Residents disagree on car permits
By Jon Hughes
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The San Luis Obispo City Council decided unanimously Tuesday night to establish the College Highlands Parking District, designating the Highland Drive area near the Cal Poly campus a permit parking zone. It will be similar to the Slack Street and Grand Avenue districts and two others in the city of San Luis Obispo where those wishing to park in the area between certain hours will need a residential city permit to do so.

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“There are a lot of students living on the street and it seems the decision only represents the families’ wishes,” Brewer said.

Brewer is not the only one who is unhappy with the new restrictions. Following the council’s decision Tuesday night, residents in the area reported numerous acts of vandalism to some of their houses, including broken windows, uprooted trees and an empty cat.

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Protesting the penalty
By Evan Gastaldo
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Chumash Auditorium was overflowing last night for a lecture by Sister Helen Prejean, author of “Dead Man Walking.” The event, which will take place at 11 a.m. in the parking lot on the Cal Poly campus, was held by the Newman Catholic Center, which coordinated the event. About 20 people joined the march.

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Vehicles of the future will zoom around campus Saturday at the Cal Poly’s Electric Vehicle Engineering Club’s second annual electric transportation exposition and electric vehicle rally.

The event, which will take place on Drexler Lawn, displays different forms of alternative transportation, including electric and hybrid vehicles, bicycles and electric scooters.

Anastasios Hionis, EVEC president and mechanical engineering senior, realises the importance of educating future owners of electric vehicles and is putting the event together in order to raise the awareness of potential owners.

“Almost every major automobile manufacturer will have for full production in three years an electric powered vehicle,” he said. “(The public) may be driving this type of vehicle in the next four years. This event is a chance to stop and see and ask questions to find out about what is going on.”

EVEC is an organization made up of students from various majors who develop competitive electric vehicles and educate people about alternative fuel vehicles. The club members bring information they learn in classes to the club to help create electric vehicles.

“We are trying to kill the misconceptions that they are slow,” said Joyce Chow, an architecture senior and the club’s vice president. “We want to show that electric vehicles can be high performance. There are obvious things – they are good for the environment and they don’t have the expensive maintenance like oil changes and engine rebuilds.”

The electric vehicle rally will take place at 11 a.m. in the parking lot on the east side of Drexler Lawn. The event aims to raise awareness with electric vehicle exposition.

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Professor dies from colon cancer
By Raul Vasquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly construction management professor John Kubasiak, whom many students regarded as a "father figure," lost his battle with colon cancer on Tuesday.

Students say Kubasiak was popular, and he related very well with them.

"He wanted to see students succeed in school as well as in life," said J.D. Crans, a construction management senior.

"He will be sorely missed - he touched so many lives," Crans said.

Kubasiak served as faculty advisor for the Associated Students of Cal Poly Construction Management (ASCM) club.

Kubasiak was a self-described "financial wizard" who enjoyed reading the Wall Street Journal line by line. Crans said He was actively involved in the financial market, and he always put things into the simplest terms for students.

Kubasiak is also affectionately known to his students, always spoke frankly about the construction industry, said Alison Chapman, treasurer of ASCM.

Kubasiak received his bachelor's degree from Loyola University in 1963. He received his master's degree from Pepperdine University in 1973.

He had been a faculty member at Cal Poly since 1979. Kubasiak received many distinctions during his career.

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Chumash Auditorium was overflowing last night for a lecture by Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the U.S."

The lecture drew about 1,200 people from all around the country and outside counties, said Sister Theresa Harpin, director of the Newman Catholic Center, which arranged for Prejean to speak at Cal Poly. Harpin estimated that about half the audience was made up of students, and the other half community members.

Prejean's book was made famous after it was turned into a 1995 film, "Dead Man Walking," starring Sean Penn and Susan Sarandon.

"I loved the mix of the student community and the local community," Harpin said. "It was really a good mix of both, and that's our goal, to bring these things to people.

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Babes and chicks
Kristina Kreutzer, agricultural business junior, right, holds out a chick for Jacob Bellah and his father to see up close. Several other kinds of animals were brought to the ASI Children's Center as a petting zoo on Thursday.

