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SLO Transit will again be free to students and staff
By Erin Green
Summer Mustang

Cal Poly students will not have to pay to ride the bus to school next year.
A $30,000 grant from the Air Pollution Control District will help Cal Poly subsidize the cost of busing students in San Luis Obispo.

“Busing will be subsidized for Cal Poly students, faculty, staff, and emeritus.”

Spears invades Paso Robles
Britney Spears played at California's Mid-State Fair in Paso Robles Friday night. Spears, on stage with one of her dancers, performed for a little over an hour to a sold-out audience.

Come fall, dorm residents won't be lofting around
By Nanette Pietroforte
Summer Mustang

Dorm residents may be raising the roof this summer, but come fall quarter, it will be the only thing residents can raise.

Beginning in the fall, lofts, raised beds, and free standing storage units will not be allowed in dorm rooms.

“Based on safety concerns we have at this point, it would be irresponsible for us to continue to allow the lofts in residence halls,” Cal Poly's Assistant Director of Residential Life and Education Carole Schaffer said.

“The lofts adds to the safety hazards. Parents aren't exactly the best people to be putting these lofts together,” she said.

Social sciences junior Meaghan Wilson said the ban on lofts is necessary.

“I fell off the ladder while climbing up my freshman year. We took it down after that.”

— Meaghan Wilson
social science junior

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For parents, Poly's childcare is well worth the long wait

By Teresa Wilson
Summer Mustang

Cal Poly's on-campus Children's Center helps student-parents deal with their double role, but it is also a resource with a long waiting list. With facilities for enrollment of roughly 120 children in the program at any given time, the center is forced to maintain a waiting list that exceeds 500 children. These children wait an average of 3 years and a half to two years for eligibility for enrollment. The center accepts children between the ages of four months to 5 years-old.

Tonya Iversen, director of the Children's Center, said the demand is greater than the facility allows, but they try to provide the best possible service to the Cal Poly community.

"Students have priority because we are an ASI sponsored organization," Iversen said. "But for financial reasons we keep a balance of faculty, staff and students."

Enrollment at the center is at least 51 percent student-parents, with the remaining availability allocated between faculty, staff and some alumni.

Speech communications graduate Tamara Brown got on the waiting list when she was four months pregnant with her daughter Celeste. Now two years old, Celeste was admitted into the center when she was 15 months old.

For Brown, the Children's Center allowed her to re-enroll in school full-time.

Brown is currently working at the center as an office aide, but will begin the teaching credential program in the fall. She is pleased with the care her daughter has received and plans on continuing her care at the center.

"I think the care is very good," Brown said. "Like how they look at your kid as a whole person."

The classrooms are broken down into infants and toddlers, transitions for older toddlers, preschool and kindergarten levels. Children are placed into a class based on their developmental age, versus chronological age.

The center also provides a summer program for school-age children. Poly Trekkers offers field trips, art and special events on campus.

Each class has a teacher to student ratio that allows the children adequate adult attention and supervision: infant and toddler has a ratio of 1-to-4; preschool 1-to-5, kindergarten and Poly Trekkers 1-to-8.

Each class also requires specific education and experience levels for teachers.

The center features hours conducive to most class schedules for the student-parents, and breakfast, lunch and two afternoon snacks daily. Meals and snacks are prepared in the on-site kitchen by Cal Poly food science and nutrition students.

Student-parents like the convenience of having an on-campus option for childcare. Breast-feeding mothers are able to drop in and feed their infants.

Recent biology graduate Bret Moore and his wife Jessica got on the center's waiting list last as soon as they found out they were going to have a baby. Daughter Taylor was admitted into the program when she was 10 months old.

While waiting, the couple arranged their schedule so one of them could be with Taylor at all times. Both parents are very pleased with their daughter's progress.

"Everything is a plus here," Moore said of his now 21-month-old daughter. "We looked at other options and in-home care. The system is so great and I don't think you can beat it."

The center has been operating for more than 25 years, but has been in its present location for six years.

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Condoms sold in the library?

