Youth in custody after road rampage

By Sarah Goodyear

An Avila youth is in custody on seven charges relating to his Thursday night vehicular rampage through downtown San Luis Obispo. Four people were injured when he stole a 1995 Range Rover and drove it through Farmers Market.

A 16-year-old Pakenfield man was taken to Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center and treated for severe leg injuries. He then turned and headed the wrong way down Marsh and turned into the lot on Broad Street where he broke through a barricade and turned onto Higuera Street, where many people were still walking after Farmers Market. He drove down Higuera Street, striking a fire hydrant in the street entrance, causing an accident. Police were in pursuit, and the driver attempted to exit the highway at Osos Street. The vehicle was traveling too fast and hit a guard rail, rolling the car until it came to rest in a ditch next to the Osos Street entrance.

The driver tried to run on foot, but police quickly apprehended him.

Candidates are more than names on fliers

By Kirsten Orsini-Mainhard

Students often see plenty of paraphernalia for each candidate during election time, but they rarely get to know the person behind the campaign. The following profiles on three candidates for Associated Students Inc. president provide the insight that cannot be found on their posters or campaign fliers.

Starting out young

Engineering junior Samuel Abele delved into student leadership while he was still in high school. Aside from being a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, Abele was also the head manager and statistician of his high school basketball team. "In terms of Cal Poly, I think my dad being a history teacher has taught me a lot about government, and I understood the process," Abele said. Abele's major goals for ASI are to change the recruitment process and increase enrollment to make ASI a more open organization.

ASI does not offer enough opportunities to let people be involved," Abele said. "I have created a low-commitment to high-commitment recruitment program called the ASI leadership degree."

Abele currently holds the position of College of Engineering representative on the ASI Board of Directors. He said one of the biggest problems in ASI results from presidents who have no previous experience on the board. "This leads to conflicts over scope of responsibilities," Abele said. "With my background on the president's staff as the director of university affairs and my three years on the board, I hope to overcome that challenge.

Abele said he will use his skills as an engineer to increase communication between ASI and Cal Poly. "I will do my best to create better communication between ASI and Cal Poly," Abele said.

Go light the world

Women's Programs advisers Susanne Kelley, Pat Harris and Erin Duran express their support for the ReMEmber and Take Back the Night Candelight March last Thursday. The silent walk through Farmers Market brought together students and community members protesting violence against women and sexual assault.

Engineering students give kids wings

By Robin Nichols

The Society of Women Engineers took an elementary school group to new heights Thursday afternoon. Three Cal Poly students taught 14 Shell Beach Elementary School students the mechanics of airplanes through a hands-on project called "How Things Fly."

The program was set up by mechanical engineering junior Jessica Phillips, a SWE member and outreach coordinator. The Lucia Mar School District asked her to set up a physics demonstration for an after-school program, and that spawned "How Things Fly."

"We went with an activity that we could really get excited about," Phillips said. "I hope that we spark some interest in engineering or keep them excited about learning." However, teaching elementary school students was not all fun and games. "Their enthusiasm can be a blessing and a curse. It's hard to rope the wind. They learn so much by doing, but they can't do it until they listen," Phillips said.

Holding the students' attention was the most difficult part of the sometimes chaotic presentations. Once the airplanes were finished, the children would start shouting them through the air in all directions. The students soon discovered how to attach sharp objects to the noses of their airplanes, so the SWE volunteers kept a watchful eye on the activity to prevent excitement from turning to injury.

The lesson consisted of combining technical engineering terms for airplanes with the age-old activity of making paper airplanes. The students learned about fuselages (which house crew, passengers and cargo) and airfoils (portions of wings used in rolling) while making replica parts with matches, tape and sheets of paper.