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**PARKING**

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Tollage and dog feces left on
downtown.
Mayor Allen Settle said despite
some students' frustration, the des­
ignation of parking districts is no th­
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Yosemite offers courses in real life

By Erica Tower
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Incredible Geological Formations 101, Rare Wildflowers 203, Tremendous Yosemite Association (YA) Lakes 115 and Endless Starry Skies 210. Wish the Cal Poly spring catalog offered unique courses like these? The dream is not too far off, as the nonprofit Yosemite Association (YA) encourages students to take a “learning vacation” in California’s backyard with various Yosemite Field Seminars offered February through October. These one- to five-day programs are designed to emphasize the distinctiveness of Yosemite National Park. They will give participants a unique look into the region’s natural entities and amazing history that they would not be able to experience on their own, said YA seminar coordinator Penny Otwell.

The educational program is sponsored by the YA, and provides direct financial support to promote park stewardship and enrich the visitor experience. YA currently offers 51 different seminars. All course fees go directly back into programs that support the interpretive, scientific and environmental research of Yosemite National Park, Otwell said.

Courses include a variety of subjects such as general natural history, flowering plants, insects, birds, wildlife, Native American Studies, pioneer history, photography, painting and nature writing, to name a few. Rigorous backcountry backpacking and hiking classes are offered as well. “The courses are designed for people who want to stretch themselves both mentally and physically,” Otwell said. “Some classes may even be taken for college credit.”

Classes are led by professors who travel from different universities throughout California to share their expertise on certain subjects. Class sizes are also small in order to ensure excellent interaction between students and teachers.

“There are no more than 12 to 15 people in each class,” Otwell said. “This allows for a positive learning environment and great group camaraderie that students need in order to fully experience Yosemite as the great geological commandant it is.”

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It’s a great way to look at Yosemite from the inside out rather than the outside in,” she said. “Whether you have never visited Yosemite, or are extremely familiar with the park, there are courses for everyone.”

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“I was arrested and convicted of criminal misbehavior in Stateline, Nevada. Lake Tahoe is a great place to visit and vacation, but please remember to behave responsibly. I didn’t, so I was sentenced to 10 days in the Douglas County Jail. As a condition of my release, I agreed to publish this as a reminder to others.”

Erik Dürrer, Defendant
Richard Glasson, Judge
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***************THIS IS A PAID ADVERTISEMENT***************
Opinion

Today's issue: Mardi Gras' bright shiny beads

Go crazy on Mardi Gras/Keep it down this year

Mardi Gras is the best celebration that San Luis Obispo has to offer, so take this opportunity to get out and enjoy yourself.

This year will be the city's 12th annual Mardi Gras celebration - one of the biggest west of the Mississippi. It's where San Luis Obispo really lets loose. The numerous festivities will start Saturday at the Mission Plaza, where there will be a full day of activities going on from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be food, crafts and activities designed to enhance the Mardi Gras celebrations.

Traditional children's favorites, such as face painting and mask making, will be among the activities of the day. Also, costumes and other Mardi Gras novelties will be for sale at different booths throughout the plaza.

Food booths will line the plaza with authentic Cajun cuisine. Classic Cajun dishes, like jambalaya, boiled crawfish and my personal favorite, red beans and rice, will be available. And we can't forget the annual popular gumbo cook-off. It makes my mouth water just thinking about all the delicious food.

Dancers, musicians and other performers will spice up the plaza with festive sights and sounds. This year's Mardi Gras has all the makings for a great party, but the real fun comes later.

The downtown bars are really where it's at for the celebration. Mardi Gras is when San Luis Obispo ditches its quaint image and proves this town is about more than just studious twenty-somethings and bed-bound retirees. People really let loose and get down, which is the whole point of Mardi Gras: to get in on the best event of the year.

The annual parade will be held on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 27, the official day of Mardi Gras this year. The parade will start on Market Street at 6:33 p.m., but the sledders will fill up early, so get there early to get to a good place to view the festivities. According to The Tribune, as many as 30,000 people could attend the celebration this year. I can assure you, not all of those 30,000 are looking for a wholesome outing for the whole family.

The parade is my favorite part of the Mardi Gras celebration because it's the perfect mix of color, time and energy into the creation of San Luis Obispo's kick off to Mardi Gras. It's amazing to see ordinary locals turned into wild revelers.

In addition to the strolling hot costumes, creatively decorated floats will have people on board who throw colorful beads and glittering goods out to the spectators. It's so much fun to totally let go and race into the streets with the color. It's so much fun to totally let go and race into the streets with the color.

The Mardi Gras celebration is a great place to go and people-watch. There are so many people in such a tiny area that you almost forget it's the small, quiet city of San Luis Obispo. People get so caught up in the moment that they let it all hang out - literally.

