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Tonight parking gets messier for students, better for staff

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Once 4 p.m. rolls around, faculty and staff members often find themselves fighting with students in the struggle to park.

During this fall, however, faculty and staff were given a slight advantage when 150 parking spaces were restricted for use by faculty and staff until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Students can still use all other parking spaces after 5 p.m. with any valid Cal Poly parking permit.

The newly designated spaces are located in parking zones C-2, C-4, C-5, H-4, H-10 and H-11. Parking zone C-2 is alonguesta Avenue, C-4 is the stretch along California Boulevard and the railroad tracks, C-5 is located by the Air Conditioning Building, H-4 is by the Agricultural Engineering Building, H-10 is next to the Math and Science Building and H-11 is by Agriculture Building.

The zones are identified with white and orange curbing and the word "Staff 7 a.m. to 10 p.m." stenciled in each space.

Temporary signs attached to A-frames have been placed in lots for further identification. In addition, yellow wording was added to the gray information signs at the lot entrances.

The need for restricted staff parking is a result of the increasing number of evening classes being offered each academic year. According to a press release from the University Police Department, faculty and staff members have had difficulty finding parking near their on-campus destinations after 5 p.m. The addition of 10 evening classes this fall has only heightened concerns.

Doreen Jordan, parking services coordinator, explained that University Police took a conservative approach in handling the shortfall of parking.

"We took the summer and we took the time to do it because that's a big change," she said.

In order to see which areas would be most useful to evening faculty, a map was made identifying the location of fall classes. Jordan explained that evening classes were charted by the day of the week and by the number of classes offered in each building. From that information, the department was able to identify areas that would be best for faculty parking, she added.

Professor Mark Arnold reaches a journalistic climax this fall during evening hours. He said that overall, the new designated parking spaces will probably be positive change, since, in a polytechnic college, a lot of people from the industry come in to teach and many of them teach night classes.

On occasion, Arnold said that he has to leave campus for dinner or a late meeting and although he doesn't mind walking, he said it is nice returning to campus without having to worry about being shut out by students.
For those concerned about "America's Strike Back" on Afghanistan, "The Good, The Bad and The Politic" is a forum seeking to educate the public on America's political process.

Due to the attacks of Sept. 11, Cal Poly's forum event has expanded to include the topic of terrorism by adding two experts to the panel. The event is scheduled for Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Cohan Center. The forum was originally planned eight months ago, and will be Cal Poly's sixth public forum in an ongoing series.

Herb Kimm, forum director, said the reason for the forum's abrupt change to include terrorism as a topic of discussion was due to the recent attacks.

"When the attack took place, we decided to change the forum to make it more relevant and more timely," Kimm said.

Newly added to the panel is Vernon Fennet, a recently retired career diplomat from Washington, D.C., whose responsibilities as a NATO political adviser included advising on how to deal with terrorists.

Also joining the discussion will be Jim Persson of San Luis Obispo, who conducts training courses in terrorism preparedness and awareness for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

According to a Cal Poly press release, Dave Compton, KVEC radio talk show host, columnist and book author will moderate the forum. Other panelists will include Patricia Ireland, immediate past president of the National Organization for Women; Scott Humble, president and chief executive officer of Common Cause; Jeff Cohen, founder and president of Accuracy in Reporting; Roslyn Brock, vice chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and Larry Noble, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics.

Kimm hopes that the forum will provide an update on the situation, as well as give the community the comfort and reassurance that the United States is dealing with the attacks in an effective manner.

Besides adding two new panelists to the forum, two panelists had to decline after the change in the forum's focus. Panelists Margaret Carlson, chief political reporter and columnist for Time magazine, and James Albertine, president of the American League of Lobbyists, will no longer be speaking.

Kimm said that Carlson was asked to remain at her desk in case of any breaking news stories. Of the Albertine, Kimm said, "felt it was the wrong platform for him to speak on, due to the forum's change in focus."

Political science Chair Danne Long said she thinks students will benefit from the forum by becoming better aware of the political process and how the decisions made will affect them personally.

"Students have a lot to think about because they will be the most affected," Long said. "These are really exciting times with important issues being discussed at large in the community."

Admission is free and the event is open to the public. Audience members are encouraged to ask questions and bring personal observations about the recent attacks.

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Spending, tax cuts stimulate economy

By John M. Berry

The Washington Post

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Using government spending and tax cuts to stimulate an ailing economy has always been an uncertain process, and finding a mix of the two that will do the job in an economy changed by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will be far more difficult than usual, according to many economists.