"(Their teacher) agreed that the children enjoy most, and consequently learn the most, from these types of hands-on activities," Phillips said. Phillips coordinated the event with another SWE member, co-outreach coordinator and mechanical engineering junior Jessica Boswell. SWE also coordinates events with area Girl Scout troops and a shadow program with high school students. There are many volunteer opportunities available through SWE, as well as chances for engineers to make contacts in their field. SWE is a national organization with a Cal Poly chapter that organizes dances, banquets and industry dinners for its members.
A diamond in the rough

Campaigning has begun and the campus is strewn with a rainbow of different colors. Among the purples and blues are the bright orange campaign T-shirts and posters that belong to presidential candidate Ishmael Hall.

Hall has a simple explanation for his choice of bright colors.

"I like orange," he said.

After serving a year as a College of Architecture representative on the board, Hall is back for more. He is running as a write-in candidate after arriving 15 minutes late to a mandatory candidate meeting. Aside from his previous ASI experience, Hall said his time in ASI isn't the only reason he feels qualified for the position of president.

Hall said that making mistakes has given him a lot of experience that will help him as president.

"I've made some big ones, but I have learned from them," he said.

Hall's key to promoting a more unified student body is building a more involved student life. He has also aided him in getting his message out, "I wanted to use as little paper as possible and use different ways to get the word out," Hall said.

Hall has received a lot of support from students, and local vendors have also aided him in getting his message across.

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Got legs?

It must be the most overlooked phenomenon in all of history. Slowly, but surely, the human race is forgetting what their legs are for. Somewhere along the way, we have confused them with wheels.

Remember legs? Think red blood. They're those things that we use occasionally, like when our remote control is on the blink or our car breaks down.

The idea of walking as transportation is becoming as extinct as the dodo bird.

We live in an age where America's love affair with the automobile has diminished our ability to stand up and put one foot in front of the other for more than a few yards at a time.

We live in San Luis Obispo, a town of just over 10 square miles. Yet our parking lots are packed with cars and we are even having a new parking structure put in. The overabundance of just over 10 square miles. Yet our parking lots are packed with cars and we are even having a new parking structure put in. The overabundance of automobiles is due to a majority of people driving cars from home, rather than utilizing our excellent bus and train resources.

It can't be that it is too tiring for us. Every day, the gym is packed full of people walking and running, trying hard to get in "shape." It can't be the added time element, either, or no one would have time to work out.

It is the American ideal that causes us to want to haul ourselves in cars everywhere we go. And that ideal is backed by greed and fostered by the motto "I want it. I want it now." Once again, the polluted human ego has confused the word "want" with "need."

Automobiles discharge deadly fumes everywhere yet we continue to use them as if they were pumping out air fresheners.

The truth is, automobiles spew carbon monoxide into the atmosphere at a distantly high rate. This gas is the most pervasive poison in our environment, and tens of thousands of people seek medical attention every year because of it.

The atmospheric ramifications are great and take a long-term toll on our air quality.

Another overlooked side to the problem increase and delusional "need" of people to use private transportation everywhere they go is the asphalt on which we drive our automobiles.

Today's asphalt is composed of toxic substances that even the dumps turn away, yet we freely spread it over our earth as if it was the most fertile soil. Just how attractive an environment do you think asphalt and concrete are for plants and animals?

Every day we are encouraged to reuse, recycle and reduce our consumption of our natural resources, yet the second we turn the key in the ignition, we are making the greatest impact on our environment.

The solutions? Get regular car smog checks and frequent oil changes. Check out the excellent bus system in town. And for heaven's sake, use our legs - that's what they are there for, not to push the gas pedal.

Natosha Johnson is a forestry freshman who writes a weekly Earth column and walks everywhere.

Carpooling your resources

By Christine Powell

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Searching for a parking space on campus is a time-consuming and tedious task. During national earth month, try something new. When it comes to cutting down on congestion, it's the little things that count.

Riding your bike, walking, carpooling or taking the bus to campus all help in reducing pollution and stress.

Battling for a parking space, then walking a long distance to attend class does not have to be the way you start your day. There are other forms of transportation that are less frustrating, cheaper and maybe even faster than driving a car.

