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New chief plans strategy

By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly’s new campus Police Chief Tony Aeilts was asked about his transition to San Luis Obispo. Aeilts, 41, moved from Chico after spending 20 years in law enforcement there. Aeilts recently finished the police department’s strategic plan that will carry Public Safety through 2022.

Adam Jarman: How difficult has it been to adjust to Cal Poly? 
Tony Aeilts: The adjustment has been a very comfortable one. Even though I have never lived here or worked here, the place is very familiar to me. I came from Chico, and as a city cop, I worked a lot with the university. I was involved in a lot of committees and worked with them on student issues such as alcohol and student behavior. Coming down here, I see some strong similarities. The biggest thing is getting to know who’s who and why, and circumstances behind things that people don’t just walk right up and tell you.

AJ: Are there any problems you are looking to correct? 
TA: There are no major problems, but there are a lot of little things that need to be attended to. Policies need to be shared with the community and within the department so we’re better prepared when things happen. And there are things like planning for new technology and equipment. If we’re going to need a new patrol car, which could cost $10,000, we will need to plan for that years in advance.

Plan may improve department and community relations

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Cal Poly Public Safety has developed a strategic plan in order to improve its services and guide the department through 2022.

Campus Police Chief Tony Aeilts said this new plan asks philosophical questions about how the department serves the campus community. In his opening statement to the plan, Aeilts said the goal is to create an environment which ensures the delivery of academic excellence and enhances our quality of life.

“This is the most complete plan the department has ever had,” Aeilts said.

Campus Dining keeps most of meal plan donation

By Ryan Miller
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students signing off on their meals for charity may not be giving as much money as they think.

According to a Campus Dining newsletter, the cash equivalency of a meal plan donation for charity is $30,000. Even though students often donate meals to charity, the actual number of donated meals is lower.

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\text{Meal Cost} \times 0.30 = \text{Charity Donation}
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However, the actual donation amount is lower due to labor costs and other expenses.

Some students said that the nature of charity giving should be reflected in the donate portion.

If they’re signing off a meal for a purpose, generally it should go to that purpose,” Patton said. “It’s like a donation. The proceeds should go to the cause instead of the actual upkeep of the event.”

Liberals studies senior Matthew Ibach agreed.

“If they’re asking us to donate, I’ll donate,” Ibach said. “But I’m at least expecting them to put in what I’m seeing MEALS, page 2

Airliner crashes off Oxnard coast; 88 feared dead

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — An Alaska Airlines jet carrying at least 70 people plummeted into the Pacific Ocean 20 miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport Monday after reporting mechanical difficulties. Several wolves were recovered from the chilly water, but there was no sign of survivors.

Flight 261, heading from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to San Francisco and later to Seattle, was reported down about 4:54 p.m. It had been diverted to Los Angeles to attempt an emergency landing, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

A large field of debris, which had big swells off Point Mugu as aircraft and small boats converged on the crash site just before sunset. Hours later, the high-power lights of commercial squid boats illuminated the darkness as a cutter and small boats continued the search.

"Right now they are searching for survivors," said Coast Guard Lt. Jeanne Rentier. Several bodies were found, Coast Guard Lt. Chuck Dinn said, but he could not give a specific number.

Cynthia Emery, FAA flight operations officer in Seattle, said there were 65 passengers and five crew members on the flight. Alaska Airlines spokesman Jack Evans said there were 83 passengers and 5 crew members.

The plane was an MD-83, part of the MD-80 series aircraft built by McDonnell Douglas, now part of Boeing, said John Thom, a spokesman for Boeing’s Douglas aircraft unit. The plane the crashed was delivered to Alaska Airlines in 1992, Thom said.

The jet’s crew had reported mechanical difficulties and asked to land at Los Angeles, said Ron Wilson, a spokesman for the San Francisco airport.

"Radar indicates it fell from 17,200 feet and then was lost from radar," Wilson said KRON-TV in San Francisco.

