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Columbine High returns to school with heads high

BOULDER, Colo. (UPI) — A pep rally, media-satellite trucks and a human chain of parents and alumni began the first day back at Columbine High School. Despite these additions, and a heavy pres­ence of law enforcement, it could have been the first day of any school in the country.

In fact, according to Jeffco Area Administrator Barbara Moseur, it was an amazingly normal day at the school, which just three and a half months ago suffered the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

"After the rally, when we got all the students inside and into classes, we dealt with typical issues like, 'Can I change my schedule?' I didn't have any expectations but I'm pleased with how the day went," she said.

The day began with a rally and chants of "We are Columbine," the familiar rallying cry of the school, and then a chorus of the fight song.

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According to Kristina Perez, administrative assistant in biore­source and agricultural education, 11 students are currently enrolled in the minor.

"We plan on using it to comple­ment my forestry skills," Said.

Both Searhy and Yun use GIS programming and other skills they've learned in the minor to study and record crop data at Cal Poly's Swanson Pacific Ranch in Santa Cruz, where many agriculture students get hands-on experience in their chosen fields of interest. In addition, both also work on a number of GIS projects inside and outside the country.

"I always think it's a scam when they put out the new edition when it's not much different from the older book," Duran said.

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Electronic library offers many resources for Poly students

By Teresa Wilson
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It's a holiday weekend. The library is closed and that much-dreaded paper is due when school resumes. Out of luck.

Not exactly. The year-round electronic library is the knight in shining armor for an increasing number of wired Cal Poly students.

Irene Hoffman, the Kennedy Library director of advancement, said that the library has experienced the shift in information technology from the more expensive and limited CD-ROM sources to the extensive, more efficient online resources since the early 1990s. She sees the potential for greater access and growing availability of resources.

"We have a very sophisticated online delivery system for information resources," Hoffman said. "Our reference librarians are always sweeping the Net for new resources. They look at them in light of their validity as sources who can be used by the students."

By borrowing the Imagine Connectivity Kit from the library's Learning Resources and Curriculum desk, users will be able to download Internet software allowing access to the Cal Poly modem pool from off-campus.

The Imagine Network is compatible with Netscape or Internet Explorer browsers. Service with Imagine Network is free until Sept. 17, at which time users will pay a $12 fee.

Once the software is downloaded and running, users may find traditional visits to the library virtually unnecessary. And those old green Reader's Guides will be totally obsolete for referencing subjects in magazines.

Having access to Kennedy Library's plethora of online resources gives users the information they need instantly. Users have access to the library's catalog, Poly Cat; Melvyl, the online catalog for the UC campuses and California State Library, as well as about 11 online databases containing hundreds of magazines and scholarly journals with full-text documents.

Users can access the databases by logging onto www.lib.calpoly.edu.

There they will find the Kennedy Library home page with links to a multitude of reference sources. The site also contains troubleshooting information and library help desk resources.

The library web site also offers major-specific databases. Most students seem to be pleased with the library's online resources.

"It's pretty helpful because you can get stuff from other schools," Mike King, a fourth-year history major said.

Biology senior Kari Kalvelage has taken advantage of the ease with which she can research everything from class assignments to graduate school.

"Instead of going through call numbers and copying the references you just have to print it up and you have an article," Kalvelage said.

Director Hoffman said the library will continue to expand access and availability and provide the best customer service possible.

Nevada university awarded pollution patent rights

RENO, Nev. (AP) — DuPont Co. awarded patent rights to the University of Nevada, Reno on Wednesday to develop technology that may drastically reduce pollution from mines. The chemical treatment, which is still in development, would help prevent acid runoff at hard rock mines. The contamination is common in rivers and streams in remote areas of the West, according to researchers at Nevada's Mackay School of Mines.

"It is one of the major environmental problems worldwide, whether you ask regulatory agencies, environmentalists or the mining industry," said Glen Miller, director of the university's Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering.