Rideharing is defined as any form of transportation other than driving alone. Joalice Paulsen, coordinator for Cal Poly Commuter and Access Services, is working closely with the committee in charge of the Cal Poly Master Plan to improve circulation in the city of SLO and on campus.

There are bus routes that go to and from campus all day, and bus service is free to Cal Poly students until June 30. After that, it is uncertain whether the service will be complimentary.

"Cal Poly is committed to subsidizing the bus in some form," Paulson said. "Commuter and Access Services are working hard to keep the service free or at a reduced price for students."

"Even if there is a charge, it'll still be so cheap, you'll wonder what the fuss was about," Paulson said.

If you own a bike but do not currently use it to get to school, keep in mind that there are 2000 spaces throughout campus to lock your bike. If vandalism is a concern, there are bike lockers available for $10 a quarter.

Architecture Students

Looking for an excellent opportunity?

CJW Architecture, a respected firm in the Bay Area's Portola Valley, will be interviewing on campus April 28. The firm is highly regarded for design and has an extensive project list including office buildings, schools, fire stations, custom residential and a winery. Five of the 12 staff are licensed architects, promoting an excellent mentoring environment within the high-ceiling, open studio.

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It's fun to play Monopoly with IRS money

Do you ever wish that life was just like Monopoly? You've got a lawn chair, the best spots to stand on jail free, winning bonus paydays and receiving inheritances, all while collecting $200 just for running laps! Well, I'm happy to say that this tax season came true this week, as I drew the "Bank error in your favor: Collect $200" card. What I mean to say is, the IRS made a mistake and sent me an accidental refund of $186. Let me tell you why I'm not sending it back.

Maybe the most compelling reason to keep my lucky seven is simple: I don't have to return it. It was their mistake, not mine, I did my taxes honestly. And by law, anything received in the U.S. mail is mine to keep. Therefore, this isn't stealing. Let's face it, the IRS has that chance to process my taxes properly; I shouldn't have to audit them (anyway, the irony would probably kill me first).

It's not so convincing, however. I have other reasons for keeping the money. After all, I see a moral gray area with this issue, and since I believe character counts most when nobody's looking, I need some pretty airtight logic before cashing the check. First off, it's not that much money. In the grand scheme of things, it's hardly worth the inconvenience and wouldn't be worth the bureaucratic time necessary to un-process my refund. I imagine it might even cost more than $186 in agency salaries to perform the "taxpayer returns mailback" maneuver. Even if the IRS did accept the money back, the erroneous refund would make some agents look bad. To avoid intra-agency finger pointing, the agents would likely launder my money into the office football pool before returning it to the treasury.

The government has probably cost me more than $186 anyway. Even the concept of a "tax refund" implies that I've given the government a nearly interest-free loan; shouldn't they start paying that interest back? Add in all the time I've spent in line at the DMV, all the parking tickets I could have fought and extra postage I've used, and you'll begin to realize that this money was probably mine to begin with.

I deserve a break. I've never done anything remotely dishonest (I've even jury-qualified!), I give most of my paycheck to charity, and I make sure to buy more expensive products if they come from companies without sweatshops. I don't use government services (I've never even attended a public school), and as an educated worker, I will and do pay the fair share of taxes in the future. Frankly, I feel this refund is the universe's dandy gift to me.

Instead of giving it back to the IRS money-storing shack, I'll keep the money. After all, I see a moral gray area with this issue, and since I believe character counts most when nobody's looking, I need some pretty airtight logic before cashing the check.

Ethan Pratt

Ethan Pratt is a mechanical engineering junior.

Baker needs to support anti-sweatshop measure

Editor,

On behalf of the staff at the Newman Catholic Center, I am writing to support the stand taken by Jesse McGowan and Cal Poly Students Against Sweatshops. We, too, want to urge President Baker to sign the Licensee Code of Conduct. We hope to have the assurance that all apparel that bears the Cal Poly logo has not been manufactured in a sweatshop.

