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.

"I thought (busing) wasn't supposed to be free as of winter quarter," Darci Brown, a social science senior said. "I'm excited!"

At the end of spring quarter, the Cal Poly community had expected to pay to ride the bus as of January 2000. But, with the extra funding from the grant, fees from parking violations on campus, and other sources, Cal Poly will be able to subsidize the whole cost of the buses through June 2000. This will increase the likelihood that students will take the bus.

"I'll be more inclined to use it if I don't have to pay for it," Stephanie Caprino, a psychology senior said. Cal Poly Administration and Finance is currently working on accepting the grant.

"I don't know when we will put ink to paper, but we can expect to be able to maintain busing for the next academic year," said Frank Lebens, vice president for Administration and Finance.

Lebens continued by saying that applying for the grant was initiated in Commuter Services. Jacquie Paulsen, Commuter Services coordinator, echoed the students' feelings about the subsidized busing.

"I'm thrilled to death," Paulsen said. 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.

"It's been an issue that's been discussed on college campus for a number of years," she said.

Social sciences junior Meighan 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," she said.

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

By Teresa Wilson
Summerr 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 300 children.

These children wait an average of a year and a half to two years for eligibility for enrollment. The center accepts children between the ages of four months to 6-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 Tanara 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, it took two years for her son to be able to attend the Children’s Center. Before the center, she was working at the Home Do-it Center General Manager Anthony Whalls said the new rule will have a significant impact on business.

Pacific Home Do-it center on Santa Barbara Street was one of the first to mass produce Cal Poly design-approved lofts. Instead of mass producing the lofts, Whalls said, they will keep about a dozen on hand.

“The potential impacts associated with this are huge,” Whalls said. “Two hundred fifty lofts at $79 a piece — that’s a big bite.”

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— Bret Moore
biology graduate

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 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 her 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.

The nationally accredited Children’s Center is funded primarily through ASI. The enrollment price varies, depending on the family’s economic status and the child’s age.

Daily meals and snacks are prepared in the on-site kitchen by Cal Poly food science and nutrition students.

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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

The Robert E. Kennedy Library may be an unlikely place to sell condoms in vending machines, but this year marks the tenth anniversary that Cal Poly has offered this convenience to students.

In 1986, Associated Students Inc. passed a resolution, by a slim margin, to put condom-dispensing machines in campus restrooms. Though the Senate passed the resolution, the then ASI President Kevin Swanson believed the machines would induce promiscuity on campus, and he vetoed the resolution.

A few years later the resolution was passed enabling students to buy condoms at many places on campus, rather than going to the Health Center to purchase 11 condoms for $1.

"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

In 1989, while the measure to have them on campus was in the process of being passed, the issue wasn't the strangeness of the location but the prevention of AIDS.

According to the San Luis Obispo County Health Agency HIV/AIDS Monitoring Report, there were 12 community cases of AIDS in 1989 (this figure does not include the individuals in the California Men's Colony). As of yet, there are no recorded cases for 1999.

However, in 1997 and 1998, there were seven cases reported for each year. Marsha Rollinger, AIDS Program Coordinator with the Health Agency, credits the new digs on the market for the smaller number of AIDS cases. However, "easily available condoms contribute to less transmission of HIV and STDs," she said.

In other words, once an individual has HIV, a condom will not prevent AIDS, but a condom will help prevent an individual from getting HIV in the first place.

Despite that condoms are free in the Student Health Center, condom vending machines were dispensed on campus for convenience. Central locations, high volumes of student traffic and extended hours of availability were the deciding factors in the placement of the machines.

There are 28 condom vending machines in all, according to Tracey Thiel of vending services. They are located across the campus in the bathrooms in the Men's Gym locker rooms, the Avenue, the University Union, the computer science building, the library and in the dorm lobbies.

According to Thiel, the machines in the UU sell the most condoms, and overall sales vary in each machine month to month.

"We spend more (money) on the labor, the product and vandalism repairs than in what we bring in from (the sales)," she said. "The reason we do it is the service to the university."

Condoms sell for 50 cents, and the machines and the labor are supplied through Cal Poly Foundation. Thiel said vending services doesn't keep track of how many condoms are sold but said a good estimate is 4,000 quarter.

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 1983, when the first AIDS case was reported in San Luis Obispo, and March 1999, 422 individuals had AIDS. Of those, 192 were male and 130 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 facility.

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

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 1996, seven community cases were reported, with no deaths, and five institutional cases were reported, also, with no deaths.

However, overall, HIV cases in San Luis Obispo have higher figures. Between 1985 and 1998, 906 individuals tested positive.

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 66,840 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 strict Catholic household. While my parents have mixed 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 all 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 need a hole in my head to know he was lost! 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, love your life as you believe, but do so in such a way that allows others to live as they believe.

Thich Nhat Hanh says, "You need not be delirious about or bound to any doctrine, theory, or ideology, even Buddhist ones. All systems of thought are guiding means; they are not absolute truths.

"Do not think that the knowledge you presently possess is changeless, absolute truth. Avoid being narrow-minded and bound to present views. Learn and practice non-attachment from views in order to open to receive others' viewpoints. Truth is found in life and not mere concepts, and be flexible 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 develop autonomy and awareness.

Food for thought.

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We live in a sue-happy society

What's the solution to all the wrongs in your life? Who to sue of course. Today's society in America is sue-happy. Don't like your food in prison? Well then sue. Trip on the sidewalk in front the store? Sue them and make big bucks. You were served soup with a fly in it? Well now, that gave you emotional anguish when you ate that poor fly and you deserve compensation, don't you?

