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CSU, contractor face parking structure suit

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The long-awaited parking structure has suffered two delays and will now be a lawsuit.

The California State University system and the project's general contractor, H.A. Ekelin and Associates, are facing a lawsuit brought by the steel company hired to work on the parking structure's steel reinforcement.

Vista Steel, a Ventura-based company, filed a breach of contract lawsuit against CSU and H.A. Ekelin. According to the lawsuit, Vista Steel claims it has not received a full payment for its services, which were to reinforce the parking structure, or for its initial work on the structure.

The contract that Vista Steel signed with H.A. Ekelin was for $1.5 million and required Vista to supply material and labor for the structure's steel reinforcement. The lawsuit claims that Vista Steel did not receive $474,000 of the contract.

The lawsuit also disputes which party left the cross ties out of the plans for the parking structure. The CSU system and the parking structure's general contractor, H.A. Ekelin and Associates, are facing a lawsuit brought by the steel company hired to work on the project's steel reinforcements.

Los Osos commute lengthened

By Sarah Goodyear
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students and staff commuting from Los Osos via Los Osos Valley Road may be experiencing delays due to a $1 million upgrade and repair project that began March 26.

Crews have sections of the road west of the Foothill Boulevard intersection to Tumit Road closed down to one lane on weekdays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Motorists are stopped at one end of the construction where oncoming traffic is led through. Then the process is reversed. Construction signs warn of 10- to 50-minute delays.

The longest expected delays already occurred Wednesday, with drivers waiting about 20 minutes, said project resident engineer Steven Frank.

"(Wednesday) was the worst day," Frank said. "We had the longest traffic control section. We are striving to keep the wait to approximately eight minutes or less."

Crews will be working on the section of Los Osos Valley Road east of the Foothill Light through the city limits within one month. On Sundays, the road is closed to eastbound traffic after the Foothill intersection continues through Dablos Road.

There is no construction on Fridays and Saturdays, the peak days for travel in the area. "We're trying to give everyone a break," Frank said.

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CSU grants priority for local applicants

Poly not affected by new policy

By Kimberly Tahsuda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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Paul Zingg provost and vice president of Academic Affairs

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The Trustees voted to adopt the principle, effective for students seeking admission in Fall 2001, in an effort to respond to admission challenges caused by Tidal Wave II. Tidal Wave II refers to the 130,000 new students expected to enter the CSU system over the next 10 years.

"In order to deal with the category of place-bound students — students who are required to attend a campus or to a program," Zingg said. "We are not obligated to guarantee access for any student, local or not, to any specific program."

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Seventh Open House

to unleash Poly's power

April will bring in thousands of newly admitted students and their families to discover the power of Poly.

The seventh annual Cal Poly Open House is slated for April 14 to 16 and will provide entertainment ranging from exhibits to a rodeo.

A tractor pull will also be a main attraction during Open House and will kick off the weekend's theme of "Discover the Power of Poly."

On April 14, admitted students will have an opportunity to meet with faculty and staff members, tour the campus and residence halls and meet current students.

The best of Cal Poly will be showcased on April 15. Events for the day will include demonstrations and concession booths by more than 200 campus clubs and organizations.

Main-stage presentations, a carnival and a rodeo will also be conducted by students.

Alumni will also take part in the festivities that will be held on April 16, Alumni Day, which is a new event this year.

Also on April 16, the second annual Open House Golf Classic will take place at the Avila Bay Resort Golf Course.

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majors are impacted, no one can be guaranteed admission.

"In essence, if a university is not currently impacted by program, it must provide access to local residents," Admission Recruitment Director James Morrill said.

Although Cal Poly is not required to offer admission to local students, Zingg said university officials are still very responsive to such applicants.

"We do recognize an obligation to serve local area high schools and community colleges," Zingg said.

"Even as we have a statewide service mandate, we balance local responsiveness and the statewide mandate."

The trustees recognize guaranteeing local access does not solve the problem of how to deal with more than 150,000 new students heading to the CSU system, Zingg said.

"Affirming the principle of local access really doesn't do much in increasing capacity," Zingg said. "At best it is a band-aid, not a cure."

