety of ways. "In 1995 I was in an accident and Sonia was my student assistant," Junco said. "She helped me in the recovery process. She helped me teach and demonstrate movement."

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Is Cal Poly Men's soccer season over?

Are we safe in SLO?

By Britt Fekete and Kimberly Kaney
Mustang Daily

The men's water polo team is slipping their Speedos back on.

The Recreational Sports Directors struck down the club's fund-raiser, saying the calendar is inappropriate after debate surfaced about whether or not the calendar, with a picture of the team in the buff — covered only by a water polo ball — is indecent.

Mark Harriman, interim director of Rec Sports, said, "If they air it on TV, why can't we sell it? It's been seen a lot of places. It's all in good taste."

— Ryan Lehman
water polo player

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HELPING OUT:
El Coral employee Jackie Oseley, a liberal studies senior, hung up a poster with a picture of missing Cal Poly student Rachel Newhouse.

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IN MEMORY:
Friends of Sonia Sandoval, who was killed in a Friday car accident, built a memorial to her in the theater and dance department.

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Poly students build playground for local elementary school

By Steve Noone

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A group of students from the Cal Poly Society of Civil Engineers worked towards wind and rain to build a new playground for a small local elementary school. Construction of the playground at Bradley Elementary School finished Saturday after a rain started the Saturday before.

It was a long, hard day," said Principal Charles Collins. "It rained all day but they were really dedicated to the project. Their follow-through with this was excellent."

In addition to his role as principal, Collins is also the superintendent and teaches grades four through eight. He is one of two teachers (the other teaches kindergarten through fourth grade) at the school of 88 students in the town of Bradley, about 16 miles north of Paso Robles.

Jeanine Mione, vice president of community outreach for the club, said the rain didn't dampen the spirits and energy when we went San Luis Obispo — we prepared for it," she said. "It was warm and sunny when we left San Luis Obispo. But it was fun."

The new playground includes a tube slide, three large play platforms, a bridge, a fire truck and monkey bars, replaces the broken and aging equipment from the 1950s with a modern, handicap-accessible structure.

"We originally wanted to design and build it ourselves," Mione said. "But school playground equipment is to certain specs by licensed companies." The school contracted out to a company called Playtime to renovate their 18-by-22-foot playground area. Playtime presented the school and the team of Cal Poly students a series of plans and a computer generated AutoCAD three-dimensional rendering of the finished structure before sending the pieces to the school for assembly.

Collins said help from the civil engineering students was instrumental in the planning stages of the project as well as in its construction.

"The club gathered research for the playground and Tim (Wehdling) and Jeanine (Mione) wrote the grant," he said. "The club really put a lot of work into it."

"The kids were so cute — they were so excited," she said. "And it seemed like everyone was there. I think it's probably the most exciting thing that's happened in that town in months."

The Cal Poly Society of Civil Engineers has over 200 members and according to Mione is one of the largest clubs on campus. She says they are currently working to organize a food drive competition between the Civil Engineering Clubs.

NEW YORK (AP) — Public health advocates said Sunday the proposed $368.5 billion tobacco settle ment being reviewed by the states falls short of delivering a comprehensive approach to controlling the smoking epidemic.

But they declined to recommend whether the states should embrace the settlement or proceed to trial. They said the states should consider an "all or nothing" strategy that would the deal be endorsed, they were mobilizing to make sure states use the money to discourage tobacco consumption.

"We think it's a positive step forward in the war on tobacco, but it's not the answer and doesn't provide a national tobacco control policy," said Dome Camera, speaking for the American Heart Association.

NEW YORK (AP) — In a swirl of controversy and plastered red carpet, paper John Glenn made his second trip through New York's Canyon of Heroes in a parade Monday saluting his return to space. 36 years after he became America's first man in orbit.

Dressed in a blue flight suit and perched in an open convertible beside his wife, Annie, the 77-year-old astronaut was applauded by a crowd of spectators along a route less than a mile long.

"It truly was the word awesome," Glenn said at a ceremony after the parade at City Hall, where he and other crew members of the shuttle Discovery were presented with keys to the city by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Glenn's first ticker-tape parade on March 1, 1962 after his Mercury flight was considered the largest ever in New York. An estimated 3.474 tons of confetti and ticker tape were dumped down along a seven-mile route.

Even boosted by pre-parade crowds from Wall Street, the turnout Monday was sparse by New York standards and spectators along a route less than a mile long were surprisingly restrained.

Police said Glenn's parade was attended by $20,000 — a figure that appeared inflated.

The 1962 celebration "was much more enthusiastic — a lot more people," said Myrasta Liss, 58, who as a young newswoman attended Glenn's first parade and came from her Brooklyn home for his repeat parade.

Glen's Discovery trip restored some of the luster — even if temporarily, she said.

"It's become so everyday, so ordinary, nobody cares," she said.
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"The common thread in everyone's memories of her was her passion for life and how that passion showed through her dance," Junco said. "It was a resolution for all of us that we can somehow keep in touch with her through dance.

Nutrition senior Amber Nicholson said she was friends with Sandoval inside and outside of dance. "She was a very special person, genuine friend, and a great listener."

Nicholson said, "She loved Sean very much which was evident in all of the special things she did for him."