He said Wednesday the technology has "the potential to be very significant" and said it could help prevent billions of dollars in annual damage. He said natural processes take so long to clean acid runoff from mines that sites in Great Britain now defunct for 2,000 years are still contaminated.

Known as "passivation," the technology involves spraying a chemical on mine rocks and other mining waste that are near rivers and streams. The coating seals in the acid and prevents it from dissolving into the water.

"It is very simple. Elegantly simple. We are quite excited about it," Miller said.

Most of the North American mines with acid runoff problems are in Montana, Idaho and Canada, he said. These mines involve ores containing sulfides. At the Earth's surface, the sulfides mix with air to form poisonous sulfuric acid.

Several other sites in California and Nevada likely would benefit from the technology, Miller said. One is the Leviathan Mine, an abandoned Sierra Nevada sulfur mine proposed as a Superfund site. It is near Markleeville, Calif., near the Nevada border.

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University officials said the agreement with DuPont prohibits them from disclosing the estimated value of the patents. But Miller said it was in the millions of dollars.

The patent has the potential to be, over time, one of the largest gifts to the university ever, said school spokesman Greg Bortolin.

School officials said DuPont's gift would reduce the company's tax liability.
I am currently working on a television show to pitch to NBC executives — "Reporting Isn't Easy," based loosely on my life. The show is about a witty reporter and the obstacles she has to overcome to get a story. Jenna Bullock, Katie Holmes or Janeane Garofalo, depending on contract negotiations will play Nanette, the main character.

The pilot of Nanette's first day at her college newspaper. She worries about standing out amongst her fellow reporters. The president of the Walter Cronkite fan club is the shark-infested waters, otherwise known as the newsroom, to keep up with her dead-serious reports.

Episode Two: Nanette gets a story assignment. She finds herself in a fork in the road, choosing between a review of Engelbert Humperdinck's latest album to "The Who" titled, "Humphdink Is a Who," or a story about bubble gum on campus sidewalks. She chooses the gum story — the story is due in an hour to run in this week's paper.

Episode Three: Nanette decides to get another story. Her archival Secret Source won't talk to her. He uses his deadly weapons of "No comment" and "I don't talk to reporters" to weaken her reporting power.

Episode Four: Nanette is rushed to the hospital. Her nose is broken from the door slammed in her face when she was trying to talk to her reporter. Her archival Secret Source won't talk to her. He uses his deadly weapons of "No comment" and "I don't talk to reporters" to weaken her reporting power.

Episode Five: Nanette is stuck on her bubble gum story. Her case of writer's block turns into an anxiety attack. Amidst her confusion, she begins to sing "Livin' La Vida Loca" in German. She regains her sanity when she's fitted for a straight jacket.

Episode Six: Nanette finally finishes her story, minutes before deadline. She's tired, tired and relieved. Her editor glances at her story and says, "It'll run next week."

Episode Seven: Nanette's story is printed in a huge font because of a bizarre incident involving the printing press, a newspaper strike and a storm.

Episode Eight: Nanette receives a vicious letter to the editor. She finds she is the atheist behind Nanette's story as "besotted, "decadent" and "sensuous." Her feelings are hurt at first until she realizes the letter was written by the Advocates against Bubble Gum Discrimination, a group known for their radical protest tactics. They're the masterminds behind Bubble Gum Alley.

Episode Nine: Nanette ends the first season when she comes to terms with the reporter within her. She discovers that a reporter's job is tough, but somebody has to do it. Carrots wouldn't know the scores of the latest pingpong tournaments. Readers would be in the dark about how the government is spending the money thrown in buckets.

"I already have a space on my shelf for my Emmy."

Nanette Pietroforte is a journalism senior whose real life is better than fiction.

Well, our national lawmakers have done it again. The House and Senate have pushed forward a tax cut proposal that will benefit the wealthiest, affluent members of society. No matter what rhetoric the Republican Party has employed, the Democrats, environmental organizations and social program boards have come right back challenging the GOP's most recent attack on middle- and lower-class America. Of course, as students, we are in that lower-income segment now. While we may someday achieve great wealth after graduating, these tax cuts will take effect now — at a time we will benefit from them the least.