The trustees addressed that there is a severe resources challenge that the state must step up and meet, Zingg said.

"The trustees accept and understand our situation here at Cal Poly," Zingg said. "They understand, and what we do is acceptable to them."

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construction in order to avoid delays.

He said Los Osos Valley Road is being repaired in sections to ease the strain of construction.

"We all know that streets need to be maintained," O'Halloran said. "We want this to have a minimal impact on drivers. To accomplish that, the project was designed to give everyone alternative routes."

He said the work will result in a safer road surface and one that is easier to maintain in the future.

The project is on time and under budget with 50 percent of the restoration phase completed, Frank said.

Two more phases will follow. Crews will install a membrane beneath the asphalt to redistribute the heavy load from cars. Approximately 16,000 vehicles use Los Osos Valley Road every day.

Crews will also construct an asphalt and concrete overlay.

Frank said the finished product will be "the ultimate driving surface."

Barring bad weather, the completion date for construction is April 13.

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Fecal samples from birds, humans and other wildlife around Morro Bay will determine if deadly bacteria exists in the water.

Poly students test bay for bacteria

By Sarah Goodyear
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Members of the Cal Poly biological sciences department are working with the Regional Water Quality Control Board on a DNA study to find the source of fecal coliform in Morro Bay. Fecal coliform contains the deadly E. coli bacteria.

Three students are gathering approximately 1,000 fecal samples from local humans, birds and domestic and wild mammals. The samples will be added to the University of Washington's DNA library. The library contains 35,000 to 40,000 strains of bacteria.

Biology graduate student Matthew Oliver, biology freshman Stacia Wellman and ecology and systematic biology senior Jennifer Nafzgar began collecting samples four months ago.

"It is an opportunity to work in the area and do something for Morro Bay," Oliver said.

The samples will be used in a DNA study commissioned by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. High levels of fecal coliform in Morro Bay are preventing the harvesting of oysters and occasionally making bay water unfit for human contact. The DNA testing will be used to find the source of the bacteria.

Cal Poly, a partner in the project, designed the study and will be interpreting the data and writing the report. Biological sciences faculty members Mark McLine and Chris Kats will work with Andrew Schafter from the statistics department to write the report. The report will be used by the Board and the Morro Bay National Estuary Program to find ways to make the water safer.

Levels of E. coli bacteria in the back bay area exceeded the maximum amount allowed for water-contact activities in spring 1998. Advisories to recreational users of the bay were posted for approximately one week before levels dropped back into the allowed range.

Fecal coliform concerns in the bay have been studied since the mid-1980s. The greatest points of contamination are near the outlet of Chorro Creek and the Cuesta Inlet in Los Osos. Local shellfish harvester Bill Williams pushed for the study because the presence of E. coli bacteria prevents him from harvesting oysters in the bay.

"It's like the canary in the coal mine," said Regina Wilson of the Morro Bay Estuary. "If the canary dies, the miners know to get out of the mine. If the bacteria is preventing the harvesting of oysters, it is an indicator that the water may not be safe."

The problem does not affect areas outside of the breakwater where people surf. It is present in the Embarcadero in Morro Bay, Morro Bay State Park and Los Osos where kayakers, swimmers and boaters use the water for recreation.

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Learn well from Sigma Chi mistakes

Remember when your mother warned you that the wrestling match with your sibling was all fun and games until someone got hurt?

Sigma Chi members learned this childhood lesson painfully well recently. Their alleged hazing during their pledging process led to one criminal count of selling alcohol to a minor and three other fraternities to face civil charges. Sigma Chi is not alone. The Sigma Chi’s predicament should serve as a warning to others.

College students do stupid things all the time. When you drink too much and wake up the next morning with a splitting headache, you realize you are not alone. But at least you did that to yourself.

Hazing puts a twist on doing stupid things. Guys (and girls) you don’t know embarrass you, forcing you to drink to a point where personal safety is seriously threatened. Then you’re supposed to become great friends with them. Why would anyone be friends with people they don’t know? They’d have more fun with their own friends.

Sigma Chi’s predicament should serve as a warning to other fraternities to follow a similar path. By doing so, they’ll stop hazing before someone else gets hurt.