Take this one day of the year to do the same. Go downtown and enjoy all the festivities that Mardi Gras has to offer, those sanctioned by the city, and those that aren't. Have a spectacular time, get dressed up, and indulge yourself.

Of course, last year's Mardi Gras celebration got a little out of hand, and as a result, this year's parade was moved to Tuesday night instead of the traditional Saturday night. Don't let that stop you from enjoying the day as it was meant to be. If anything, there will be fewer crowds keeping you away from all the glitter and gluttony.

Mardi Gras is a worthwhile celebration that is bursting with creativity and flavor. Don't miss out on the best event of the year.

Candice Conti is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
**Letters to the Editor**

**ASI works. Do you?**

**Editor,**

Based on the number of corrections Mustang Daily has recently been forced to print, it appears its editor's main objective is to create controversy and blame, rather than do real research and get their facts right. To prove Mustang Daily the trouble of including yet another correction box, I've written the following response to your February 21, 2001, editorial, "Students want ASI to work, not just talk."

If you're looking for one answer to how Associated Students Inc. works for the students, you should have read the Mustang Daily article, "Programs aim to address students' needs." Printed in the same issue as your editorial, it explains just one way ASI is working for the students.

If you're not convinced by that, here's a short list of what ASI has done this year:

- Guaranteed housing would remain free for students.
- Opposed lab fees for mandatory courses.
- Created a Student Concern Center (O.S.C.A.R.) - see page 4 of Mustang Daily (Feb. 21).
- Opened library reserve room 2 a.m.
- Represented student residents at City Council meetings.
- And, yes, ASI does use parliamentary procedure during the meetings in order to maintain control and ensure details are correct. Perhaps if Mustang Daily took such a careful and detailed look at each issue they publish, they could avoid getting the facts right.

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**Editor,**

There is a widening gap in this town between the lifestyles of students and that of the residential community. It has gotten to the point that, as students, the community thinks that we should have no voice in public policy. On Tuesday, Feb. 20, we attended a San Luis Obispo City Council meeting concerning the establishment of a permanent parking district in the College Highlands neighborhood.

The College Highlands consists of the portion of Highland closest to Cal Poly, Cuesta, Dartmouth, Cooper, Princeton and Stanford. The neighbors have gathered a petition to make the area a permanent parking district only between the hours of 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. every single day! This means if you want your friend to come over to study at night, they can't, because they will get a ticket.

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We were shocked and appalled by the mockery of the democratic process that was portrayed in the City Council meeting. As students, we did not have fair representation in the City Council and specifically at the hearing. The majority of those in attendance and the members of the City Council board were over 25, and most were over 40 years old. We can't count how many people got up at the public hearing and stated that they were living in the same house for over 30 years and have never had trouble of including yet another correction box. I've written the following response to your February 21, 2001, editorial, "Students want ASI to work, not just talk."

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ASI works, but it seems all you care about is telling the student body how we think it doesn't. You've asked ASI to work, not just talk. I would encourage Mustang Daily to do a little more work before they start talking.

Sam Abome is president of Associated Students Inc.

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**Editor,**

I was fairly surprised to see in Wednesday's paper that Eminem and Elton John performing at the Grammy Awards was THE comment of the week. The comments in Mustang Daily ("Eminem andElton, together at last," Feb. 21).

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Eminon and Elton John performed for a rise editor.

To quote Austin Powers, "they're just trying to get a rise out of you. It appears as though it has worked wonders on them."

There are several reasons for which pop music is so popular. They are the global popularity: the pop music team up, and any way you look it, publicly protesting and making a rather visible effort. But the biggest reason is not the best response. An idealistic person is inclined to believe that Eminon is becoming a more peaceful person, accepting the differences of others. Still less attractive is the idea that Eminon thrives on the attention he receives from his shock-lyrics and concert of course, his duel for the Grammy awards. However, no matter how it may seem, there may even be a "kind" side to the popular rapper whose lyrics reek of discriminating and violent behavior. It is improper to assume the worst and overlook the possibility that "Slam Shady" is removing the darker side of his image. After all, it is quite possible that his objection to homosexuality is not embedded so deep in his beliefs that it may not be extracted.

From another perspective, the ostentatious entertainers is already extremely famous. He is not shy, and enjoys large audiences, so this is just another way for him to increase his audience and inflate a few more crowds.

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Conference designed to teach leadership skills

By Raul Vasquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Women no longer wear aprons around the house and churn butter all day. Today, they have grown into leaders in society.