It is appalling to realize the unspeakable conditions under which workers, many of them children, labor in order to produce goods sold in this country. Fair labor practices will not raise significantly the cost of goods to the consumer. A small percentage increase in the price of products would not only replace ONE with a tenure-track faculty member in my department... but... likely we will try to attract him or her (typically a Ph.D. with experience, aged about 30-35) and a family with a fantastic salary of about $40,000, with a workload that is much larger than any other state system, with a support budget that is almost non-existent. You figure it out.

Sister Mary Pat White is the associate director of the Newman Catholic Center.

Don't ignore the faculty issues at state through Tidal Wave II

Editor,

In Thursday's paper there was a front page story, "Poly Preparations for Influx via Tidal Wave II." Master Plan." Did anyone else notice the total lack of consideration for the faculty problem? What faculty problem, you say? Read on.

There seems to be plenty of money for dorms, athletic fields, transportation, but faculty? Oh, well, they will just survive. I would like to strongly suggest to your student reader that they should be very worried about faculty hiring. Not only do we need to increase the numbers to take care of the new students, but we are now going through a major depletion due to massive amounts of retirements. For example, in my department, we have had about eight faculty retire in the last few years, and only replaced ONE with a tenure track person. Apparently, it is too expensive to replace the faculty, so the test are expected to take up slack, or we are expected to hire lots of part-timers.

In the long run, what have we to look forward to then? Your children, should they be lucky enough to get in to Cal Poly, can expect huge classes, overflowing office hours, etc., in addition to an education shaped largely by large corporations, whose funding will become more and more important as state support drops.

For example, it is projected that higher education will continue to lose to prisons in the next 10 years. Higher education has already dwindled to 2 percent of the state budget (from a historical value of 5 percent in the 1970s), while prisons have risen to almost 10 percent and eventually will rise to 15 percent in the next six years. Tuition will likely rise again to fund the prisons indirecly, even though the state may well claim to have a surplus. If your tuition does go up, just think of it as paying off a new prison.

What we have is a legislature that could care less about access to higher education, a chancellor who, at best, is ambivalent toward faculty concerns, and at worst, antagonistic, and an apathetic general public.

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A. J. Buffa is a physics professor.

Let us know your opinions

Dear Mustang Daily, We are students interested in possibly becoming involved in the Cal Poly community. Who is in charge of the student newspapers? Could we get in touch with them? Thank you.

Ethan Pratt

Ethan Pratt is a mechanical engineering junior.

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"If these shoes could talk, they'd shut."
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"If you’ve ever had tomatoes from a store, this is a whole different world," professor Dave Hannings said.

Fourty-two unusual varieties of tomatoes — including white, pink, green yellow, orange, purple, black and striped ones — were available for sale. The plants were sold in 1-gallon pots for $4.50.

"The idea is to take the plant home, plant it, and produce lots and lots of tomatoes," Hannings said.

The tomatoes varied in size from grape-like fruit in large clusters to the 5-pound variety. One of the varieties grows to 25 feet tall, and several have strange shapes. While some of the tomatoes were sweet enough to use for snig, the shop also carried drying tomatoes, paste tomatoes, slicing tomatoes, salad tomatoes and sauce tomatoes.

Of the 1,200 plants for sale, the large 5-pound tomato plants sold out fast.

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on major holidays, such as Christmas Day. No professional sports games played that day. It's more important than ratings.

A couple of weeks ago, we were talking to the Mustangs' head coach Ritch Price about what it was like to coach a team that had been in the NCAA playoffs the previous year. He said, "We had some freshmen play that year and we were really happy about it," said Welch.

Since Gonzo graduated, Welch expects the quarterback position to be the one that he filled by Burford, with Cooper acting as the backup. Welch said every role on a football team requires different skills and execution. "They were the ones who had the most skills for that position," Welch said.

