Police say false alarms cost money

By Erica Tower
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In light of two Cal Poly students who were reported missing, many people wonder what happens when missing students aren’t really missing at all. The University Police Department spends extra time, resources and money attempting to locate individuals, who in some instances, have simply forgotten to tell their roommates where they are going or when they will return. Twenty percent of funds comes from student fees.

According to a University Police news release, this process is quite taxing considering that dozens of police agencies and related organizations are often involved in the process. Regardless of the circumstances in which a person is reported missing, the case is prioritized above all other efforts that may be important.

Last year alone, the Cal Poly Police Department investigated 22 “missing persons” cases and 28 “attempt to locate” cases, in which students who were supposed to check in with a roommate or parent failed to do so,” said University Sgt. Steve Schroeder. “In the case of a missing person, it can cost over $1,000 in time, resources and working with investigation agencies to locate these people, when such a situation could have been prevented.”

The University Police Department is funded by two sources. Approximately 80 percent of its money comes from the student fees and the remainder is supplied by the university budget.

Carnival offers tips on health

By Sonia Slutzki
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By Raul Vasquez
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In previous years, Peer Health set up “Love Carefully Week” and “National Condom Day” during the week of Valentine’s Day. The events usually target safer sex, sexually transmitted infections and general sexuality issues. Students usually felt uncomfortable approaching the booths for information, Mountin said.

This year, Mountin came up with a different approach.

“We didn’t want to turn people away from the carnival with too much info,” she said. “So we decided to include all kinds of spring break related things that would be fun and educational at the same time.”

Each student will be given a pass to participate in the carnival. Those who go through nine of the 11 booths will be entered into a drawing for several prizes. Prizes will include free coupons for local stores and restaurants, such as Blockbuster.

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“We want to make it as easy as possible for students to get to class, but we are encouraging them to please walk their bikes through the zone,” Anderson said.

The “Walk Your Bike” zone is located in the campus core, which is bordered by inner Perimeter Road.

Currently the University Police Department is issuing warnings to bicyclists who fail to walk their bikes. This is part of a month-long effort by the department and the Bicycle Task Force to educate the Cal Poly community about the policy changes by posting new walk zone signs.

“Riding a bicycle isn’t safe in this area, but at the same time, we wanted to encourage students to use alternate modes of transportation,” said Cindy Campbell, programs manager at Public Safety Services.
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The information we have from the evidence and the witnesses (in the sus-
psect was firing randomly at anybody who was going by," Lewis said. "Any
student who was going by he was shooting.

Authorities said the boy was cooper-
ating in interviews but they could not
shed further light on his possible

Witnesses "all said he was mad at
something. We don't know if he was
mad at the school, mad at students,
mad at home," Lewis said. "He was an
angry young man.

Although school was closed Tuesday,
students, parents and others gathered
outside to place flowers at a makeshift
memorial site and grave. The school is
to reopen Wednesday to give students
a chance to talk about the shooting.

One victim, 18-year-old Barry
Gibson, was released from a hospital
Tuesday, will be charged as an adult with
murder, as.sault with a deadly weapon
and gun posession. District Attorney
Paul Pringle said the adult prosecution
is mandatory under a ballot measure
approved last year, and the boy could
face multiple life terms. Arraignment
was set for Wednesday.

Pringle said the gun belonged to
Williams' father, Charles -a lab techni-
cian at the Naval Medical Center-San
Diego- since July it had been stored in
a locked cabinet, investigators said.
Authorities said they removed seven
tiles, a computer, a plastic case filled
with papers and files, and about a half
down bags filled with evidence from the
Williams' apartment.

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Cal Poly general fund, which is allocat-
ed by state taxpayer dollars, while 20
percent comes from student fees, said
Bob Dennis, interim vice president for
Student Affairs.

"In cases where the person really isn't
missing, this money could be better
spent in other areas," Schneider said. "It
is common courtesy to let people know
where you are or don't worry that someth-
ing has happened to you." The University Police Department is
stressing the importance of missing per-
son reports after the two students who
were reported missing by room-
mates Feb. 12 failed to return from a
weekend camping trip.

After a two-week search and investi-
agation, Animatch Travels, a mechan-
ical engineering senior, and Israel Green,
an industrial technology student, were
found Feb. 25, when they were stopped
by Sagin County authorities in Wash-
ington. Apparently, they failed to
let family and friends know that
they had extended their weekend trip.