The GOP wants to pass a 10-year, $792 billion tax cut measure that would decrease everybody's taxes 1 percent over the next 10 years. Of course, 1 percent is a much larger chunk of cash in the pocket of Sony's or Microsoft's CEO than it is for the minimum-wage earning Wal-Mart checker. Wal-Mart checkers and the like will be hard-pressed to reach in the rewards of this tax-slashing bill. But the GOP has been successful enough, having passed the proposal in both the Senate and the House.

For me, when the GOP fights this hard for something, I know it's time to sit up, take notice and be suspicious.

So it's off to the White House now, where President Clinton has vowed to veto the tax cut. Republican, appliance, appliance for Clinton who has decided that this is what his reelection bid can be. Now I'm quite certain the bill can't pass. Once Clinton vetoes it, the proposal returns to the Senate which must pass it with a two-thirds vote. The GOP has its work cut out for it if it expects to rally 16 additional Democrats, which is what it'll need to pass this bill.

So my commentary notes in rhetoric, rhetoric concerning what's really at stake with this bill and what's really going on with this detailed GOP tax-cut would be nice. Who wouldn't take some free money? Hey, where do I sign up for this free money? You might have figured out where I'm going with this, this money will not be free — Democrats and others see the big picture.

So I'll give you some reasons why this is really a poor idea — one that could only be concocted, botted and sold by that Grand Old Party. First, I'm having a little trouble figuring how we have this enormous budget surplus but at the same time a more-enormous national debt. Just an idea, but maybe we could start crackin' away at that. It's only been sitting there multiplying exponentially for more than a decade. Most importantly, if we're not paying off the national debt with something as closely-related as budget surplus, how do we know we will pay off the national debt? The lack of rhetoric in this direction makes me wonder if there really is a national debt. Maybe we should just print some extra cash next time and get rid of this national debt thing once and for all.

After all, the only good thing about the national debt is it comes in handy on slow news days.

Secondly, we still haven't resolved this problem with social security. Now, as a student who will benefit very little from this tax cut, I will be extremely enraged to find out 20 years down the road that social security has run out, and I have to support my parents. Why would the GOP press for tax cuts when they can't guarantee me or my parents the money we paid into the system will be there for us when we need them? Greed. Greed. Greed.

My third concern is social and environmental programs will suffer. Lake Tahoe, which has a partially federally-funded restoration project in the works, has held workshops aimed at discovering how the tax cut might take away from restoration.

Social programs are also sure to suffer. For example, most of us live in San Luis Obispo, which is the most affluent city in our county. Now, if we're turning people away from their homes to face cold nights on the streets due to lack of space and funding, can you imagine the situation in other cities? If this tax-cut bill goes through, we will suffer one way or another. "We'll have no safety blanket for an emergency," one Democratic senator said. By the time a national crisis rolls around, this $792 billion will be long gone.

Write to our senators. Tell them what you think. Urge them to spread the word to other states. California is lucky. We have two senators who are sure to vote against the tax cut. We need to give them ammunition that'll convince moderate Democrats to also vote against the bill.

Kristin Dothe is a journalism senior.
Summer Mustang

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Foundation doesn't care about anything but its money

Editor,

Erin Green's commentary made some good arguments supporting the licensing of the Cal Poly logo and the issues surrounding it ("Licensing our logo," Aug. 12). But she is grievously mistaken in trying to imply we can trust the Cal Poly Foundation that she says "...just has the students' best interests at heart.

I'll grant that the Foundation thinks it is serving the students (at least, at most levels in the Foundation), but it has continually proven it feels it needs to protect its revenue, regardless of how it impacts the actions have on students.

