Events scheduled to honor Cal Poly's 100th birthday

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard

MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

This isn't a normal birthday party with cake and ice cream and presents. This is a birthday for a school that has survived through two world wars, decades of technological advances and streams of student protests.

Cal Poly turns 100 on Thursday, a feat that won't go unnoticed.

In honor of a university that has served hundreds of thousands of students across the generations, Cal Poly History Day will take place March 8.

"We have a slogan for the Centennial Celebration," said Dan Howard-Greene, executive assistant to President Baker. "A century of achievement and a tradition for the future." It's the century of achievement that will be the focus of History Day, slated to begin with a reception in Kennedy Library at 11 a.m.

At the reception, one of Cal Poly's biggest presents will be given to the university: a book spanning the history of the school. The book is titled, "Cal Poly: The First Hundred Years," and was written largely by Nancy Lee, assistant library dean for Collections Management and Special Collections.

"We wanted to showcase a lot of things we have in archives that people don't get to see," Lee said. "It's a great way to show people the breadth of history."

The archive staff of the library came up with the idea for the book two years ago, and the production of it was coordinated by the library staff, Lee said.

The book covers Cal Poly specific events, such as when women were banned from campus in the 1930s and then readmitted in 1956. It also details the university's reaction to national events throughout the ages, Lee said.

There are also special sections on campus entities such as
8-year-old brings gun to school

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An 8-year-old boy was briefly taken into custody Monday after bringing a gun to school and allegedly threatening a third-grade classmate.

"He said he's going to shoot me. He said he's going to make it a blood bath and throw me in the Dumpster," Fatimah Edwards, 9, told WCCL TV. She reported the threat to a teacher, who called police.

The boy brought the 9 nm gun in his book bag.

"Ammunition was there, but the gun was unloaded," police Sgt. Roland Lee said.

Investigators did not yet know where the boy got the gun. No shots were fired, Lee said.

City police detectives questioned the boy several hours before releasing him Monday evening, said Lt. Sue Slone, a police spokeswoman.

The boy, whose name was not released, will not face criminal charges. Under Pennsylvania law, children under 13 cannot be charged, said Carrie Abokou, a spokeswoman for the Philadelphia district attorney's office.

Around campus, the boy had a trademark: a navy blue sweatshirt he liked to wear with the hood pulled over his head.

Classmates say he liked Limp Bizkit, a platinum-selling rock band known for its driving music and angry lyrics.

He and his father, who worked at a nearby Navy base, moved into her apartment building in August, Willis said. He enjoyed video games, liked "The Simpsons" TV show and had stacks of CDs in his bedroom.

Before moving to California, Williams had lived in Maryland; his father worked at Fort Meade, Maryland. His mother lived in South Carolina with an older brother, Mike, and Williams enjoyed visiting her for the weekends.

The boys killed two classmates: a 15-year-old friend and a 14-year-old boy who had a smile on his face as he allegedly opened fire with a handgun near a local skate park, where he was seen as a troublemaker over the weekend but did not report him to authorities.

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"He was like, 'I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry,'" Wilson said.

Williams did not like school, but none of the boys recalled him being picked on, except being teased about his big ears.

His mother lived in South Carolina with an older brother, Mike, and Williams enjoyed visiting her for the holidays. "If you talked about his mom, he'd get really mad," Wilson said.

In Suntee, one fellow student told the AP, "If you're a good kid" who "does nice things to kids and staff, but nothing big."

He hung out at a local skateboard park, but bystanders there were quick to deny he was part of their crowd.

"It's not something he would do. He didn't sit there and plan it out step by step. He wasn't sick in the head like those Columbine kids," Around campus, the boy had a trademark: a navy blue sweatshirt he liked to wear with the hood pulled over his head.

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Napster ruling bans copyrighted songs

By Kate L. Rakoczy
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(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Over the weekend, the popular music-sharing Internet site Napster started blocking its users from downloading copyrighted materials.