The justice system, set up for our protection, is actually being sued for frivolous lawsuits — lawsuits that are costing taxpayers more than $16 billion a year. That's right, billion. One big problem is prisons. They sue for everything and anything, including being served cold soup, having intestinal gas after eating prison food and even for receiving their overwatches early.

Isn't this a bit ridiculous? Not only is the lawsuit frivolous but it takes up the government's time and money and slows down — even stops — the judicial system. Yes, these suits are usually thrown out of court. In the meantime, people who are justly hurt are waiting in line behind hundreds, if not thousands, of false cases.

Some people think maybe some of these cases might just have merit. Here are a few for the readers to judge. The best evidence lies in the examples that follow. According to the Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, these are the top five frivolous lawsuits of 1998:

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Sixty or more lawsuits are already filed around the world. More than 300 are about to be filed. Some people are just getting ahead of the game. And every business, from banks to schools, is quaking in its boots in fear of a little buggy bug.

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Cal Poly is horribly unjust in bullying Bello's about logo rights

Editor, Thursday, August 5, 1999

Well, I'll put one of 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 against a hometown regular such as Bello's. It's one step shy of putting a stop to it. The store has benefited from this method too. I think they breed them in Orange County.

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Reasonable, I guess. The goal of this institution should be to translate money into learning, and in order to protect your class on the days that students delivered speeches, apparently, these guys that we have to drop a grade if the students are late. I guess that day he used as an example to show future generations that they're going big with Pepsi and a big Ozzie Smith Stadium, maybe they’re worried about others also cashing in on their success.

I understand things come up. Sometimes being late is just not your fault. Between flat tires and good ol' 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 catch their breath.

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 points of their grade every time the class happens that day. Someboby remind these guys that we have better things to do—like other class or work.

What’s this whole situation boils down to is a lack of respect. These professors just don’t care like others do. In an extreme instance of lack of respect, I heard of a habitually late professor who also didn’t show up for class on the days that students delivered speeches. This professor set up a video camera and let the students give their speeches. Apparently, this professor felt he or she had better things to do with his or her time than spend their time in that classroom listening to what the professor has to say.

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**Movie Review**

In the season of the Hollywood blockbuster, this film was at least unconventional. Directors Daniel Myrick and Eduardo Sanchez have recaptured the atmosphere of Hollywood's golden era with their low-budget production of Blair Witch. The witch is never actually seen, but her influence is felt throughout the film's runtime, which adds an eerie feeling. For the next 45 minutes, Silk could hardly be heard over the dominant band, leaving fans with an obvious idea of which songs were coming up next.

The audience entertained, the real star of the concert — or should I say “class” — commenced. Four boys in yellow vests came on stage and sat down in desks. Then a teacher's voice called out: “Are you ready to get freaky?”

The opening act was Brandy. Spears 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. She didn't take her long to rip off the jacket and reveal a pink halter top.

After a quick chat with the crowd, the former Moukatteer sang “Soda Pop,” a sort of sped-up reggae tune. There was an obvious layout to the rest of the songs. The concert organizers must not have had the time to hit the “random” button on the CD player because the concert's song order was almost a replica of her album's sequence, leaving fans with an obvious idea of which songs were coming up next. But there was an oasis of good songs among Spears' original hits. Spears turned back the clock and borrowed some from her elder — Madonna, Janet Jackson and Cher.

Britney Spears, Brandy highlight summer fair

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Spears, who performed at the fair Friday night, failed to live up to the hopes for the sell-out crowd of 15,000 Spears' piercing voice lacked the vocal variety she showed in her album. 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 sound guy must have put down a few of those overpriced Budweisers, as the talented

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Richard Gere and Julia Roberts have another ‘Runaway’ hit

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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 times, 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 sparky, 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 businessmen meeting hookers was a little fanciful. Gere played the good guy who saved the poor 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 as a “man-eater,” you can hear the audience chime in with the music...watch out boy, here comes the man-eater.” They were 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 barbershop 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.
The Central Coast Roadrunners are closing a rag-to-riches season on the right note. They’re taking their A-game to the playoffs.

Winning six of their last eight games, the Roadrunners finished the regular season 8-8, overcoming Nevada in the playoffs for second place in the USISL Southwest Division.

“We were not in good shape at the end of June,” Roadrunners coach Larry Smith said. “The guys we have right now are playing for each other. They know we aren’t going to have superstars there to carry the team.”

With a 2-1 overtime victory against the Silicon Valley Ambassadors last Saturday, the Roadrunners secured a playoff spot for the fourth year in a row. They face Willamette Valley in the Western Conference championships at Citrus College in Glendora Saturday.

“We haven’t run the same player into the gateground,” Smith said. “They’re still hungry. 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.

“We’ve been going into games knowing we can win. The team’s attitude can’t be any better right now.”

— Ryan Katz
forward

Roadrunners roll into playoffs

By Aaron Culp
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WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Juan Sotomayor stripped of gold after testing positive for cocaine use.


He is the third athlete, all gold medalists, and the second high jumper to test positive at these games. Steve Verne, goalie for Canada’s in-line hockey team, was caught using Nandrolone, costing the team its gold medal. Juma Rosario Amended, winner of the women’s high jump and the only gold medalist from the Dominican Republic, at the games so far, was stripped of her medal for using stanozolol.

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

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“It’s nice going in to the playoffs with wins instead of losses and wondering what’s happening,” Katz said.

The winner of Saturday’s match will face either San Fernando Valley or Abbotsford in the Southwest Division finals. The national championships are Aug. 14 in Spokane, Wash.

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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 was stripped of his 100-meter gold medal and world record in Seoul for using anabolic steroids.

Johnson later returned to competition, but he again tested positive for steroids in 1993 and was suspended for life. He 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.

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