University Police Chief Tony Acihi
encourages Cal Poly students to assist
the police department and other police
agencies by giving a responsible friend
or family member the following infor-
mation if going somewhere outside of
their normal routine:

- Where you are going
- Who you are with
- When you expect to return
- If you plan changes
- Contact numbers where you can be
reached

The goal is not only to reduce the ex-
penditure of resources, but to alleviate
the unnecessary anxiety of friends, fami-
ly and agencies involved in the investi-
gation, Acihi said in a news release.

News
Details emerge in shooting

SANTEE, Calif. (AP)— The "angry
young man" accused of killing two fel-
low students fired randomly and still
had eight bullets in his gun when police
called him in a school bathroom, inves-
tigators said Tuesday.

Friends said the 15-year-old freshman
accused in the nation's latest high
school Bloodbath talked about his
plans over the weekend, and they took
him seriously enough to put him down
before classes started Monday.

Over adult friends warned Charles
Andrew "Andy" Williams not to com-
mit "a Columbine," and tried to call the
boy's father but didn't follow through.

No one is known to have reported the
threats that preceded Monday's attack
that also wounded 13 at Santana High.

During a news conference, autho-
rities said the boy could have been
much more if not for the swift actions
of a sheriff's deputy and an off-duty
police officer who was on campus to reg-
ister his child in the school.

When Williams surrendered, his 22-
caliber revolver was fully loaded with
eight rounds, its hammer cocked, inves-
tigators said. He came to school with as
many as 40 rounds, investigators said.

"I do believe that if it had not been
for the conduct of the people involved
it would have been even worse," Sheriff
Bill Kolender said.

The boy fired indiscriminately, sher-
f's Lt. Jerry Lewis said. Most of the stu-
dent but were struck, as they fell down
a hallway between the school's library
and administration office.

"The information we have from the

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Sycamore hot springs, McCloud's, Big Sky and others.

"The sponsors were very happy with the idea of the carnival," said
Rojan York-Dominguez, a health educator at Health Services.
"Sponsors were brought in to entice people to participate.

One of the games will be "Safari Challenge," where participants will
have to go through an obstacle course while wearing beer goggles.
Another booth will be a game of sexual trivia questions called, "Get
Liri." Winners will receive a Hawaiian lei.

There will also be a booth on skin care-

-Sun and Skin won't just be
about skin care in the traditional
way," York-Dominguez said. "It will
have information on nutrients and
vitamins that reduce your risk of
getting sunburned."

The project has been in the
works for about three months and is
fully funded by Pear Health's educa-
tional budget, York-Dominguez said.

Other participating groups will be the Craft Center, Poly Escapes,
Recreational Sports, University Police and SAFER.

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By Michelle Hatfield

Working out the details

Body composition testing was originally the only assessment test offered by the program, but van Doom wanted to expand the services to include the other three assessments. This idea spiraled into a senior project for van Doom.

"I felt that body composition testing gives people only one aspect of fitness," he said.

Megan Thomas, a political science sophomore, had her body composition tested and said that she would encourage others to be tested.

"I would recommend this to everyone," she said. "It produces a lot of good information. It can't hurt to know about yourself."

The testing is open to Cal Poly students, faculty, staff and alumni only. Van Doom said the reason for this is that he didn't want to intrude on other clubs in town that offer the same tests. Van Doom especially encourages students from all majors, not just kinesiology students, to come in and get tested.

"Health and fitness is important to everybody," he said. "We want to reach everybody."

Testing is by appointment only 8 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Mondays, 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. A client information meeting is held in building 43, room 250. To make an appointment, call 756-6169.

Van Doom especially encourages people an idea of the types of exercises they should be doing. The results of the tests help the client and staff draw up a fitness goal and an exercise prescription, van Doom said.

The cardiorespiratory fitness test is useful for people who are having problems with their heart or have heart disease. During the test, people are tested on a treadmill, bike or use a Stairmaster for eight to 15 minutes to determine their sub-maximal estimation. The sub-maximal estimation is the point just before an individual is working at his or her hardest capacity, van Doom said.

The muscular fitness test is a weight and strength training assessment that lasts between 15 and 60 minutes. During the test, people are tested on grip strength, sit-ups and push-ups.