Napster announced its plan to limit user access Friday in federal court, where attorneys for both Napster and the recording industry presented oral arguments before U.S. District Judge Marilyn H. Patel. Patel is in the process of redrafting the injunction that will shut down Napster indefinitely, pending the outcome of its trial against the recording industry.

Napster has already restricted access to over 1 million songs, Napster attorney David Ritles told Netscape.com.

Boies said Friday that Napster needed the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) to send it a list of those copyrighted albums and songs that should be removed from the Napster index. In response, the recording industry has submitted a list of more than 6,500 songs.

This latest move marks a series of concessions by Napster since the severe blow it was dealt several weeks ago, when the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals voided the opinion that Napster users infringe on copyrights, and that "Napster materially contributes to the infringing activity."

Cal Poly students also utilize the site, and have varying opinions on whether it violates songwriters rights.

"It's absolutely (does). For one thing, writers write songs to get revenue," said Morgan Engel, English junior. "Napster sells these songs for free, infringing on their right to earn revenue."

Despite the recent filtering of copyrighted songs, the record industry is still far from ready to sing Napster's praises.

"It's important for me to give some credit to Napster today," said Hilary Rosen, CEO of RIAA, during a Friday press conference. "I think they came into court trying to be productive. I still think that they've got a way to go."

Rosen pointed out that Napster's agreement to ban access to certain files seems to be in contradiction with previous claims that it was impossible for Napster still cannot examine specific file names, and that "Napster materially contributes to the infringing activity."

&#8230;and will go on long after Napster dies."

Robin Nichols contributed to this U-Wire report.

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Among the coughing crowds aboard a Boeing 737, I read a book about Richard Nixon and pondered the meaning of life. I reflected on a weekend spent with some of the most selfless people on earth, a refreshing escape from the constant self-centeredness that inherently accompanies our current stage in life. How wonderful a respite from the ceaseless questions of "What does my future hold? What am I going to do when I graduate? What does the world have to offer me?"

As one who is constantly plagued with these undoubtedly important questions, I was reminded of JFK's famous statement, "Ask not what your country will do for you — ask what you can do for your country." If we internalize the larger notion to which Kennedy is alluding, we begin to see that what the world has to offer us in return is the opportunity to serve. Now, before you write back explaining how slavery has long since been abolished in our country, allow me to explain.

Each of us is given an out in our help to maintain the forward motion of this great ship of human existence. We long to find what brings us happiness, and one universal and undeniable truth is that at least a portion of happiness must be derived from giving back.

We are humans, fundamentally knew that our needs are better met through a collective effort. The ancient formation of societies and civilizations attests to this fact. What we are is a few ourselves when we are giving end of this provisional relationship. We begin to expect that because of our wealth or beauty or education that chances in life ought to be look in all the strong places for what started out as noble objectives, but through a loss of perspective have become all the wrong things.

Too often the foolishness of this tainted world pollutes our pure ability to decipher what is true. In our personal quests for joy and happiness, we lose sight of what really matters. We slowly begin to seek pleasure instead of joy and settle for appeasement over satisfaction. This piercing truth is true in the strong places for what started out as noble objectives, but through a loss of perspective have become all the wrong things.

We can only truly realize our worth as human beings and the full extent of our strengths and gifts by putting them to use — not in order to see what their application can bring to us, but for the benefit of others. The sweeter feeling that comes from selflessness is irrepeable and unattainable through any other means.

While I do not deny that each of our individual futures is of great significance, I hope that none of us loses sight of our greater role among humanity — the role that we have as contributors and providers and givers. I put great truth in the idea that there is more joy in giving than receiving. Let us not forget this principle as we embark upon a world that tempts us to focus on our selves and deludes us into believing that we are somehow above giving back. When we reach this point we become unapproachable and matless, and complete happiness becomes completely inhibited.

Jenny Rosner is a political science senior.

Police dogs need protection, too

Police dogs in San Luis Obispo County recently received an invaluable gift that could protect them from getting hurt, or even save their lives, when faced with a dangerous situation.

Through the Vest-A-Dog program, K-9s were given specially made bulletproof vests to use on shift, giving them the same level of protection as human officers.