Len Slopet, an Alaska Airlines customer service agent in Los Angeles, said the pilot reported having problems with the "stabilizer trim" shortly before the plane crashed.

If the pilots were having trouble running the horizontal stabilizer, it would mean that they were having difficulty bringing the plane into the proper pitch up or down. The stabilizer is brought into balance, or "trimmed," by spinning a propeller pitch up or down. A source with close knowledge of the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the flight was normal and stable until the crew reported control problems.

Radar showed the plane plunging toward the ocean shortly afterward. A plane without a horizontal stabilizer would make such a plunge, since it would be unable to keep its nose pointed upward.

Even the airline spokesman, said the aircraft had no previous stabilizer trim problems. He also said the plane had a low-level service check on Jan.

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The weather was clear at the crash site, and the water typically has a temperature in the low 70s this time of year. The water is about 750 feet deep, and Coast Guard Cmdr. Jim McPherson said. On Sunday, a Kenya Airways flight crashed into the Atlantic Ocean shortly after take off from Abidjan, Ivory Coast. The Airbus 310 carried 10 crew members and 169 passengers. At least 10 people survived.

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The second level of requirements, which is for children, teens, girls, active women, and less active men, has 2,100 calories and follows the same guidelines except for the meat group, which has two servings.

The third level of requirements, which is for athletes, active men, and seniors, has the largest intake of 2,800 calories and follows these guidelines: bread group, three servings; vegetable group, six servings; fruit group, four servings; meat group, three servings; dairy group, three servings; two servings each.

As the second set of midterms rapidly approaches, stress is rampant again at Cal Poly. Juggling homework, tests, jobs, and a social life on the hectic quarter system leaves students searching for ways to relax. Stress is the way the body responds to tension and pressure. Many students are overwhelmed by the endless tasks they need to complete, and become extremely stressed. The common symptoms are headaches, muscle tensions, anxiety and difficulty sleeping. Many people experience lack of or increased appetite, fatigue, and a higher rate of sickness due to a weak immune system.

Cal Poly's Peer Health Team offers workshops to teach students how to identify the source of their stress and to manage their time more effectively. "The goal of our workshops is to help students deal with the fast-paced quarter system and to manage stress in their busy lives," said peer health educator and nutrition senior Gauri Parikh.

The Thoughtful Lifestyle Choices Team, a division of the Peer Health Team, holds interactive workshops on stress and time management. About three of the nine TLC members usually hold these workshops, which are set up by request from dorms, teachers, sororities, and fraternities or clubs.

On-one-one counseling is also available on a walk-in basis and by appointment. The peer health educators give students handouts on goal setting, discuss tips for reducing stress, play games and have question-and-answer periods. Some of their ideas for coping with stress include keeping a daily planner, finding 20 minutes a day to do something relaxing for yourself, and trying not to overwork your life. "We all try to do too much, but if we step back and prioritize our time more efficiently, we can greatly reduce stress," Parikh said.

Another important component in stress reduction is diet. Parikh said that too much caffeine can increase stress levels and can leave students feeling anxious and jittery. Students should drink enough of water to combat the dehydrating effects of caffeine, and eat small, frequent meals. Skipping meals and missing out on key nutrients like potassium, vitamin C and vitamin B can elevate stress levels and increase tension.

Exercise is one of the most highly recommended techniques for reducing stress. Exercise can increase blood circulation and may increase the number of stress-relieving endorphins released into the body's system. "It's a challenge for everyone to find time to work out on a hectic schedule, but the benefits will pay off," said Charlene Rosales, fitness administrative assistant of Rec Sports.

The Rec Center offers instructional classes aimed at relaxation and releasing stress, such as midday and evening yoga and massage instruction. Categories of classes offered are martial arts, kick-boxing, saha, and swing dancing. "Being able to devote some time just to ourselves is a great reward, and the classes can help improve students' well-being," Rosales said.