There are three different ways to measure body composition. Van Doom said the most accurate is the hydrostatic weighing, which measures the water displacement when a person enters a water tank. The skinfold test measures the diameter of skin thickness when it's folded using calipers. The lean measure of the three is the painless bioclectrical impedance analysis, van Doom said. For this test, an electric current is sent through the body, and body fat is measured based on the resistance met by the current. "Body composition testing tells a person their overall fitness level," van Doom said. "It uses quantitative results to compare where you were and where you are."

The last test, flexibility, uses the sit-and-reach and universal goniometer tests to measure the range of motion in any joint in the body. The test is useful for people who are having problems with their joints and who just want to know their range of motion, van Doom said.

The tests are part of the Exercise Testing and Prescription Program.
Alcohol won’t taint Disney image

"The happiest place on earth" just became a little happier. Disney’s new California Adventure theme park opened Feb. 8 and will be the first Disney venue in Anaheim that will serve alcohol.

Some people say that alcohol doesn’t belong in a Disney theme park because it runs Disney’s image of innocence. Those people are wrong.

The whole point of the California Adventure theme park is to replicate California experiences by making them aesthetically correct. In order to do that, Disney needs to be able to show all the diversity that California has to offer. One big thing that California is noted for all around the world is its wines. Wines are part of the California dream, so it makes sense that the park would feature wines that are made in California.

The Golden Winery attraction at the new California Adventure Park isn’t just about drinking and selling alcohol. Guests at the new Disney park will be able to see historical films about the winemaking process, taste and purchase wines or enjoy a meal at a restaurant modeled after the Vineyard Room at Mondavi’s Napa winery.

Because of the nature of the wine country exhibition, it does not seem like serving alcohol would be gratuitous at all. Disney is merely trying to educate people about the state of California by replicating the true California experience. After all, the wine industry in the Golden State is just as important to California as Hollywood fame and beachfront amusement.

Although it may seem shocking to some that a Disney park will sell alcohol, it is not a new rule. The only Disney parks that don’t allow alcohol are the Magic Kingdom parks: Disneyland in Anaheim and Disney World in Florida. Disney has always allowed alcoholic beverages to be sold in Epcot and Disney MGM Studios. This doesn’t include all the parks that Disney has outside of the United States that have alcoholic beverages available on their premises.

Most people know how to consume alcohol in a responsible way, and serving alcoholic beverages to people of legal age doesn’t seem like it would hinder the Disney experience for anyone. After all, it’s not like the new park is going to be a party haven. Serving alcohol is just a nice addition for adults to enjoy, and why shouldn’t they be allowed to drink, anyway? Just because there is alcohol for sale in the park doesn’t mean that people are going to get out of control. If someone does get out of control, however, park security will be there to take care of the problem. California Adventure has park policies relating to alcohol. There is no glass allowed in the park, so no one can walk around with alcohol in a glass. If someone buys alcohol in one of the restaurants, wineries or bars, they will have to put their drink in a plastic cup before they leave the area. Parents shouldn’t worry about their kids seeing other adults with alcohol because it won’t be noticeable.

Disney’s new California Adventure theme park does allow alcoholic beverages to be sold. To some people that may seem non-Walt Disney-like, but it’s nothing new for the Disney company. If people don’t like the fact that alcohol is being sold at the new park, they can always go to the Magic Kingdoms where liquor is still taboo.

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"Think of writing for Mustang Daily as a gift from the 'Make A Wish Foundation.'"
What will Cal Poly be like after its next 10 years?

A lot of students and nowhere to live.

It's going to be overcrowded because they keep over-enrolling.

I think people will still be wearing their fakies and tennies. Not much is going to change.

It's not going to be a set campus, [but] a virtual learning environment.

Itty bitty, we'll have a six-story building, and a transportor between classes.

Stop looking for Martian life

The thin air provides little protection from radiation or sufocation. The dust storms destroy all visibility, and the temperature changes create an unbearable situation. No, this is not from, it is the surface of Mars – the infamous red planet.

In a historic press conference on Aug. 7, 1997, NASA announced it had found a Martian meteorite four years prior. Although there were others.

Commentary

As much as it is, this particular meteorite was special.

NASA scientists pronounced that the meteorite provided evidence of ancient, fossilized microscopic life on Mars. Since this announcement, NASA has been openly researching the possibility that life once existed, and may still exist, on Mars.