Commentary

Jenny Rosner is a political science senior.

Police dogs in Atascadero, Paso Robles and Pismo Beach currently have the vests, and the City of Arroyo Grande is holding fund-raisers to buy one for its dog.

The vests cost anywhere from $450 to $700. All the money for the vests comes from fund-raisers, not tax dollars.

These new vests have raised some questions, though. Although the money was raised, some people wonder whether it was money well spent. It seems that human life should be more of a concern than a dog's life in any situation. And since San Luis Obispo County is relatively safe, it doesn't seem necessary that money is spent on dogs.

But by protecting dogs, handlers and other police officers are more protected. K-9 officers said that they're often put into riskier situations because of their other police officer are more protected. Tod Rehner, a K-9 handler in Pismo Robles, told The Tribune that his chance of being involved in a shooting goes up 35 percent because of his dog. K-9s are put into the most dangerous situations, because they're often sent into buildings first if there's a potentially dangerous situation, meaning they could be shot. Rehner said the most dangerous part of being a K-9 is tracking fleeing suspects. They are sent after people who really don't want to be caught by police, and the suspect will be more likely to shoot at the dog if carrying a weapon. The dogs only wear the vests in high-risk situations, like when they were called into a bank robbery situation in Atascadero a few months ago. The suspect fled to a hotel where a brief standoff took place. The dogs were sent into the room first.

Rehner said that although the dogs won't have to wear the vests that often, they're helpful because the dogs are always sent into dangerous situations first.

Training a dog to be a K-9 officer is also very expensive. Most come from expensive bloodlines and go through extensive training. They can cost thousands of dollars, and it's not an easy process getting a new one.

The dogs are bred and taught by private companies, and must be trained with a police handler. Departments must come up with the money if they need a new dog.

The bulletproof vests can cut down the risk of having a dog hurt or killed in the line of duty. These vests cost just a few hundred dollars, all paid with raised funds. A new police dog costs thousands and is paid for with tax dollars.

Police dogs are also more than just animals. Of course, basic animal rights sentiments apply, but these dogs are thought of as partners by their handlers. They form tight bonds, and human officers will protect their dogs just the same as they would a fellow human. K-9s are officers just as much as human cops. They are hired to serve and protect, and do their jobs the best they can. Humans should return the favor by protecting these dogs in any way possible.

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Should student fees be adjusted to keep pace with inflation?

Read the following objective statement, financial analysis, pro statement, and con statement. You will have nine opportunities to attend a forum to voice your opinion or ask any questions. By attending any of the forums, you can voice your support or non-support of the proposal. Call the ASI Student Gov't Office at 756-1291 or come by UU 202, M-F, 8am-5pm.

Objective Statement

The establishment of campus-based mandatory fees has been based on the desire to provide programs and services not ordinarily funded through the General Fund allocation process. These fees were established without consideration for price inflation and the collateral effects on the services and programs being provided. The result is that fixed fees, without the benefit of a price-indexed increase, gradually erode the quantity and quality of programs being provided. The Inflationary Fee Adjustment Proposal would provide a mechanism under which campus based mandatory fees could be adjusted annually in line with the effects of inflation.

Price indices are used to measure the rate of inflation affecting the buyer. People are most familiar with the Consumer Price Index which measures the changes in prices paid by consumers for food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and other common goods and services. However in 1975 the U.S. Department of Education began funded research to create the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) to measure the effects of inflation on the current operations of colleges and universities, using a basket of goods and services relevant to higher education institutions. The Inflationary Fee Adjustment Proposal provides use of HEPI in calculating the annual adjustment of campus mandatory fees.

Pro Statement

Since California stopped additional funding to Cal Poly for its higher-cost Polytechnic majors, the University has had to find cost efficient and innovative ways of generating additional funds. Part of this effort included working with students to institute special fees, like those for the Health Center, for Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fee, Campus Service Card fee, and the University Union fee. The revenues from these fees provide funding for programs and services that benefit the student body at-large.