For 10 years Poly has been selling condoms all over campus in an attempt to prevent the spread of AIDS among students.

By Cassandra Jones
Summer Mustang

"I think it is a good idea that they are selling condoms. People might be embarrassed to go out and buy them in public."

— Chris Beard
materials engineer senior

San Luis Obispo County's reported AIDS and HIV figures have decreased

By Cassandra Jones
Summer Mustang

AIDS/HIV figures show a decrease of reported cases in San Luis Obispo County, with most of those who tested positive belonging to the "men who have sex with men" category, according to a report by the San Luis Obispo County Health Agency.

Between 1985, when the first AIDS case was reported in San Luis Obispo, and March 1999, 422 individuals had AIDS. Of those, 192 were male and 19 were female. In addition to those, 211 men who were in the "Institutional Cases" category had AIDS. The institutional cases were reported from the California Men's Colony, Atascadero State Hospital and El Paso de Robles School, a California Youth Authority facilities.

In the report, the cases were broken down by how the individual was exposed to the virus as follows:

*Male-male sexual contact: 125 community — 48 institutional
*Injection drug user (IDU): 18 community — 6 institutional
*Male-males sexual contact /IDU: 43 community — 62 institutional
*Hemophilia: four community

"Transfusion recipient: four community — one institutional
*Heterosexual contact: 11 community — 13 institutional
*Undetermined: six community — 20 institutional.

The total deaths from AIDS since 1983 is 193, 1994 contained the highest number of deaths from AIDS: 38. Fifteen of which were in the institutional category. The number of reported cases that year, however, was average, with 45, 20 being in the institutional category.

In 1995, there were 40 individuals who tested HIV positive compared with 28 in 1998. The year that had the highest number was 1990 with 102.

In California, there were 111,479 reported AIDS cases, with 66,110 deaths between 1981 and March 31, 1999. Los Angeles County counted 19,395 individuals with AIDS — 24,588 of those died. Monterey County had 717 cases, with 457 deaths.
We'll get along if we respect others' beliefs

Everyone is familiar with the old adage, "to each his own," right? So why can't we live as such? There seems to be a continuing trend of criticism of others for their lifestyles and beliefs that simply must end before our society erupts with the sort of violence and intolerance common to areas like the Middle East and the Balkans.

I was raised in a strictly Catholic household. While my parents have missed Mass perhaps half a dozen times over the last 25 years, they have allowed me to explore my own religious and social choices without condemning them. They raised me to accept individuals for their goodness as people, regardless of the diversity of their lifestyles.

It is disturbing that I still too frequently hear people designating others. A person is wrong because of his or her sexual orientation, or someone is going to burn in hell because he or she does not accept Jesus as his or her personal savior, and things of that nature. I don't think so.

In his book, "Living Buddha, Living Christ," Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk, traces the parallels between Christianity and Buddhism and the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Buddha. He says a truly happy Christian is also a Buddhist, and vice versa, based on the inherent teachings of both. In simple terms, let's strive to be the best people we can.

Frankly, I am tired of being threatened because I haven't "found" Jesus! I didn't make him lose his! The God I was raised to believe in is all-knowing and all-loving. This God Blessed me with the courage to challenge popular thought and wisdom and to challenge the intangible. He blessed me with the capacity to accept people despite their differences and to love people for the goodness within them regardless of how they are different.

Each person has the tools to do what it takes to be admitted into heaven. Or maybe we will all be reincarnated. We won't know until we get there. In the meantime, live your life as you believe, but do so in such a way that allows others to live as they believe.

Thich Nhat Hanh says, "Do not be deluded about or bound to any doctrine, theory, or ideology, even Buddhist ones. All systems of thought are guiding means; they are not absolute truth. Do not think that the knowledge presently possessed is changeless, absolute truth. Avoid being narrow-minded and bound to present views. Learn and practice non-attachment from views in order to be open to receive others' viewpoints. Truth is found in life and not merely in conceptual knowledge. Be ready to learn throughout our entire life and to observe reality in yourself and in the world at all times. Do not force others, including children, by any means whatsoever, to adopt your views, whether by authority, threat, money, propaganda, or even education. However, through compassionate dialogue, help others to understand and become wise.