In celebration of Women’s History Month, a women’s leadership conference has been organized to bring together students and faculty for a day of intensive learning.

The event, “Women Stepping Up: Taking Leadership to a New Level,” will be held Saturday at the Veranda Cafe from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“This year we want to put together a program that focused more on the future, instead of just looking at the past,” said Chelsea Rowian, a speech communication junior and co-ordinator of the event.

The purpose of the conference is to inform women about important future issues that will affect their lives, and to help them reach their goals in leadership, said Erica Meza, a speech communication senior and event co-coordinator.

“We want to empower women to be able to overcome obstacles, and have this conference will help them discover how to overcome the problem,” Meza said.

Pat Harris, assistant director of Leadership Education and Development for Students (LEADS) at Cal Poly, will open the conference with a motivational speech.

Heather Smith, professor of statistics, will lead a morning activity on leadership styles and boundaries, and how to apply them to the business environment.

In the afternoon, participants have the option to attend three smaller workshops led by Cal Poly faculty members:

“Problem Solving” with Bill Doster,
“Building Self Confidence” with Evelyn Alicea and
“Present Yourself Professionally” with Jane Johnson.

The workshops will operate on a rotating 50-minute schedule so that participants will be able to attend all the workshops.

“We hope to make this an annual event at Cal Poly,” Meza said.

The conference is sponsored by Cal Poly Women’s Programs, LEADS, Career Services and the Society for Women.

“I hope participants in the conference will learn about individual leadership styles and skills and how to apply them at Cal Poly and in their future careers,” said Suzanne Kelley, Women’s Programs coordinator.

Only a few more participants can be accepted. Call 756-2803 for more information.

Should student fees be adjusted to keep pace with inflation?

We have already had seven open forums and turnout had been low! This issue affects EVERY Cal Poly student! It is vital that you come, get educated, and use your voice. You have THREE more chances to get your voice heard. Questions? Call the ASI Student Govt Office at 756-1291 or come by UU 202, M-F, 8am-5pm.

Remaining Open Forum Schedule

Monday, February 26: 6pm — UU 220

Tuesday, March 6: 6pm — Bldg 33-286

Thursday, March 8: 11am — Bldg 52-E27

Remember, you must attend one of the sessions for your voice to be heard! This is your opportunity...your voice...USE IT!
**Sports**

**Mustang Daily**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The** Philadelphia 76ers hope they traded for an NBA championship Thursday when they acquired Dikembe Mutombo from Atlanta in a three-player deal that sent Tad Matson and Toni Kuko
ci to Atlanta.

Allen Iverson certainly thinks that's what will happen.

"I'd be lying to you all if I didn't say this guy could help us win a champi
onship," Iverson said. "He's a rebounder, he's an intimidator, he can change
the game all by himself, offensively and defensively. It's going to be tough for
guys to double-team him and myself."

"I'm going to Philadelphia to play with a great player," Allen Iverson, a
scoring machine who plays with "tremendous energy," Mutombo said in a statement read by Philadelphia
coach Larry Brown. "The opportunity to win a championship is certainly there."

With his team already owning the NBA's best record, Brown said the trade would be a "no-brain
term deal that sent then Ratliff and Toni

Mutombo starts of the season. Haskell is 0-0
getting no-decisions in his first two

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years. The reason for the change is the back injury that sidelined 5-10 Ratliff, who had wrist
surgery Wednesday and could be out 2-

weeks -- or longer.

"The defining moment was when
Thursday, we realized we wouldn't have Theo
for 16 to 20 games, or who knows when," Brown said. "While Theo is getting healthy, we've got Mutombo
out there."

Philadelphia also gets forward
Rashard McLeod, while center Nor
Mohammed and rookie guard Pepe
Sanchez move to Atlanta.

The Sixers believe the 7-6-foot,
34, will match up well
against the Western Conference's big,
teet centers -- particularly the Los
Angeles Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal, San
Antonio's David Robinson, Portland's
Arvydas Sabonis and Sacramento's
Vlade Divac. The Sixers originally had
projected the 6-10 Ratliff as a power
forward, not a center.

In addition, Brown suggested that
Ratliff's injury to his shooting hand
could be more serious, although gener
al manager Billy King said the 76ers
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when," Brown said. "While then is

"To be successful at the Pac-10's,
you have to be focused on
wrestling," Gharst said. "You've
been working hard all season, so
now is the time to second-guess
your preparation. At this point,
everyone is in shape, it's just a mat
ter of how hard you want it.