The key difficulty is that the attacks did far more damage to the psyche of American consumers and business executives than they did to the U.S. economy's overall capacity to produce goods and services. If consumers are afraid to travel or spend on planes, or don't feel like taking vacations, lower federal taxes overcome those emotions.

"The problem is the near-term decline in consumption and the psychological impact of concern about terrorism and security. No one knows how long those psychological impacts will last," said Mickey Levy, chief economist at Bank of America in New York. "History suggests that short-term, quick-fix fiscal stimulus, while well intended, has a poor track record of achieving what it's intended to do.

On Friday, President Bush, responding to complaints from congressional Republicans that the administration was ignoring too much new spending, proposed a package of roughly $60 billion in tax cuts and $15 billion in additional spending to help workers hurt by the sagging economy. Congressional Democrats want a balance between spending and tax cuts, noting the growth might increase spending by businesses and lower-income individuals. But some economists believe that much of the individual tax reductions would be saved, rather than spent, and that for the economy's long-term growth, necessary, doesn't add to economic growth.

In the long run, a higher saving rate would be positive for the economy; many economists maintain, but they stress that added saving is not what is needed to combat the recession. Economists Charles Schultze of the Brookings Institution, who has been watching and participating in the making of fiscal policy since the

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early 1960s, and a number of other economists agree: To stimulate the economy in the short-run, addition­al budget appropriations need to be for programs that "spend quick­ly" and then terminate. Similarly, tax cuts need to go to households that are most likely to spend the money rather than save it, he said.

"This is close to a one-off kind event, something nearly without precedent," Schulte said. "We have never been threatened on this scale before." Consumer confidence was at record highs then, jobs were plentiful in most of the parts of the country and business profits were surging upward. Instead, the attacks came after a year and a half of slow growth that had left the economy edging the edge of recession, huge losses on the stock market and a near collapse of business investment.

Moreover, the country faces the need to make some large, ongoing expenditures that are necessary but are not going to be payed for by a recent stimulus. For instance, the increased expenditures that are necessary but made to make an informed and rapid decision toward the research. Howland said.

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is that a physician, as opposed to a sci­entist, operates the project. In this way, the SCI Research Advancement will perform the treatment on the patient will have direct access to the researchers and full knowledge of the outcome.

This will allow the physician to make an informed and rapid decision for the appropriate application of new treatment, without having to go through the standard bureaucracy to get new medical treatments to the clinics," Ambler and Boldracco wrote.

SCI Research Advancement mem­ber, according to the researchers, is also a social sciences social scientist at Cal Poly, said that the organization is relying on neurons of the SCI Research Advancement to get new medical treatments to the clinics," Ambler and Boldracco wrote.

To perform two experiments, Levesque requested SCI Research Advancement to give him a total of $260,000 for lab time and lab assis­tance to operate on SCI patients for 12 to 18 months prior to operating on human spinal cords, Howland said.

"For those first 250 rats, his (Levesque) going to remove a section of spinalcord, throw it away and bridge the gap," Howland said.

The second experiment will involve rats and humans where Levesque will reconstruct the chronically injured spinal cord by generating genetically engineered neural cells to be transplanted in the spinal cord. If this research yields positive results and if new therapies become available, then SCI Research Advancement will begin on human spinal cords, Howland said.

According to Ambler and Boldracco, the SCI Research Advancement's overall goal of these projects is to identify which of the treatments have a poten­ tial to be used on humans, and to obtain preclinical data to support clinical trial protocol." With $260,000 needed for the project which is part of an Italian Collaborative and organization which provides rehabilitation and treatment for orphans and street children.

Latin America

COLOMBIA — The Colombian government has suspended the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia came to an agreement with the peace talks late last year, a new discussion.

While not much progress was made, the agreements have continuing possibilities for future negotiations. FARC has agreed to not commit the mass kidnap­ings that it has used in the past and has promised to cease fighting.

In November, the Latin American parliament has been introduced in new laws which are being debated by a referral committee. The bill was then referred to Congress. Over the last two years, over 9,000 have attempted to immigrate legally to Australia.

South Asia

Pakistan — Pakistan has pledged to support the United States's war on terrorism in Afghanistan. Pakistanis troops have already been sent to secure their Afghan border and some of the country's airspace was used in Sunday's attacks.