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Katy Kinninger is a nutritional science senior who writes a weekly column for Your Body. Katy Kinninger is a nutritional science senior who writes a weekly column for Your Body.
Roommate issue No. 57: loud snoring

I can't sleep at night. I get into bed, and I just lie there, being not-sleep. It's rather frustrating. If I'm going to commit so much of my time to a particular activity, I'd like to at least succeed. Now, my inability to do with insomnia. It has little to do with all the caffeine that pumps through my veins, and it has even less to do with the fact that I get most of my sleep during class. It has to do with the fact that my roommate — God love him — snores.

I'm sure many of us have snoring roommates, but I assure you, they all pale in comparison to my good friend (whose name rhymes with Laid Focke) when he hits REM. I've decided that the reason he keeps me up isn't so much the gargling noises as it is the feeling for his life. Honestly, it sounds as though with each1 breath the poor guy is going to suffocate. How the heck am I supposed to sleep with the fear of having a potential corpse — God love him — near me.

To make matters even worse, there is no protocol on how to properly deal with a snoring roommate. Emily Post and Martha Stewart have left this oh-so-important aspect of everyday life undefined. In an effort to overcome changes and shortcomings of these two etiquette gurus, I have composed my own line of procedure for effectively dealing with a snoring roommate.

Your roommate begins snoring within two minutes of falling asleep. Whack him or her with your pillow. The purpose behind this is two-fold. First, the corpse begins to convulse within my own personal space when it comes to the issue of the death penalty. Last week the U.S. Supreme Court dismissed a challenge brought forth by Gov. Jeb Bush and the Florida Legislature to the constitutionality of the electric chair. Because of this decision passed last month, which allows death row inmates a choice between lethal injection and/or electrocution, the challenge was ruled impractical. Now, the day I start to agree with any quip of George Bush is the day I start to question my left-winged voting mind, but I'm not flipping that radio dial from Stem to Limbaugh just yet.

I believe in justice for all, and I feel that the death penalty can provide a suitable alternative to life sentences and essentially bring peace to others who are affected by these criminals. However, I think the death penalty has a long way to go before it reaches an effective point. Too many other factors, such as race and inequalities, are causing problems with favorable sentencing.

According to its Web site, the Death Penalty Information Center, an estimated 53 percent of death row inmates are minorities. They were accused of, through court, it was proven without a shadow of a doubt that they were guilty. However, it is not often as cut and dry with all death penalty cases.

There are currently 38 states, including California, with the death penalty in effect. According to the Death Penalty Information Center, an estimated 53 percent of death row inmates are minorities. Of these inmates, roughly 82 percent were convicted in courts against Caucasians.

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Opinion

Death penalty issue is nonpartisan

I am a self-proclaimed liberal Democrat by all means. I am pro-choice, pro-affirmative action and even pro-Clinton (Hillary, that is). My voting record and liberal stance speaks for itself. However, fine lines begin to contends within my own political scene when it comes to the issue of the death penalty.

Unfortunately, murder and other heinous crimes are also of the cruel and unusual nature, and because of this, I do see reason to support this penalty to an extent. For example, consider Richard Allen Davis. As the public watched Polly Klaas' murderer flip off television cameras while the jury's decision was read before the judge, it is almost impossible to deny that he deserves to pay for his crime in an eye-for-an-eye fashion.

San Luis Obispo didn't need to look any farther than its own backyard, where Rex Allen Krebs once lurked. Less than a year ago, Krebs admitted to the murders of college students Rachel Newhouse and Audrina Crawford. He has been quoted as personally asking for the death penalty for his crimes. When a self-proclaimed 'monster' starts asking for the justice of the law, it is up to the law to provide the justice deserved.

Of course I do not feel that the death penalty law can possibly continue to succeed in its current form. What is apparent with the above examples of criminals is that they both confessed to the crimes they were accused of. Through court, it was proven without a shadow of a doubt that they were guilty. However, it is not often as cut and dry with all death penalty cases. I am a self-proclaimed liberal Democrat by all means. I am pro-choice, pro-affirmative action and even pro-Clinton (Hillary, that is). My voting record and liberal stance speaks for itself. However, fine lines begin to contend within my own political scene when it comes to the issue of the death penalty.