Food for thought.

Teresa Wilson is a journalism senior.
Cal Poly is horribly unjust in bullying Bello's about logo rights

Editor, I'm not sure where the Bello's situation is nowadays, maybe I should have researched this a little better before acting on my impulses. Maybe I should have thought about what I'm doing. Maybe Cal Poly could have benefited from this method too.

I acknowledge I don't know all the minute details to this case. I've heard Cal Poly is not directly responsible for the stupid injunction responsible for initiating it. Cal Poly is directly over the years is unacceptable. It's one step shy of being with other cashing in on their success.

Cal Poly parking, there are times when no matter how I get them up on a non-profit educational institution it has supported over the years is unacceptable. It's one step shy of a SLO-town landmark. It's been here since I was born, but I can't imagine they are taking it in the dough-off of Cal Poly shirts.

And if they are, even better. Bello's is a SLO-town landmark. It's been here since I was born, and among other sporting goods, it will gym clothes to the middle schoolers. The store is a part of this community. Not to mention it has donated thousands of dollars to the Cal Poly Athletic Department. And now it is spending thousands in court fighting a stupid injunction that says it's not allowed to sell Cal Poly merchandise anymore.

Does anyone else see this as horribly unjust and just plain wrong? This is the epitome of brick-banging: they may have helped us to get here, but now that we're here, — -em.

Maybe Cal Poly sees its move as one involving principles and precedent. Now that they're going big with Pepsi and a big Ole Smith Stadium, maybe they're worried about others cashing in on their success.

Reasonable, I guess. The goal of this institution should be to translate money into learning, and in order to protect your who need to watch your ass, but come on!

Stamping on Bello's is not going to establish Cal Poly's exclusive rights to merchandise; it'll only spread ill will and establish Cal Poly, as another of the corporate world's insensitive sharks. Leave Bello's be, but if you have to draw the line, do it so that no future business can sell those precious T-shirts. Bello's be here for generations, and to see it so disrespectfully treated makes me wonder about the values Cal Poly (sponsored by Pepsi) is subconsciously teaching.

Benjamin Chute is an English senior.

Professor should be as punctual as students

Being a professor is like any other career — whether you are a doctor, lawyer or teacher, working in a profession requires certain conduct or behavior of the profession. Being punctual is one of the requirements.

Why is it, then, that certain professionals in academia find it OK to stroll in whenever they feel like it? This doesn't say all professors are constantly late. The majority hold themselves to a professional standard, but there are those few — students know who they are.

I understand things come up. Sometimes being late is just not your fault. Between flat tires and good of Cal Poly parking, there are times when no matter how early you left, you were doomed to be late. That's fine. Frankly, most students probably appreciate the extra five minutes to prepare.

But there is a problem when professors start making this a habit. It's especially bad when they also keep the students after class to make up for the five minutes that was missed at the beginning of class. Apparently, these professors feel like the students owe the professor 50 minutes of their time even when the class happens that day. Somebody remind these guys that we have lives and other additional things to attend — like other class or work.

What is really amusing about these disrespectful, late folk is these are the same professors who threaten to drop a grade if the students are late. I guess that makes sense if the professors are constantly late. The majority hold themselves to a professional standard, but there are those few — students know who they are.

We need to learn to read a clock.

And let us out when we are supposed to go. We respect you may have things going on. Can you do the same for us?

Erin Green is a journalism senior.

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teen sensation Britney Spears performed in front of more than 15,000 fans.
By Erin Crosby
With appearances in movies such as “Still Know What You Did Last Summer,” “Cinderella,”
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three student documentary film mak­ers while they venture through the woods
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Forget about learning anything about the Blair witch.
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only a starting point from which to
scare. If the film is about any­thing other than using the imagina­tion to scare oneself silly, it is about
the tee’s emotional breakdown.