How is it to be found? What is the best way to search for microorganisms living on Mars?

MarsNews.com, a website addressing Mars-related issues, tackles the potential implications of the机遇: "If life on Mars is ever proven to exist (or have existed at some point in time), it would mean that the creation of life is not something that happens because of freak chance or divine influence, but is in fact a probable occurrence given the right conditions." Creationism aside, isn't that what basic high school biology teaches students in study of evolution?

Despite what seems to be already understood scientific discussion, NASA seems deter mined to discover how far the reaches of life on Mars extend, past or present. However, in its attempts to study the elusive red planet, NASA is spending billions of dollars – much of which is wasted.

NASA recently lost the $125 million Mars Climate Orbiter and its companion, the $165 million Mars Polar Lander. Plus, two $29 million microscope attached to the lander's spacecraft provided nothing but disappointment for scientists looking for new evidence. One of the spacecrafts failed because of a simple math error.

Now NASA wants a chance to redeem itself for its failed missions. In April, NASA is scheduled to launch the Mars Odyssey, a cleverly named orbiter meant to survey the atmosphere and mineralogy. In 2003, when the alignment of the planets is right again, NASA will send twin rovers to the planet to study its surface. After this, at least four more missions are scheduled before 2011.

NASA estimates that this Mars expedition will cost $400 million to $450 million annually. These millions must come from somewhere – taxpayers.

Pouring millions of dollars into the exploration of Mars at this time seems ridiculous. I understand the curiosity of scientists to know if an organism does exist elsewhere in our galaxy. However, these missions are costly and obviously not so reliable at the present time. The millions could be spent more wisely in education.

(Perhaps then there would not be trice math errors destroying a spacecraft worth millions of dollars.)

The problems here on Earth deserve attention before NASA uses more government money to develop mountain-dollar missions to Mars. After all, there are no Martian men, and scientists already understand the idea that life will flourish if certain elements are present. Plus, regardless of whether life once existed somewhere other than Earth, people probably won't suddenly drop whatever beliefs or non-beliefs they have in a “god.”

There are homeless people here, malnourished elderly here and undereducated children here – not Mars. Before we dive into a never-ending attempt to study the other planets in our galaxy, we should focus our energies – and our money – on making this planet a better one.

Janelle Fossett is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
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It will continue to be illegal to ride a bicycle in the campus core, and violations will be subject to a $25 fine.

The task force will also place bike racks throughout the zone wherever possible.

According to a 1999 survey, approximately 7.5 percent of Cal Poly students ride a bike to school.

For more information about the Bicycle Task Force, the new bicycle access to the campus core or other forms of alternative transportation, call Debra Anderson at 756-6602.

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

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

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

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ers. Last year, a few players were more interested in getting drafted than in strengthening the team spirit, he said.

This year, the players have less pursuit of personal gain and more emphasis on team spirit, he said.

Last season for Thompson including his

strong defensive play and ultimately looking back ending with a solid year. "If we win the next three games it will give the momentum that it needs to go into Regionals," he said. "I have been more relaxed and have faith in God that all things will work out for me."

Thompson said that he had a slow start in his Cal Poly career, but his hard work has begun to pay off - he is never

Phil Thompson, Mustang outfielder

Things certainly have changed from last season for Thompson including his attitude.

"This season, I just want to have a good time in my senior year," he said.

"It's a privilege to be playing on this field on the account that it took so long to build."

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McCutcheon that Brondley return as head coach next year.

But despite all those factors and his rebuilding positive demeanor Cal Poly has to look off campus for its next men's basketball coach.

The main reason to bring someone else in is for recruiting purposes.

To a potential recruit Cal Poly's 3:11 conference record, 281 RPI (measure of strength of schedule) rating out of 319 schools and the possibility of playing in Morey Gym for four years isn't too enticing. Unfortunately for Brondley, recruits will see a link to the team's recent struggles.

But an outsider can create a fresh date that would be appealing to a recruit.

He can promise a new game plan. He can promise a team on the rise with Freshman Player of the Year Jamaal Scott. He can promise an entire new program.

Make no mistake - this is a critical time for the Mustangs.

The Big West is on its way to eventually being made up of entirely California schools. The stronger rivalries and the hope that more California talent stays in-state means the overall talent in the conference should see a little rise.