This is the same Foundation that won't allow student organizations to try to make money by selling anything that would compete with EI Coral or Campus Dining. They have even prohibited student organizations from distributing advertisements for businesses that compete with them. This is the same organization that negotiated the "Pepsi Deal" which among other things required vending machines run by student organizations to change the same (higher) price as all others and prohibits the sale of non-Pepsi products by student organizations at events like Open House. Further, it made the "Pepsi Deal" during the summer when most students and student clubs were gone and never asked us if it was OK for them to negotiate what student clubs can or cannot do. And to this day, they still don't find it necessary to disclose to us the details of the deal made with our "best interests at heart."

I agree that the licensing requirements are a good idea. I would support them if it wasn't being run by ASI or even administration. But I cannot and will not allow the Foundation to accumulate even more control over my university, at least until it has proven it can act responsibly.

Craig A. Livingston is an electrical engineering junior.

Writer's arguments against homosexuality are full of falacies

Editor,

Once more, the smooth waters of my consciousness are unraveled by the article written by Casey Comstock ("Check your science facts," Aug. 12) the pebble that struck my pond. Normally, I try to ignore the brambles of the conformist Christian for the same reason I try not to argue with children about monsters under their beds. Recently however, the children have decided that the means and grants emanating from under the bed are too much. They have brought their sin and damnation to a place I love and respect and left their manners at the door. The campus of Cal Poly has become a haven for immorality, self-righteousness and intolerance.

The fact that their "study" groups block the free movement on the walkways is negligible compared with what the vacant look in their eyes does to my esteem for our university. However, what is in a look? Surely the impressions gained from a quick glance or a brief conversation are misleading.

Perhaps their printed word is a better indication of their nature.

Once again, I was disappointed. Mr. Comstock failed to rise above the doctrine that was drilled (probably recently) into his head. Three tires of falacies, e.g. "Don't Hamer himself is a homosexual and based in his own research" (Ad hominem abusive, Thanks Dr. O'Toole). To follow this second rate cop job, Comstock says, "There is no proof of a 'gay gene', and there never will be." I suppose that a person with all the experience of a freshman in college knows exactly what the future of genetics holds. Comstock claims to explain it in his own remarkably confusing and paradoxical style that "God gives us a free will to make whatever decisions we wish in our lives. Whether or not gay people chose to be this way doesn't matter." Nevertheless, the reader pines for falacies once the writer resorts to the holier than thou attitude as the bearer of truth to propel his argument. Perhaps homosexuality is "unfit," but you did nothing to convince me of that.

Perhaps Casey and others like him will loosen themselves from the tirs of their surrogate mother and take part in creating their own unique personalities and viewpoints.

Christopher Guest is a biochemistry senior.

There is nothing inherently wrong with choosing to be gay

Editor,

I have a few quibbles with the recently published religious Christian dogma, courtesy of Cassandra Jones ("Our Pride is not in the Bible," July 22) and Casey Comstock ("Check your science facts," Aug. 12). Corey Kling had the right idea in questioning these ludicrous extremist ramblings (Aug. 5). But he felt constrained to further his argument entirely into his own unique personality and viewpoint.

In a society where people constantly stereotype and label groups of people to separate and attack them, I would expect a higher degree of intelligence and responsibility from supposedly rational Cal Poly students, even Christian students. The level of condescension and flagrant disregard for human emotion in your letters appalls me. I believe homosexuals choose their lifestyle to a great extent, but I don't believe there is anything inherently bad or evil in this choice. In addition, if there is a god, (no caps other than those, thanks) he (generally portrayed as female) could be female) certainly would not condemn a significant portion of the population for living a lifestyle that seems right to them and doesn't hurt anybody else.

Too many people are forgetting why Christianity was invented in the first place. A book of philosophy got together and decided if they could convince everybody they needed to be nice to each other or else they would go to hell, they would have a better place. However, after a few thousand years, ranting and raving extremists have prevented the original intent and now we warped misinterpretations of the fundamental ideas of Christianity as excuses to attack groups of people they think simply because they misunderstand them. You Christians would stand a much better chance of getting people to unite if you were trying to interpret the Bible as a piece of literature meant to condemn the population "sinners) and realize it is based on ideas like love and acceptance of all people.