Unsigned editorials are the voice of the Mustang Daily.

Money changes face of technology

Tina is shopping for items to fill her new apartment. She walks through various aisles looking at kitchen utensils, dishes, sheets, towels, and furniture. She wonders which items and designs will best reflect her personal sense and style of style. Will it be the brightly colored plastic trash cans, dishes andware, or the engravings at Target or the more refined Martha Stewart collection at K-Mart? She doesn’t think about cost or reliability because she can always replace something if she doesn’t like it or if it breaks in a few months. With that in mind, she opts for the funky Target treasures.

Tina’s experience represents the latest consumer trend in America. According to a recent Time magazine article, “The Redesigning of America,” Americans have an appetite for design. If products don’t look good or express our sense of style, we won’t buy them.

There are two reasons we have this hunger first, America is flourishing and people have money to spend. Second, technological advancements have made it possible for businesses to create uniquely designed products at minimal costs. The reliability of a product should provide a longer life as a factor in making a purchase decision. If a product breaks or goes out of style, we have the money to replace it, as demonstrated by the 36 million Americans spent on goods and services last year.

We at Cal Poly are no different. When vendors set up their stands in the University Union, we flock to find a unique treasure. We take pride in driving fashionable cars and riding the newest bikes and motorcycles. We enjoy searching for the perfect armchair, couch or coffee table to put in our homes. We try to accentuate our living spaces with the most unusual accessories whether they are posters, pictures, lamps or dishes.

We want the things we own to set us apart from everyone else. However, this is not an appetite for design—it’s being wasteful and materialistic.

We are a culture saturated with material possessions than we know what to do with. Businesses have persuaded us to purchase more products that we don’t need by appealing to our longing for prestige and social belonging. They make us question what people will think if we have a funny-looking car instead of the latest and most fashionable one. We’re told that since we can afford it, there’s no excuse for not owning the latest and greatest car. Then, you’re supposed to become great friends with them. Why would anyone be friends with people they don’t know? They’d have more fun with their own friends.

Today we have the money, but the new twist is that we have all the things, too. So once again, businesses have turned to fashion and design to influence us to buy their goods. Who cares about how well a product works, if it serves its purpose or if we actually need it? If it looks good and reflects our personalities, well, we want it. And since we are fickle and the definition of style is ever-changing, we are constantly acquiring new, trendier goods even if our old ones still work.

With this emphasis on design, what does our future have in store for us? There’s no doubt that we’ll have better-looking, more efficient, easier-to-use products. However, if we continue on our current path we will be more materialistic and wasteful than we are now.

To prevent ourselves from becoming consumed by our appetite for design, there are a few questions we need to ask ourselves. Do we need this product? Or do we want it simply because it looks good, we can afford it, and people will think we’re stylish if we have it? Only when our answer is “yes” to the first question and we have placed our concern for the design of the product in its proper place, will we avoid materialism and wastefulness.

Kara Knutson is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.
Letter to the editor

Poly sacrifices student for own agenda

Editor,

I would like to say how disappointed I am to see that the university, in its vendetta against the greek system, has chosen to sacrifice a student's right to not be totally alienated on campus.

It seems to me that the university used this student. Now, I am aware that I don't know all the facts, but did university officials consider that as they were strong-arming this example into giving a statement that they were going to be making him a target on campus? Did they care that they were going to put him in a position in which everyone involved was going to try their hardest to make him look bad? I don't think they did. They so desperately want to get fraternities in a compromising position that they ruined this guy's academic and social career at Cal Poly. If he leaves school now, I wouldn't blame him. How could he not?

So the university gets to squeeze Sigma Chi, and this student has to completely rearrange his life. Congratulations Judicial Affairs.

As for the Mustang Daily having the audacity to include the quote where his pledge brother questions his sexuality, that is somewhere between media sensationalism and slander.

Hunter Haverty is a business senior.
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**Mustangs win four of five games**

By Chris Arns  
**Mustang Daily Staff Writer**

The Cal Poly baseball team lost 10-4 to the University of the Pacific Sunday after winning the first two games of the series at San Luis Obispo Stadium.