Several other Cal Poly wrestlers are
looking to build on successful
seasons. Freshman Brody Barrios
(165 pounds), junior Chuck Sandr
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more David Schenk (197 pounds)
al have 18 or 19 wins. Each
have a strong chance to reach the
20-win plateau, as well as place at the Pac-10 Championships. Barrios is
currently ranked No. 4 in the Pac-10, and Schenk is ranked No.
2.

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"Coach told us we would have
to take our laps early on and that
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**Mustang traded to 76ers**

When he tries to get his first win
against Pepperdine's Jay Adams, after

getting no-decisions in his first two

starts of the season. Haskell is 0-0

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Wrestling travels to Pac-10 championships

By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The time has come for the Cal Poly wrestling team to prove that its nine-match duel to win stake to close the season was no fluke.

This weekend the Mustangs will head to Eugene, Ore., to participate in the Pac-10 Conference Wrestling Championships, held Sunday and Monday and hosted by the University of Oregon.

Ten Cal Poly wrestlers will attempt to qualify for the 43 spot available for the NCAA Championships March 15-17. The top four in each weight class will qualify for the NCAA Championships, plus three wildcard spots selected by the coaches as the tournament’s conclusion.

Cal Poly is currently ranked fourth in the Pac-10 conference. Head coach Dennis Cowell said he likes his team’s chances of finishing at least that high or better at the Pac-10 Championships.

“There are five or six guys that really have a shot (at a Pac-10 Championship),” Cowell said. “If we stay with the way we've been working physically and mentally, and believe in ourself, we’ll have a chance.”

see WRESTLING, page 7

Softball set for five games at UCSB Invitational

By Brian Milne
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly softball team must endure one last road trip before opening its new ballpark March 3.

The Mustangs travel to take part in the UC Sunny Brablers Easton Invitational this weekend.

Cal Poly opens against Colorado State today at 3 p.m., followed by Texas A&M at 5 p.m. On Saturday, Cal Poly takes on Auburn at 3 p.m. and Utah at 5 p.m. The Mustangs will play Virginia on Sunday at 9 a.m.

The Mustangs need to continue their success against top competition when it takes on No. 10 Pepperdine (8-1) this weekend.

The Mustangs (7-2) beat No. 11 Arizona State (6-2) last Friday over San Diego, 5-0, in a 7-0 shutout by Cal State Fullerton.

“Our record at the Diamond Invitational did not show some of the areas that we have potential in, and we did not get it done on the field,” said Mary Yori, first-year Cal State head coach. “We are excited to go out and play this weekend because we need to continue on a roll we have had off the Las Vegas tournament. We scored 31 runs in five games, which was very positive.”

Ronni Sperry (.417), Nicole Dandy (.379) and Kasey Poir (.346) led that offensive onslaught.

“We need to continue to try to continue where we left off at the Las Vegas tournament. We scored 31 runs in five games, which was very positive,” said Mary Yori, first-year Cal Poly head coach.

“We need to do a better job situation-hitting, like with runners in scoring position,” Price said.

The starting pitcher for the Mustangs on Friday will be Jared Blasdell. The senior is currently 3-0 on the season, with a 4.05 ERA. Daniel Haren will be the starting pitcher for Pepperdine. Haren is currently 3-0 on the year, with a 2.37 ERA. Blasdell led Cal Poly to a 5-1 win last Friday over San Diego, throwing the second complete game of his collegiate career.

Tyler Finch will take the mound against Pepperdine's Noah Lowry on Saturday afternoon. Finch is 1-1 with a 4.05 ERA - tied with Blasdell for the team lead - while Lowry is 3-0 with a 0.92 ERA.

Brian Haskell will lead the Mustangs back to Baggett Stadium, see BASEBALL, page 7

Baseball faces Pepperdine in three-game set

By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly baseball team will look to continue its success against top competition when it takes on No. 10 Pepperdine (9-3) this weekend.

The Mustangs (7-2) beat No. 11 Stanford in the season opener.

The Mustangs will play a game in Malibu. They will play another game in Malibu on Saturday at 1 p.m., before coming to San Luis Obispo for a game on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Baggett Stadium.

Head coach Ritch Price said that pitching is the key to Cal Poly’s success against Pepperdine.

“We need three good starting pitching performances,” Price said.

“Starting pitching is where it all begins.”

Offensively, the Mustangs need to continue to improve to keep up with the strong pitching it has been receiving.

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