Allen Vaugn is an engineering junior.

Life outside the classroom is tougher than homework

The idea that school is the sole reason for living ceased to exist when you graduated from high school. So how come some professors don't seem to get that? In high school life was simple. You get up, went to school, came home and did your homework and started the cycle all over again the next morning. College life isn't so simple.

In college, you are expected to not only do all of that, but also cook, work and deal with life as an adult, which means sometimes school isn't the first priority in your life. Yet some professors do accept that life sometimes prevails over class, you have some that just don't remember what it's like.

Strict for a week? Well drop the class or get a bad grade. Have a 100-degree temperature and a group presentation to give? Well, your group is going to suffer without your presence. Cal Poly is not a college I have heard right here at Cal Poly from professors who might benefit from taking a class themselves — Life 101.

Now, I am not saying all professors here don't get it. Just recently, a family situation has forced me to give up the last five weeks of my final quarter at Cal Poly. And the professors have made it possible for me to complete the classes I already invested a great deal of time into.

They have bent over backwards to make it possible for me to graduate by completing the last seven units via the Internet. I applaud these professors (and you know who you are) for realizing that life isn't as simple as showing up for class. They are trying to make it through this terrible time. They were able to see that my ability to succeed in both life and school and that the take the time to do so.

So, professors, next time a student walks into your office with a problem, is out sick for two weeks, is in a summer job, — take a little time to find out why. And always remember that while school is important, life can supersede it. None of us would be here at Cal Poly unless we wanted to learn. Give us a chance to try to balance these new-found life responsibilities with our desire and efforts to complete our educations.

I applaud all of you who already give this great gift and ask the rest of you — how much can it hurt to try?

Kimberly D. Kralick is a journalism senior.

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SNL veterans fail in degrading film

By Kristin Dohe Summer Mustang

Steve Martin delivers his usual lackluster performance in "Bowfinger." The premise is uninspired enough, but add only moderately-entertaining performances from Murphy's cast of actors, and you've got a comical dud that falls flat on its face.

"Bowfinger" thankfully finds Eddie Murphy breaking out of his recent, for children screenplay films. Murphy's performance, however, is still a far cry from his greatest endeavors ("Row, "Live" and the "Beverly Hills Cop" series). Not surprisingly, "Bowfinger" is Martin's first stint as a screenplay writer. Strike one.

The premise of the film first degrades film 5 droplets. Bowfinger decides it's his big break — not so much because of his ridiculous screenplay about aliens who float to earth in precipitation, but because of Ramsey the star anyway ...

And the producers, threw in a little treat for all you got out there as Heather Graham plays an Ohio chick who systematically beds everyone in the production who might prove important to her success — what a surprise — turns out to be, that's what we are," Tarkington said.

"It was one of the biggest crowds we ever played to. It was great," he said.

Tarkington also said Keyser Soze's style of music is difficult to define.

"It's really hard to label it as just a ska band, but in root, that's what we are," Tarkington said.

Louie Bertino, the group's bassist, said Keyser Soze is not your average ska band.

"I bought a handful of CDs in our style. They all sounded alike, but none of them sounded like us. There were no kind of other influences, no depths," Bertino added.

Eclectic band makes its way to SLO Brew tonight

By Nanette Pietroforte Summer Mustang

Take one cup of ska, a heaping spoonful of jazz, a dash of funk, two teaspoons of reggae, a pinch of funk, and mix it all together. The recipe: Keyser Soze, a band from the Reno area that will bring its musical dish to SLO Brew tonight.

Serving audiences tasty treats for the past year and a half, Keyser Soze is made up of six musicians. Their plotter was enough to become a finalist in the National Battle of the Bands, winning a show on the Vans Warped Tour.

They played to a sold-out crowd, according to vocalist Jammal Tarkington.

"It's one of the biggest crowds we ever played to. It was great," he said.

Tarkington also said Keyser Soze's style of music is difficult to define.

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Guitarist Brian Trotter described Keyser Soze as a versatile band.