Pakistan's government has expressed regret that its attempts to convince the Taliban to hand over Osama bin Laden to the United States were unsuccessful.

But some of the Pakistani people do not agree with their government. Pakistan's largest demonstration was demon­strated against America. Secretary of State Colin Powell will travel to India and Pakistan next week.

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**El Corral: the story behind making a profit**

By Stephen Harvey

Students dread the start of a new quarter. Not because of tough course loads or hard professors. Students are hit with tuition, rent, food and gas, and on top of that, they have to pay hundreds of dollars for textbooks.

El Corral Bookstore is run by Cal Poly Foundation, a non-profit organization which has exclusive rights to food sales and text media sales on campus. Phil Davis, associate director of operations for El Corral, explained that nonprofit businesses run by the Foundation do have to operate at a positive profit ratio to survive.

"We cannot operate at a loss," Davis said. Cindy Giambalvo, El Corral's courseware department manager, explained that El Corral bases its textbook prices largely on the price the store paid the publishers. Then, freight costs are added in, which is higher for El Corral than some other universities because the publishers are shipping from the East Coast. El Corral also adds in the cost of repossession for any books left over in the past. Then, it adds the cost of running El Corral — payroll, store improvement and equipment replacement. Finally, El Corral adds in the cost of the University Services contribution.

When ordering books, the bookstore takes into consideration the number of years that Cal Poly has been using the edition and how long it has been in print. El Corral has a 7 percent buyback rate, Giambalvo said.

"Most of the publishers will not sell you the old edition if the new edition is on the shelf."

Patrick Munroe
journalism department

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**Oligopoly: the key players involved in setting textbook prices**

By Lacie Grimshaw

Books are a required element of almost every class at Cal Poly. They often amount to the largest expense for students after housing and food. But unlike other costs, students have few choices in textbook prices and little knowledge of why certain textbooks are selected.

Students don't know how much they'll spend on books until the cash register prints a receipt. At the same time, when teachers select books they often have no idea what the prices will be.

"As a rule we know very little about the prices," said finance professor Alan Weatherford. For many teachers the only part they have in selecting books is filling out a requisition form. The form lets El Corral know what is required for the class, and the number of copies needed for each section. Other than the requisition, teachers have very little say in which books arrive at El Corral.

"The bookstore places the order, receives the books and collects the money," journalism professor Patrick Munroe said.

Since teachers have little to do with price negotiations, students can only hope that used books will be available for their classes. But because publishers change editions so often, it is hard to keep required books from being new.

Philip Davis, El Corral Bookstore associate director of operations, said publishers change editions for various reasons including current knowledge such as a new discovery, competition, and the fact that publishers will do anything in an effort to limit the sales of used books.

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Proposed student visa system has big drawbacks

(USTRADE MADISON, Wl. — Sen. Dan Feinstein, D-Calif., has proposed a bill for a six-month moratorium on foreign visas. This would prevent new international students from entering the United States to study, but it does nothing about the 6.5 million total visa holders already in the country. This in itself is something to raise an eyebrow at. However, the reason for the moratorium is to give the Immigration and Naturalization Service time to develop an electronic system to track foreign students, their spouses and their children. The program is that is all schools must report the status of their foreign students on a quarterly basis, along with a list of their classes.

A moratorium will not stop terrorists organized enough to perpetrate acts of terrorism. To ensure the safety of our children and teachers, a much stronger moratorium will be needed. And isn’t our country about justice? To do nothing shows weakness to terrorists and all those who are not attacking a race, we our country.

Kristina Skrehot is a civil engineering senior.

Not all supporters of war are racist

Editor,

As Americans, we have a right to express our opinions, whether they are popular or not, but it is not OK to wrongly accuse those whose views differ from our own. I am deeply angered at this twisting of the truth shown by the march slogan of the PSA, part of which was, "...no more racist war..." These words imply that anyone who supports the war is racist. I am deeply offended by this. It is untrue and shows a lack of understanding of the issues. On Sept. 11, our country was attacked, and civilians were intended targets. War is not to be taken lightly. The fact the friends or family could be sent off to fight, and possibly die, does scare me, but it is for a cause I believe in. To do nothing lets the guilty go unpunished, and isn’t our country about justice? To do nothing shows weakness, and to show weakness to terrorists leaves us wide open to more attacks...

Lisa Volpe is an architecture sophomore.