Then, lie in bed and pretend that you've done nothing. If the roommate asks, "What did you just hit me?" just lie in bed and pretend to be asleep. Heck, you might even fake snoring — won't sound so bad and this is your chance to quickly get to sleep before the corrective force of our pillows and or bludgeon-implants.

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**Do you think the Super Bowl lived up to the hype?**

- "It was an exciting game. It came down to the last play, which is what I like to see."  
  Ryan Celaya  
  mechanical engineering freshman

- "Yes, I got to drink some beer and watch a good game."  
  Megan Young  
  recreation administration junior

- "I wouldn't have put a bet on it, and the commercials were great."  
  Jeff Brummett  
  ag business freshman

- "It was the best game I've ever seen."  
  Mindy Charmack  
  recreation administration freshman

- "It was the best game I've ever seen."  
  Ryan Grandfield  
  materials engineering freshman

- "I fell asleep halfway through it."  
  Danny Sparks  
  city and regional planning junior

**Letters to the editor**

**U.S. economics are shameful**

Editor,

Reading the commentary on the economic situation in America (Jan. 28), I was expecting a deeper insight into the relations of average family incomes and education. Instead, I found comments such as, "I was lucky to have parents with enough money to send me to college" and "The lucky ones like myself who get to go to college are much more likely to make more money in the future." This kind of ideology, which promotes the mindset that those born into wealthy families are superior to those with less, is typical of the greedy rhetoric that is too widely accepted today.

In addition, this article gives no credit to those who put themselves through college at great financial burden. Instead of celebrating our own "luck" of being born into a winning side of the class war, we should take the initiative to question these economic-based values that so many people today just accept as normal.

If our nation's wealthy elite, in combination with our government, is doing so well, why is it that just last year the price of our education at Cal Poly was threatened with an increase in tuition? Several other countries, most of which are far poorer than ours, provide their people with free education.

Why is it that in a nation as rich as ours, the highest quality of education is not provided free of charge to everyone with disregard to family income?

Aaron Floyd is an ecology and systematic biology senior.

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Why Super Bowl commercials sucked.

Education should be more than something that will "pay us back" monetarily. It is the opportunity to make a positive change in our communities and the lives of others.

I propose that we not just sit back with complacency in a system that is tailing an ever-increasing portion of our society.

College students throughout the world have traditionally been one of the groups at the forefront of progressive thought and at the same time critical examiners of the status quo. It is time that more of us at Cal Poly started openly doing the same.

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Tapango’s Offers Tasty Mexican Food

For a quick bite to eat, many students, faculty, and staff visit Tapango’s. Tapango’s has been offering quick Mexican cuisine since January 1993, conveniently located between Dexter and Kennedy library.

For breakfast, Tapango’s serves Mexican cinnamon rolls, breakfast quesadillas, breakfast burritos, juice, and their own special blend of coffee.

At lunch, quesadillas, tacos, burritos, nachos, taco salad, rice, and other items are on the menu. For people who haven’t been to Tapango’s yet but are eager to try some of the food, Tapango’s manager, Jeanette Kimball, recommends her personal favorite. “The super nachos are wonderful!” Kimball said.

In addition, starting today Tapango’s will offer a 99¢ mini burrito/enchilada, called a Tapalada! The Tapalada includes a small flour tortilla, beef or chicken, cheese, and chile sauce. This new item is only available at the original Tapango’s, near Dexter, and not at Tapango’s Super, inside the Avenue. The two locations are closely related but not identical. Tapango’s Super offers a slightly expanded menu with things like breakfast potatoes added.