Jared Blasdel started the game for the Mustangs, giving up five hits and four runs in 6 2/3 innings while striking out six. Shoddy defensive work allowed Pacific to take a 5-4 lead in the seventh inning, and the Tigers took advantage of a weak showing by the bullpen to add some insurance runs in the eighth.

Head coach Rich Price commented on the team’s failure to hang onto the lead.

“We had a bad day for our defense,” Price said. “Defensively, we simply were not playing well and it just caught up to us today. Blasdel had a tremendous performance, and we just weren’t able to get it done.”

After falling behind 1-0 in the second inning after a home run by Pacific first baseman Rick Morton, the Mustangs rallied in the fourth to take the lead. 2-1. Turner Trapper brought home Keith Anderson with a sacrifice fly to score the first Cal Poly run, and two batters later Scott Sheldon singled, scoring Kyle Albright. The Mustangs added two more runs in the fifth inning on a two-run double by Albright.

But the wheels fell off for the Mustangs in the top of the sixth. An error by Mustang shortstop Scott Anderson allowed the first Pacific batter to reach base. After the next batter singled, Pacific used a sacrifice bunt to send the runners to second and third base. David Krisch relieved Blasdel, and hit the first batter he faced to load the bases. The Tigers scored on a wild pitch from Krisch, and then singled to bring home two more runs. Nathan Choate then relieved Krisch. Choate pitched 2 2/3 innings, allowing five runs, five hits, and striking out four.

Overall, the Mustangs had a successful weekend. Cal Poly won 5-1 on Friday as Joe Smith out-dueled Michigan ace Steve Fischer, coming one out away from a complete game while allowing three runs on nine hits and striking out four. Fischer had been 5-1 with a 2.89 ERA before facing the Mustangs.

Smith’s series-opening win was important for the team’s attitude during the weekend.

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Junior Keith Anderson hammers a line drive down the line.

**Different styles in Championship game**

**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP) — Michigan State and Florida both started the season in the Top 10 and never dropped far below. Now they're the only teams left.

Similarities over.

While the Spartans are most effective in a half-court game, where they have averaged 68.2 points per game, Florida, seeded fifth, got a first-round scare from Butler before winning its bid for the national championship by running and learning from. It effectively beat Michigan State forward Andre Hutson said Sunday.

Michigan State starts three seniors, while Florida has one team and plays seven sophomores and freshmen in the rotation.

"Our youthfulness has won us a lot of basketball games this year," said Kenyon Weeks, Florida's lone member of the Class of 2000. "I don't know if that's going to be a big problem in this game."

The Spartans were going to use an age-old method to prepare for Florida's full-court press Monday night.

"We always go against six or seven guys in practice and I'm sure we'll have a bunch of players out there today," Michigan State forward Andre Hutson said Sunday.

Florida coach Billy Donovan believes people are getting the impression the Spartans play their game, it will be a long night.

But if the Spartans are able to force the Spartans to play their game, it will be a long night.

When Florida faced North Carolina on Saturday, it showed the stamina needed to win a championship. It built a big lead at the start of the game, but the Spartans didn't look back after getting ahead at the start of the second half. But if the Spartans are able to force the Spartans to play their game, it will be a long night.

"They think it's just running and packing up high post shots," Donovan said. "We put a tremendous emphasis on guarding the 5-point line. Basically, every team in the country when they go to practice, is going to practice their half-court offense. We try to be as disruptive as possible and take teams out of what they practice on a regular basis."

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**Sports Trivia**

**Yesterday's Answer:**

The four coaches to manage both the Mets and Yankees were Joe Torre, Dallas Green, Casey Stengel and Yogi Berra.

**Congrats Joel Bigelow!**

**Today's Question:**

Which former Oakland Athletic was the first relief pitcher to save at least 40 games in four different seasons?

**Scores**

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- Softball vs. Fresno State  
  - at Fresno State  
  - 6 and 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

- Women’s tennis vs. Idaho  
  - at Santa Barbara

**FRIDAY**

- Men’s tennis vs. UC Riverside  
  - at Cal Poly  
  - 1 p.m.