These factors, mixed with all the assets Cal Poly and the city of San Luis Obispo have to offer, make landing a top assistant from a top-tier school more than feasible.

Joe Nolan is a journalism senior. E-mail him with questions or comments at jnolan@calpoly.edu.

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Changes paying dividends

Outfielder Philip Thompson has adjusted his hitting approach from last season and improved his game

By Byron Samayoa
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Philip Thompson wraps his wrists every day. He started doing it for good luck, but now it has become routine. It seems to be working, though, for this Cal Poly outfielder who started the season on a tear after finishing last season with lower than expected statistics.

Thompson attributes his success with the Cal Poly baseball team this season to a change in strategy and his faith.

"Last year, I started taking a lot of strikes," he said. "But Head Coach Ritch Price understood and told me to go back this year and be more aggressive."

Thompson, a kinesiology senior, has played right field the last two seasons for the Mustangs. Hailing from Palomar Junior College, he tied for in-league home runs while hitting .326 with nine RBIs, which is second on the team.

Another positive change this year for Thompson has been getting to play in the Mustangs' new home, Baggett Stadium.

"It's a privilege to be playing on this field on the account that it took so long to build," he said. "The other senior players and I didn't think we were going to see the completion of this project."

The stadium was supposed to be built before Thompson arrived in 1999, however, it wasn't opened until this January.

Ultimately, the team's new lineup has been the most helpful with the success of this San Diego-area native.

"This year the team has tons of new and young players," he said. "The new and old players gelled well."

He explained that this year there has been zero controversy among the players.

Men's basketball faces critical coaching decision

After the tumultuous ride that has been the 2000-01 men's basketball season, nothing would be better for the program than upsetting the conference's top team and making a little noise in the Big West Conference Tournament, which begins Thursday.

But to predict a Cal Poly upset of No. 1 seed UC Irvine, you would have to be foolishly optimistic or just not paying attention all season.

Led by Big West Player of the Year Jerry Green, the Anteaters are enjoying their finest season in recent memory and are expecting nothing less than a conference championship.

The Mustangs, on the other hand, slide into the tourney fresh off a chugging by Utah State on national television.

So logically assuming the Mustangs season ends Thursday night, the next order of business is to decide if Cal Poly will bring interim head coach Kevin Bromley back on a permanent basis.

When his predecessor, Jeff Schneider, resigned in mid-August, Bromley quietly stepped into his first head coaching position. The task of turning around the season was a large one to place on a first-year Division I coach, and it definitely hasn't worked out like many had hoped.

But very little, if any, of the blame belongs to Bromley.

This is a team, even when Brandon Beeson was healthy, was at best eight players deep. And the poor defense consistently displayed was a byproduct of Jeff Schneider's system. Any wrinkles Bromley added, such as the 1-1-3 defense, cannot be analyzed based on half a season.

Bromley is also so well respected by his players that the day Schneider resigned, the Mustangs' all-time leading scorer Chris Byrland told me he would recommend to Athletic Director John see THOMPSON, page 7

Women's hoops faces Pacific in first round

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The women's basketball team will be facing a familiar foe when they tip off the Big West tournament this afternoon in Anaheim. The Mustangs will face the University of Pacific Tigers, a team that defeated Cal Poly twice this season.

Pacific is led by all-conference forward Selena Ho, who averages 15.1 points a game. The 5-foot-5 junior is second in the conference in scoring and shoots 40.2 percent, including 41.4 percent from beyond the arc. On Saturday, Ho lit up a lackluster Mustangs defense for 18 points on five-of-seven shooting as the Tigers defeated the Mustangs for the second time this season.

Senior Millee Kimpton is the other Tiger averaging double figures. The 6-foot-2 forward is good for 13 points a game.

As a team, the Tigers (10-4 and 17-10 overall) shoot 41.8 percent from the floor, while the Mustangs (11-16 and 5-9) hit 36.8 percent of their shots.

Sophomore Caroline Rodgers, (10.2 ppg) leads the Mustangs through their offensive attack. The 6-foot-2 forward is coming off her best game of the season and will likely be the center of attention on the offensive end.

Defending champiosn UC Santa Barbara (12-2 and 19-8) enters the tournament as the No. 1 seed. The championship game is scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m.

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:
Bobby Knight coached at Army before his tenure at Indiana.

Congrats Aaron Lambert!

Today's Question:
Who won the 1984 NBA Championship?

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