“Our music is cerebral and sophisticated,” Trotter said. “If you want to get drunk, dance, and have good time, it's good for that, too.” Trotter said.

Bertino credits each member's extensive musical training as the driving force behind Keyser Soze's distinct style. The majority of the members have studied jazz at University of Nevada, Reno. “They're music scholars and funk musicians mixed. We mix what we know,” Bertino said.

Bertino measures success with the audience at each show.

“We play somewhere and when we play there again, the crowd is bigger," Bertino said.

He keeps his eye on the band's popularity. "I try to keep a close eye out to see if we're kidding ourselves."

The band made sure to make a stop in San Luis Obispo on its tour of its recent debut album.

"It's a great little town," Trotter said. "We had to include it in our tour. All the little college towns have been so appreciative of Keyser Soze."

The group's album "Who is Keyser Soze?" is currently available at their shows and will be in local record stores soon. Keyser Soze plays tonight at SLO Brew at 9:30.
Volcanoes, an affiliate of the San Francisco Giants. Cunningham and Zirelli are also playing in front of them, and 1 was against their team.

"So far 1 am having a very good sea­son, 1 am happy with my perfor­mance," Zirelli said.

"According to Wallace, they are still playing for the love of the game. “Everyone thinks that we are spoiled, but if you add it all up, we make less than minimum wage,” Wallace said. ‘Right now we aren’t in it for the money.’"

"I think it will be good to throw the young guys in with the older guys,” Orozco said. “It’s a learning process for everyone that just builds a little family.”

**"We keep up on each other through bullpen chat. We like to hear how the others are doing. It is always good to see your old teammates succeeding.”**

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### WATER SKI

"Jennifer gives me amazing, tremendous support. She sacrifices so much to help me,” Guzman said. “We trained countless hours driving to and from the lake (Nacimiento), sitting on the lake waiting for our turn to run the course and analyzing my tech­nique.”

Guzman says all of his victories are “truly a team effort in which we share the training, the stress and the glory.”

But at the tournament, and others like it, Guzman says he’s not among the most astounding disabled skiers. “There’s blind skiers who compete in the ski-jumping portion of the tournament,” he said. "To me, that’s amazing — amazing to see how peo­ple overcome even the most disabling disabilities.”

Guzman says he wasn’t always so comfortable with his own disability and the prospect of becoming a two­wheel. "When I first got hurt, I used crutches and went to physical thera­py, but I couldn’t function,” he said. “It was dangerous for me; it was so easy to fall or trip and if I did, I had no way to cushion my fall. I ran the risk of getting hurt all over again.”

Guzman once lost the crutches, he found more freedom. "With the wheelchair, I started to really get back into life and doing things,” he said. “Sure, it would be nice to walk, but this is how it is, and I have to deal with it.”

But, he says, some days are still frustrating. "A lot of times people look right over me so often I don’t get heard or noticed because people just don’t see me down here,” Guzman said. "I get pushed and bumped. It’s like being a kid! I’m not a kid!”

The Guzmans moved from always­sunny La Quinta in Southern California to Grover Beach a year and a half ago so Guzman could study at Cal Poly.

"After attending a junior college in La Quinta, Cal Poly was the perfect choice because of its notoriety and the small town feel of this whole area,” Guzman said.

Although, he says, it’s much colder here than he expected. "My friends kept telling me that it’s always warm here, but no, really not that warm most of the time,” he said.

And Guzman says Cal Poly’s hilly campus has helped keep him in shape because he had to decrease his exercises since he began studying here. He says San Luis Obispo has been a great place to live. “Everyone’s got gri­maces on their faces in Los Angeles, but you come here and everyone is smiling,” he said.

But the Guzmans are still planning a move to San Diego once Guzman graduates.

"San Diego is perfect because it’s California’s next technology capital,” he says. “Ideally, I want to use com­puter science only as a means to an end. I’d most like to telecommute and run a small school business.”

And judging by Guzman’s enthusi­asm and determination, that goal shouldn’t be too difficult to reach.
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