Financial Analysis

The Inflationary Fee Adjustment Proposal seeks to neutralize the impact of inflation on the University's ability to provide quality programs and services to students. Inflation is the increase in prices for the same goods and services that occurs without the perceptible change in either quantity or quality of the items involved. The table below shows the inflation rate, as measured by the Higher Education Price Index, over the past nine years.

It is evident from the chart that the buying power of these programs and services has decreased over the past ten years without the benefit of a mechanism for increasing revenues. Increases to the campus mandatory fees would be based on a rolling average of the previous 3 years' HEPI. The averaging would moderate any spikes in the inflation rates.

The table below shows the campus mandatory fees that students currently pay and an estimated amount that students would pay under this proposal, effective Fall Quarter 2001. The estimated increase is approximately $6 per quarter or $18 for the academic year. This proposal would generate a total of approximately $305,000 based on 1999-2000 enrollment and would be distributed proportionately to the fee.

Con Statement

If you support tying our fees to a price index, as is being proposed, you risk endorsing a philosophy of constant fee increases. If you calculated the additional expense on a five-year term (Fall 2000 Spring 2005) at Cal Poly at the current level (3% of the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), a student would incur as a result of the indexed fees the following:

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Bjorklund said, "(The voters) look at the team's records, and the players on the first teams had better records. I thought I had the stats to get there."] Head coach Kevin Bromley had high praise for Bjorklund, the Cal Poly all-time scoring leader. "If you're looking at the overall career (at Cal Poly), he belongs on the first team," Bromley said. "But, to be honest, he hasn't had the stats to be on the first team this season." Forward Varnie Dennis joined Scott on the All-Freshman team.

Bjorklund and Scott both downplayed the individual achievement, focusing instead on the upcoming Big West Tournament game against No. 1 seed UC Irvine.

"The award gives me confidence, but if I didn't win I would still have it. I'm always going to try to play hard," Scott said.

Forward Jennifer Mayes was selected as Big West Scholar Athlete of the Year, and she will be honored on Thursday in Anaheim.

UC Irvine guard Terry Green was selected Big West Player of the Year, and his coach Pat Douglas was named Coach of the Year.

Representatives from the women's basketball team were named to all-conference teams as well, with point guard Odessa Jenkins earning a nod on the second team.

"Getting the award is big to me because I pride myself on my defense," Jenkins said. "I worked a lot in the summer and I listened to the coaches." Forward Katie Patterson was named to the All-Freshman team.

Getting the nod for women's Big West Player of the Year was Long Beach State's Jackie Moore, and UC Santa Barbara coach Mark French collected the Coach of the Year award.

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Scott named Freshman of the Year

By Matt Sterling
MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS EDITOR

On a day when both basketball teams were preparing for their first-round foes in the Big West Tournament, both the men's and women's teams were bestowed with awards from the Big West.

Cal Poly's star freshman Jamaal Scott was named Freshman of the Year, an honor that he said will give him extra motivation heading into Thursday's game with UC Irvine. "People are going to watch me a lot more, but I've got to build and keep working," Scott said.

The slashing guard averaged 15.2 points and 5.6 rebounds per game, and led the Mustangs with 28 blocked shots. The team finished the season with a 9-11 league mark and 9-16 overall record.

"One drawback was that our team didn't do as well as others, but I think I was deserving of the award," Scott said.

This marks the fourth Freshman of the Year from Cal Poly. Forward Chris Bjorklund received the honor in 1997-98, Mike Wozniak in 1996-97, and Ben Larson in 1995-96, when the Mustangs won the Big West title.

Since Cal Poly is an independent school, Ellerson said it's kind of a free-for-all when it comes to finding the teams to play. He said there are about five teams that Cal Poly plays the most, including Sacramento State, Northridge, Utah State and UC Davis.

"To find other teams to play, Ellerson said coaches used to use word of mouth to see who had an opening. But a new service for Div. I-AA coaches should ease some scheduling problems. A new Web site came online to be determined," Ellerson said.

"Before, it was just wherever had an opening. It was pretty haphazard," Ellerson said. "We're definitely getting better, you're going to be at the top."