Our challenge is to secure human rights

Editor,

As our spinning planet gets smaller and more interconnected each year, the threats to international security are changing. The international system during the time of the Cold War was characterized by two superpowers, both equal and oppositely balanced, battling for supremacy. In this way, there was no need to stretch our imaginations to the unimaginable to many. We now happen when you combine competing economic powers. And they may act whimsically, as people often do, and will likely ponder to the lowest common denominator to get what they need for their personal vendettas. Therefore, the question we now face, “How do we respond to this crisis today?” but also, “How do we secure ourselves for tomorrow by changing the perception of America in the hearts and minds of the displaced masses around the world?” This is indeed a complicated and perplexing dilemma.

The colonial powers of the past were complicated by the peace system. The Partitioning System was largely limited to local insurgencies, and the authority of the powerful country to oust the rebels was final. But we no longer have the luxury of ignoring the pleas of the masses. Maybe all you chemistry majors can help me out with one of these: What happens when you combine extreme destitution and confronting oppression with sophisticated weapons and mass communication? An explosion, a la Langston Hughes.

The inhuman attacks against us should have been previously unimaginable to many. We now need to stretch our imaginations very little to perceive that this might not be the end, and the attacks could be worse in the future. It is not unlikely that as long as people around the world harbor deep hatred for Americans, the attacks and suffering they feel will continue to be brought into vivid detail for us to ponder. The Cold War system is clearly behind us. Our new challenge is to secure not only trading rights around the globe, but to secure human rights as well.

Brian Orion is a political science senior.

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At least you won’t remember that I’m a moron.”
Opinion

Citizens apathetic about freedom

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STA-
TION, Texas — In the wake of the
historically horrific events of Sept.
11, Congress has been faced with a
question that defines the character of our nation: Is the United States willing to sell free-
dom for safety? While the images of
terror, fear and rage remain fresh
within the minds of Americans, it is
important to take a deep breath,
collect thoughts and remain stead-
fast in the defense of the liberties
that have allowed our country to
become great.

However, this is not what is hap-
pening. Instead, Congress is con-
sidering laws that will infringe on
our rights. And the citizens of Amer-
ica seem more apathetic regarding
this issue than ever. In this time of
terror, citizens must not succumb to any hastily composed ac-
tion that would require a reduction in
the amount of freedoms.

In the government’s attempt to legis-
late an end to terrorism, the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001 has been introduced. This is an interesting legisla-
tive idea. How does one pass laws
that will prohibit militant extremists
that are willing to sacrifice their
own lives for their cause? While
one can argue that most of the legis-
lation contained within the Anti-
Terrorism Act does not infringe upon
American civil liberties, there are some notable instances that do — a substantial liberta-
tion of wiretapping regulations, the
expansion of governmental ability
to conduct secret searches (search-
clears conducted without notifying the
individuals being searched).

“How does one pass laws that will prohibit militant
extremists that are willing to sacrifice their own lives
for their cause?”

citizens whose possessions are
being searched), the ability to inderfinitely imprison foreigners residing within the county legally
without a trial, and allowing
the government to seize the assets of people accused and not yet con-
vinced of a crime.

If these newly found governmen-
tial powers were only used to catch terrorists, this might be great. But these new powers would not be
applied in a box. They could and
should be applied to any individual
questioned in all regarding America.

While the preservation of liber-
ties would have been at least a con-
scious thought in most minds, a
recent poll conducted by the Dallas
Morning News reported that 37 per-
cent of Texans would ‘forego a bit
of their personal freedoms and
41 percent would curtail some of their liberties’ for increased public safety. What happened to the negated indi-
vidualistic Texon — the Texon that
defended their freedom so vehemently when phrases like “You can take my gun when you pry it from my cold, dead hands” defined the majority view?

The numbers get worse as we
look at a national level. USA
Today reported that 28 percent of
Americans find it acceptable to videograph public places and 71 per-
cent want a national ID sys-
tem based on fingerprints and re-
trial scans. Why even make these
decisions? Has freedom become
the hijacking of the four jilters? They would not. So why stop there? If Americans
want real safety, why not allow the
government to put Orwellian tele-
scopes in our homes and chips in
our heads? Of course, there would
have to be a chip insertion station
at Ellis Island to catch all those
immigrating in. The quote at the
base of the Statue of Liberty would
have read “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning for something kinda sorta like freedom.”

This vision seems inevitable under the current regime of the American people. President Bush said the state of our nation is strong. He is correct if the strength of our nation is correlated to the number of flags we buy and the willingness of citizens to imme-
diately dispose of the fundamental values that made our nation great.