The original Tapango’s is open between 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and serves about 300 customers per day. Kimball said customers enjoy visiting Tapango’s because item prices are reasonable and they can avoid the lines at the Campus Market. Most people probably don’t know the structure that houses Tapango’s is only 50 square feet inside and was delivered to Cal Poly by a semi-truck. Kimball said it takes a flexible and adaptable person to work at Tapango’s because the small space can sometimes get rather crowded.

“We look for someone who can work very closely with others and still offer fast and friendly customer service.” Kimball said.
WASHINGTON (AP) — On the court, Michael Jordan's one-on-one spin move past Baron Davis was as smooth as ever. Off the court, the Washington Wizards head of basketball operations admitted his first big management move — a confusing and bitter change of coaches — didn't go according to plan.

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"That was an unfortunate situation in that things did not work out properly with Golden State," Jordan said. "Rod was just one of our candidates for the job. Darrell was another." Walker was 41-92 over one and a half seasons with the Toronto Raptors before quitting in 1998, and he's leaving a Rockford Lightning team that is 13-17 and in last place in the CBA's Atlantic Conference. Thirlby was to be out of the minors, Walker used the word "hit" at least a dozen times at his introductory news conference.

"I'm just happy to be here," said Walker, who also played four years as a guard with the then-Washington Bullets from 1987-91. "It's a dream come true. Hopefully, I can be the guy who can turn this team around in the right direction. It's not like we're going to jump up and run off 20 or 30 in a row, I just want us to go out, be competitive, get after people, play defense and have some fun."

Walker's first game is Tuesday night in Cleveland, but he was almost the bit player Monday as some tough contrasting shots were exchanged among the players.

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Paralyzed actor Christopher Reeve appeared to rise from his chair in an ad for the mutual fund company Nesbett Investments which advised investors to "invest well" and possibly bring about the day when Reeve and others could be recognized for overcoming spinal cord injuries.

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Sports

Stories require reporters, coaches to work together

By Joie Nolan

If Bobby Knight was coaching at Cal Poly, I'm sure there wouldn't be one new reporter wanting to talk with the volatile man called "The General." He can be intimidating, obnoxious and can make a reporter's job a living hell.

Luckily, we don't have that problem at Cal Poly. Why?

Head coaches like Larry Welsh, Alex Creitz, Jeff Schneider, Rich Firman and nearly every other coach at Cal Poly go out of their way to accommodate Mustang Daily reporters. The coaches are polite, understand our deadlines and most importantly, are extremely professional. And while it's helpful that they are polite and understand deadlines, the only thing they are really required to is be professional. Being professional means talking with reporters about both the positive and the negative. Being professional means treating players and media with respect.

The reason for the lecture on professionalism has to do with two coaches: head baseball coach Ritch Price and head softball coach Lisa Boyle, who could use a refresher in the subject.

Price has always taken time for reporters and has always been nothing but professional. This year, however, the relationship with the Mustang Daily has taken a nosedive.

In the last two years, there has been just one criticism of Price, and that was made last spring. I disagreed with his decision not to play an injured player.

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Prentice Rios and Mike Shwam were leading the pitching staff. But then, Boyle is lost for the year with an injury. Rios is ineligible and transferred to Cuesta College and has said he doesn't intend to return to Cal Poly. Shwam is also ineligible, but will return spring quarter.

These losses are obvious reasons for frustration, but it happens everywhere and in every sport. Price's team meeting in which he advised players not to talk to the media about these things is ridiculous.

Then, Tanner Trooper and Kyle Allwright get suspended to start the season. Once again, it happens everywhere and in every sport. It's fine to be frustrated, but hanging up on a reporter when she asks about the incident isn't professional.

The players on the Cal Poly softball team have been supporters and friends of the Mustang Daily for a long time. They work hard and cooperate on stories and features.

The situation with Boyer is quite different. Recently, the Mustang Daily learned that Kasey Poet, one of the softball team's best players, is probably going to redshirt this year. Poet underwent surgery on her shoulder in the offseason, and it hasn't recovered well enough to endure the strain of a full softball season.

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