Nicholson also knows Lavery and said he is an outstandingly intelligent person. "The memorial service helped me realize that she was really gone, and how much we lost when we lost her," Nicholson said. "It really helped us to begin letting go and come to terms with her death."

Speech communication junior Teresa Tam, who danced with Sandoval in Orchesis, said she shared memories of her with Sandoval well and will miss her. "She was quiet, soft, sweet and gentle, but at the same time she was also energetic and passionate," Suhr said. "Her strong religious beliefs and spirituality influenced her dancing."

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Nimeh said the fund-raiser was for people 18 and over. Alcohol was served only in the bar area, which was blocked off from the fund-raiser.

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WHAT DO "SAVVY" STUDENTS REALLY WANT?

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Voluntary insanity

When I was younger my mother warned me not to get intoxicated. My pastor spoke against drunkenness from the pulpit, and posters in my high school admonished drinking and driving. But you know what really turned me off to drinking? The sight of all those drunkards was a better sermon against that vice than my high school did.

Most people are constantly striving to have more control of their lives. Why then do we surrender all control of our bodies and minds to the beverages we drink on a regular basis? Drunkenness is tantamount to voluntary insanity.

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Jamie Rudolph is a speech communication junior. But to be fair, let's look at the benefits of drinking large quantities of alcohol. You could say it is fun or it makes you happy. What intoxication really does though is offer escape from reality. The perceived happiness some feel while drunk is really just the inability to focus on their responsibilities. That about sums up the "henceforth with serious consequences."

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Why not donate the whole amount?

Today, about 860 students have pledged to forgo dinner as part of the “Skip a Meal” program. By signing off the dinner on their meal plan without eating it, these Cal Poly students have told Campus Dining they want to put the cost of their meal towards a good cause, which this year is the AIDS Support Network of San Luis Obispo.

While signing away my paid-for right to all that delectable food, I couldn’t help but notice that for each meal signed off, Campus Dining will donate $1.90 to this year’s cause.

The obvious question this surprisingly paltry amount begs is where did the other $4.60 go, considering a cash equivalence of $6.50 for dinner? According to Campus Dining, a student pays $2.31 for each meal, while they force other students to park at the far end of the parking lot because they are lucky enough to find a spot that is.

These yellow devils shouldn’t have any more right to park in the quarantined parking lot than the average student attending class. Yet they are still able to park there. Why? Because they can. They can because all yellow jackets included.

I think every student and faculty member will agree Event Parking is wrong. Therefore, we should all ban parking for near the Performing Arts Center and which cars arrived after.

But those 860 students aren’t benefiting from any of these vaporous “operating costs.” Campus Dining’s argument is the operating costs exist even if those 860 students don’t consume their meal.

Yet, by signing my meal away, I’m directing them to give the full cost of my meal to the cause this year. And they simply aren’t doing that. If Campus Dining would put the full cost of our meals into the fund for the good cause, that would almost triple the money the SLO AIDS Network would get this year.

In the end, I’m not sure who’s getting screwed today: me or the SLO Aids Network.

J. Paul Reed is a computer engineering freshman.
Clemens takes the fifth: another Cy Young

NEW YORK (AP) — Cy Young No. 5. Filled Roger Clemens with thoughts of baseball immortality.

"This," he said, "brings me a step closer to the big house in New York — the Hall of Fame."

Clemens won the award for a record fifth time Monday, getting it for the second straight year. And he did it unanimously for the second time.

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The gold rush is going to run dry very soon

As long as I've been watching football, the 49ers have dominated the NFC West and have clearly been the class of the NFL.

While they are currently 3-7, they are not nearly as good as their record would indicate, and the loss Sunday to the Falcons has more significance than a loss in the battle for first place.

Of course, the torch of NFC West superiority cannot officially be passed until the Falcons win the division and do well in the playoffs, but the chance of that happening is getting increasingly better.

The Falcons are no longer intimidated by the 49ers, and there are a number of reasons for this.

First, Steve Mariucci is simply not a good coach.

He does not have his players ready to play (evidenced by being down 21-0 to the Colts, 16-0 to the Panthers and 16-2 to the Bills), so they lead the league in penalties, which is not a characteristic of Bill Walsh's or George Seifert's 49ers.

He also has Steve Young and Jerry Rice in Howell games way too long because, as he has said, "They don't want to come out."

A good coach dictates who plays when, and if his players have a problem he deals with it. By the way, Callahan coaching games now.

Secondly, the 49ers have some glaring weaknesses.

The defense is at its best when they have to choose from the million dollar back Antonio Langham, the always injured Marquez Pope or the inexperienced R.W. McQuarters.

They also have a problem at defensive end. Roy Barker applies no outside pressure which means when their great group of tackles, Bryant Young and Tim McDonald, and there are a number of them, break through the middle, the quarterback can simply roll out to Barker's side and get some extra time.

The third problem affects the 49ers well beyond this season: their management. Carmen Policy was the brains behind the brilliant moves of the old 49ers, but without him, there has been a significant drop off.

The entire coaching staff was upgraded by wheeler-dealer Joe Montana, who has no identified playing ability. By the way, Callahan coaching games now.

Also, when Rice and Tim McDonald join Young in retirement, the 49ers will have no one left from "The Gold Rush".

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