Burford transferred last year from Idaho State University but had to sit out his first year on the team because he was out-of-state student. During his sophomore season, he had 75 completions of 139 attempts at 951 yards. He had seven touchdowns. Cooper has been playing football since eighth grade and transferred to Cal Poly last year. He started immediately as a quarterback, Welch said.

Cooper had 19 completions out of 48 attempts for 242 yards. Coach racked up two touchdowns and four interceptions. Welch said he has 90 yards for 22 starting positions, plus a kicker. Normally, there are two people for each position, Welch said.

Cooper said the new quarterback, who will begin their season in August, will be beneficial to the team. "It'll be a good experience," Cooper said. "We only have two quarterbacks right now, and we definitely need a few more." Welch said he is happy with the performance of Cooper and Burford so far, and looks toward next year with a positive attitude.

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on Thanksgiving, there should be no professional sports games played on Christmas Day. Despite this, players and coaches have been allowed to enjoy the holidays with their families. Reggie Miller of the Indiana Pacers expressed these sentiments after a game on Christmas Day: "I was one that did not want to be here. However, we are in the entertainment business so we had to be here," he said.

Television networks should schedule their telecasts around the games instead of vice versa, the way it is now. In this case, tradition is more important than ratings.

Matt Sterling is the assistant sports editor. E-mail him at msterle@calpoly.edu.

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I think as we played the two games out, we had a chance to win and let it get away. Now it's kind of a disappointment.

Ritch Price, head coach

ground-out put runners on second and third with two outs. The Titans won 7-5 after outfielder Jason Allen hit a center field to end the game.

Friday, the Mustangs lost a heart-breaking 8-7. But Stansall closed the door on the Mustang comeback, pitching the final 2 1/3 innings without allowing a hit.

With several wins over top 25 teams and a strong late-season record, the Mustangs are still hoping for a bowl bid. However, winning the series against Fullerton would have greatly helped their chances.

"We hit the ball good enough, we pitched good enough, but we just didn't get it done in the field," left-fielder Allred said.

Cal Poly was unable to drive in a single run after the eighth inning, the Mustangs had still in there with it. It just goes to show that if we're playing at our peak level, we can beat these guys.

One of the main culprits was the usually sure-handed short stop Brian Oxley, who committed three errors on Friday and one on Saturday. Cal Poly surrendered five unearned runs because of errors.

Despite six errors on Saturday, Cal Poly had a chance to walk away with a win. In the bottom of the eighth inning, the Mustangs had the bases loaded with two outs, but Cal Poly was unable to drive in a run after Oxley struck out looking.

Still down by two runs, Poly had another chance in the ninth inning when catcher Keith Anderson and outfielder Kyle Albright delivered one-out singles off Titan reliever Kirk SIaants. A Kevin Tillman
The sport is more important than ratings

Television ratings are taking over sports. Game times are being dictated by the television audience and not by tradition. Television is a great medium that allows us to watch sports, but it should not be making the schedule.

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Some sort of concession needs to be made to eliminate this mockery of baseball. Playing games on holidays also needs to be eliminated. Except for such exceptions as the Dallas Cowboys and Detroit Lions playing on Thanksgiving.

Who's throwing the rock?

Poly quarterbacks battle for starting spot

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The battle has begun to see who will be throwing the ball for the football team when it opens its season in September.

The Mustangs are looking to fill the hole left when 1999 starting quarterback Andy Jepson finished his Cal Poly playing career. Seth Burford is the early favorite to start for the Mustangs, while Kevin Cooper is penciled in to be his backup.

There is also competition coming in from the high school ranks, as Dale Rogers from Alta Loma and Nick Fritz from Rancho Cucamonga battle for a backup spot.

Both quarterbacks face an uphill battle, though, in trying to unseat the incumbents Burford and Cooper.

Normally, upperclassmen win the starting quarterback position, but head coach Larry Welsh's experience signals it to be his backup.

The Mustangs' offense generated plenty of runs on Friday and Saturday, but the defense committed 10 errors leading to five unearned runs in the games.

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