Forget about learning anything other than using the imagination to create the fear. This is the brilliance behind this movie.

In “The Blair Witch Project,”

Silk sang a love song to one very
kisses on their cheeks. After that.

Welcome to the next 45 minutes. Silk
appeared atop a 20-foot tall staircase and slid into her first song —
“You Drive Me Crazy.”
A lightning storm of camera flashes lit up as
Spears, wearing a white jacket and pants,
walked down the stairs. It didn’t take her long
to rip off the jacket and reveal a pink halter
Top.
The microphone strapped to her head must
have just been a prop because parts of the performance looked like an old Chinese ninja
movie made for American audiences — the mouth didn’t always line up with the audio.

The crowd by bringing five lucky
applaud her
officially introducing her
name is Britney Spears.

While 702 and Silk kept the
audience entertained, the real star
of the show was Brandy.
Before she was introduced, the
crowd was already on its feet
yelling and screaming for her.
Complete with helicopter sound
effects, explosions and firework.

Britney Spears, Brandy highlight summer fair
Spears falls short of expectations
By Ryan Huff

Maybe it was best that traffic on Castra
Grande prevented many San Luis Obispo folk
from attending the Britney Spears concert,
because the much-anticipated performance
was full of expectation and absence of gratifica­tion.

Many teen-age girls would have traded
over their Ricky
Martin photo collection to get
into this concert, but they might
have been more entertained with
the penting too at the Mid-State Fair in Paso
Robles.
Spears, who
performed at the
Fair Friday night,
failed to live up to the
hype for
the sell-out crowd of 15,000.
Spears’ piercing voice lacked the vocal vari­ety she showed in her album.
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Teen sensation Britney Spears performed in front of more than 15,000 fans.

Brandy bristles with new life, gives a praise-worthy performance
By Erin Crosby

With appearances in movies such as "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer," "Cinderella,"
and her own TV show, "Moesha,"
everyone already knew Brandy
could light up the big screen, but
her Monday night performance at
the Mid-State Fair proved she
could light up the stage too.
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Richard Gere and Julia Roberts have another ‘Runaway’ hit

By Kimberly D. Kralick
Summer Mustang

Richard Gere and Julia Roberts have done it again. “Runaway Bride,” the No. 1 film last weekend, is just not “Pretty Woman” number two. This delightful romantic comedy shows audiences love can go hand-in-hand with humor.

Unlike last fall’s Meg Ryan/Tom Hanks reunion in “You’ve Got Mail” which tanked at the box office, Gere and Roberts reunite to provide the audience with laughter, amusement and tears. At tunes, the audience is laughing so loud you miss the next line.

Both Gere and Roberts are more mature actors in “Runaway Bride,” and it shows. The scenes are more believable, even when you see things like a barbershop quartet performing daily in the town square. Roberts does an excellent job convincing the audience that she is spunky, quirky, lovable and lost in matters of the heart. Gere comes across quite well as the cynical, divorced columnist who is out for the true story behind the bride that leaves all her men at the altar.

Having a good plot sure helps. While “Pretty Woman” was a big hit, its story line of businessman meets hooker was a little fanciful. Gere played the good guy who saved the hooker. At least this time, both Gere and Roberts play characters who have problems. The nice part is the movie examines more than just the surface joke of the runaway bride. It delves deeper by finding out why Roberts can’t seem to make it up the aisle.

The cinematography, editing and music all add to the experience. When Gere carelessly dubs Roberts a “man-eater,” you can hear the audience chime in with the music...watch out boy, here she comes—a man-eater? They are actually singing along, which doesn’t happen often.

The beautiful scenery was also a plus. Shots of the great outdoors and rural life pervade the film, making you feel as though you are right there in old-town America. While some of the details are a bit hard to swallow (the hobo quartet, the overly quaint stereotypes of small town life), you almost don’t even notice them because you’re too busy laughing.

Does “Runaway Bride” rank up there with serious cinematic ventures? Probably not, but it’s not supposed to. The movie’s intention is to make you laugh and forget about your struggles in life and love for two hours. It succeeds and can give you a side ache from all the laughing. And that is worth the price of the movie.