The protection of civil liberties
has never been easier. To uphold
such liberties means that a guilty
man may go free over the imprison-
ment of an innocent one, that expres-
sions of free speech might often be
attacked and that society may not be as safe as it once was or more totalitarian
states. But upholding such liberties guarantees that Americans will always be able to remain the defining characteristic of this nation that makes people proud to be American.

Todd Mace, The Battalion

America is reliving the fear of the ‘60s

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH —
Meet the new scare, same as the old
scape. For most Americans, the
new worry is a biological weapons attack
by terrorist cells, and our nation is
anxiously waiting for another unprecedented disaster.

Much like America in the 1950s
and ‘60s, when the fear was from
a nuclear attack from the Soviet bloc,
we are now subject to the constant
threat of terrorism. This is an interesting legisla-
tive idea. America does not retaliate, they
win, and they are guaranteed to
attack again. Pacifism in this instance is not only on the side of the
murderers, but ultimately on the side of letting them murder again.

Pacifists claim they do not want to
see innocent civilians being killed.
Neither do I, but over 6,000 already have, and many more are promised to be killed if we do not retaliate.

It has never been the policy of
the United States to attack civilians
nor will it be against Afghanistan.

While we are getting ready to
attack the Taliban regime harboring bin Laden, we are sending food to
feed the refugees of the country.

This is an unprecedented practice of war, and it’s done to make a point. Will Afghanistan civilians be
wiped out if we attack the Taliban en-
it’s allies? Perhaps, unintentionally.

Will Americans or other civilians of
democratic nations be killed if we do not? Definitely.

I want peace. America and other
democratic nations want peace we are
doing that; cherish, love and seek
peace. Peace can only be achieved when
those who hate it are destroyed.

As they defend the Taliban, will Afghanistan civilians
be killed if we do not? Definitely.

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Executive Director of Foundation Frank Mumford said that another big cost for El Corral comes from the $300,000 the bookstore contributes to the University Services contribution annually. Mumford explained that this money secures El Corral's exclusive rights to textbook sales on campus.

Each year, businesses run by Foundation contribute $1 million total to Cal Poly. How much each business contributes is based on how profitable the business was the year before. A few years back, when cuts in student housing on campus caused a loss in capital gains for Campus Dining, El Corral picked up the slack, Mumford said.

"That's a hidden cost we prepare for," Davis said.

For the last couple of years, El Corral has offered discounts on the top 200 titles during the first few weeks of school to get more student business, Giambalvo said. It is an effort to compete with Aida's.

Along with the published books, that El Corral has shipped, they also print their own books at the request of professors. These books are priced based on printing costs, copyright costs they pay for printing articles and other materials, and royalties, which go to faculty who are using their own published writing.

"It also depends if the professor wants desk copies or not. Then we roll that price in and the students absorb the price of that," Giambalvo said.

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"It's a brand new edition, they try and order a larger percentage because I know that no students will already have it. So there is less chance of them finding a book somewhere else," she said.

The bookstore also buys more textbooks than they sell, to make sure they are available when students need them. Fifteen percent per cent to 25 percent of textbooks are not sold and have to be shipped back to the publishers at the expense of the bookstore, Giambalvo said.

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"We haven't always had that exact amount ($300,000)," Foundation officials and El Corral administrators were unable to say for what the University Service contribution is used.

Professor Diana Devenport, a member of the Mathematics and Statistics Department, who received her degree in mathematics at Cal Poly, said, "The only problems I've had are with my students not being able to find a book," Devenport said.

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President Vladimir Putin, French President Jacques Chirac and other world leaders informed them of what was ahead because of competitive issues. El Corral just wanted to have a functional course list and this was the best way to keep up to date.

At the same time, Mumford said he did not resist buying to have a list from El Corral, but also added that most schools share information about textbook choices voluntarily because that information is considered public, since the information is coming from a public school.

In the case of Cal Poly, Davis said it was against university codes for teachers to use a secondary source, but he wasn't sure about specifics. He added that, at the very least, departments and instructors are supposed to submit the required books to El Corral so that they can better serve the students.

In fact Mumford was under the same impression that although he never signed a contract confirming his textbook reservations to El Corral, teachers were only supposed to go through the campus bookstore.

"For the 20-something years I've been here, it's been the only resource for getting books," Mumford said.

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