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The Management
By Aaron Culp
Summer Mustang

The Central Coast Roadrunners are closing a rag-to-riches season on the right note. They’re taking their A-game to the playoffs.

Wednesday night was the last of their last eight games, the Roadrunners finished the regular season 5-8, overcoming Nevada in the points race for second place in the USFL, Southwest Division.

“We were not in good shape at the end of June,” Roadrunners coach Larry Smith said. “They gave us a huge home stretch in the playoffs. We’re not going to have superstars there to carry the team.”

With a 2-1 overtime victory against the Silicon Valley/Blue Angels at Wednesday’s first playoff game, the Roadrunners secured a playoff spot for the first time in team history. They face Willamette Valley in the Western Conference championships at Citrus College in Glendora on Saturday.

“We’ve been going into games knowing we can win. This team’s attitude is going to be nothing but good right now.”

— Ryan Katz
forward

The Marlins were the first professional team in any sport to win a World Series as a wild-card. Although all sports have pre-season predictions for who’s going to win it all, baseball has never had a rainmaker. It is a further embarrassment to a team that already has a black cloud over its peak.

“Nobody’s in a better mood. It’s just more fun to play now.”

According to Smith, the ratio of Willamette Valley’s goals scored to goals allowed is almost 3-1. The key to a victory Saturday is playing solid defense, maintaining ball possession and balancing attacks on goal. Smith said the combination of a great right forward and a good right midfield could perform.

“We haven’t run the same player into the system ground,” Smith said. “They’re still hungry, and they’re not breaking.”

According to Katz, the team started coming together in the middle of a five-game winning streak late in the season. With playoffs right around the corner, Katz said the team is reaching its peak now which couldn’t have come at a better time.

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Roadrunners roll into playoffs

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Sammy Sosa hit his major league-leading 42nd home run, and struggling Steve Trachsel pitched a five-hitter Wednesday as the Chicago Cubs beat the Montreal Expos 5-4.

Sosa led off the sixth with a homer off Jeremy Powell (6-4) to give the Cubs a 2-0 lead.

Sosa started the day with a 1-for-3 effort and 1-for-3 against the Expos’ Raul Alcantara. Since joining the team last season, Alcantara is 4-2 with a 2.48 ERA against the Cubs.

Trachsel missed a shutout when Orlando Cabrera tripled in the eighth, and scored on Manny Martínez’s grounder.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Cuban high jump great Javier Sotomayor was stripped of his gold medal at the Pan American Games on Wednesday after testing positive for cocaine.

Steve Vecino, goalie for Canada’s in-line roller hockey team, was caught using Nandrolone, costing the team its gold medal. Irias Rosario Amorello, winner of the women’s high jump and the only gold medalist for St. Lucia, was also stripped of her medal for using stanozolol.

Incredibly, a member of Mexico’s baseball team refused to take a drug test, which was tantamount to a positive test.

Cuba’s medical officials at the Pan Am Games scheduled a news conference for later Wednesday.

Sotomayor was seen in Cuba on Tuesday night at a rally for the gold medal-winning baseball team and stood beside President Fidel Castro.

On Friday, Sotomayor became the first person to win four Pan Am track and field titles in the same event Friday when he cleared 2.66.


He was ranked No. 1 in the world in 1988-89, 1992-95 and 1997-98.

It was a further embarrassment to Cuba’s team at the Pan Am Games.

Eight Cubans have left the delegation, including one journalist, with authorities saying at least seven plan to defect.

The finding against Sotomayor marked the biggest scandal in track and field since Johnson did so with steroid use. Johnson later returned to competition, but he again tested positive for drugs in 1993 and was suspended for life. It is appealing that second ban and has asked for reinstatement by the International Amateur Athletic Federation. The IAAF Council will meet at Seville, Spain, on Aug. 17 to decide the case.

Sotomayor’s case was the third involving big-name track athletes in the past two days.