A few good veins

San Luis Obispo residents responded to blood donations in big way.

Emily Schwartz
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It takes the worst to bring out the best in communities like San Luis Obispo. A surprisingly large number of San Luis Obispo residents responded to last month’s terror attacks by donating blood at the Tri-County Blood Bank, said Mona Kleman, senior community relations representative. Even those who weren’t able to give blood volunteered at the center by handing out refreshments and helping out in any way they could.

“People who were able to give blood volunteered at the center by handing out refreshments and helping out in any way they could. The community was really responsive,” Kleman said. “It was emotionally overwhelming to see so many people from this community show such generosity and concern.”

For two solid weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks, long lines of willing donors extended out the doors of the facility. In fact, Kleman said the blood bank was eventually forced to extend its hours and the equipment must be used at a later date when the blood bank could better accommodate them.

“We could barely keep up,” she said. “They just kept on coming.”

During these few weeks the blood bank received more than twice as many blood donations as it regularly does. But the blood was never sent to the East Coast because there were far fewer survivors than the country and initially anticipated, Kleman said.

“Unfortunately, the need just wasn’t there,” she said.

But the abundance of blood donations did not go to waste. The blood was supplied to needy patients along the Central Coast, in many cases saving lives, said Susan Graham, marketing manager for French and Arroyo Grande hospitals.

“It was amazing to see the community (members) respond like they did,” she said.

The staff at French Hospital was also very responsive to the tragedies, Graham said. Many employees donated blood.

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Trial project offers access to wireless laptops in Kennedy Library

By Laura Vega
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A laptop sits across from industrial engineering senior Sam Akime in Kennedy Library’s reserve room. He checks his e-mail. He scans the Internet for research on his senior computing desk is open Monday through Thursday in big way.

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Akime is using a wireless laptop available through the Mustang Mobile Computing Pilot program. The trial project provides campus members access to 20 laptop computers, including 12 Dell Latitude C600 notebooks and eight Macintosh G3 Powerbooks.

Cal Poly students, faculty and staff can check out the computers with their Cal Poly identification card. A two-hour time limit applies and the equipment must be used within the library. The mobile computing desk is open Monday through Thursday in big way.

“It’s starting to become much more popular,” said Steve Kang, an industrial engineering senior who works at the mobile computing desk in the reserve room. “Students are seeing the sign now.”

About 30 students a day currently use the laptops, Kang added.

Akime has been using the wireless laptops since the first week of fall quarter. Now, he checks out a laptop about three times a week.

“It allows me to interact with the computer outside of the traditional lab environment,” Akime said.

The wireless laptops also let him work in the reserve room with friends to complete their class assignments.

Heather Crist, an industrial engineering senior, agreed.

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Students can now enjoy the convenience of checking out laptops at the Kennedy Library.

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Drunken driving exhibit shows what’s at stake

By Stephanie Perry
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After leaving a party, you and some friends drive out to a nearby lake. On the way home from the lake, you lose control and crash your Jeep. You manage to escape, but notice that one of your friends is pinned under the wreck. Suddenly, it bursts into flames. You watch, horrified, as your friend dies.

For Kristen, Marcoff, a young woman from Connecticut, this story is reality. Marcoff’s story is one of two narratives that will be told in “One for the Road,” an interactive display about drunken driving.

The exhibit opens today and will be on display through Thursday in the Club 221 gallery in the University Union. It is designed to raise awareness about the dangers of alcohol during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, said Aina Moberg, Associated Students Inc. Events assistant coordinator.

“I think that (drunken driving) is an issue that really hits home for (students),” she said.

Those who participate in the exhibit are given portable CD players so they can listen to the interviews of 12 people involved with the accidents. Participants can hear the voices of the people who committed the accidents, family members of those involved, a law enforcement officer and a prosecuting attorney. Photographs and related materials are displayed on storyboards to accompany the CDs.

The display allows people to see what is at stake with drinking and driving.

“Drunken driving is an issue that I think affects all of us in varying degrees,” said Joe Schneider, creator of the exhibit.

The accidents are not just a matter of people losing their lives; they also leave a large hole in the community.

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The combination of photographs with edited interviews has the effect of changing peoples minds about drunken driving, Schneider said. People have heard the parental and societal warnings about the risks of drinking, he said, but with this exhibit they really can’t help but confront their own lives, history and future.
Rodeo alumni dig in their spurs to raise money

By Lacie Grishaw
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The stands were loosely crowded Saturday for Cal Poly's Alumni All-Star Centennial Rodeo. Those few without their cowboy hats had to squint into the late afternoon sun if they wanted to see the show.

"I've been doing rodeo since I was 5," said Cody Mora, a Cal Poly supporter. "I was born and raised doing it."

Mora competed in the rodeo's team roping event, and rode as a pick-up man, along with Levi Ross, also a supporter, in the saddle bronc and bareback rides. Mora even made an appearance as a rodeo clown during the final event of bull riding.

Cal Poly alumni wore dark green button-up shirts, while the students wore tan. The rodeo started at 9 a.m., but performance events for the public did not start until 1 p.m.

Upon grand entry, the American flag was brought in on horseback and competitors lined up in the arena. While the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung, anyone not on a horse stood.

Proceeds from the event benefitted the Cal Poly rodeo program.

The turnout was a lot more than expected by most of the 176 competitors, who included Cal Poly alumni, students and friends. Two of the alumni who came out to show their support for the rodeo program were Travis and Mark Fowler.

"Rodeo people are very supportive of one another," Travis said. Travis Fowler graduated from Cal Poly in 1992 with a degree in crop science. Travis participated in the rodeo program while at Cal Poly and is still active in the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association.

"Cal Poly is known for having the best world champions and we want to keep it that way," Travis said.

The Fowler brothers weren't the only family members competing.

"In many instances, it's second and third generation Cal Poly rodeo members," Mark Fowler said.

Holly Foster, another Cal Poly alumna competing, supported the Cal Poly rodeo program. Foster graduated in 1991 as an animal science major.

"These people are friends for life. It's like supporting any football team," Foster said.

The rodeo competition included such events as bull riding, open team roping, calf roping, barrel racing, goat tying, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding and women's break-away, according to a Cal Poly press release.

The rodeo, sponsored by Cal Poly's Rodeo Team and Rodeo Club, was held in order to celebrate Cal Poly's centennial year.

A silent auction, hosted by Alex Clyde, horse turquoise junior, generated more than $13,000, said Holly Andrus, an agribusiness junior.

"This is the first time we've done this as one of our major fund-raisers," Andrus said.

"This rodeo is more of a gathering of friends, it's a way to get together and catch-up," Andrus said.

"Cal Poly is known for having the best world champions, and we want to keep it that way," Travis Fowler rodeo alumnus.

Rodeo alumni dig in their spurs to raise money.

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Postal worker contracts inhalation anthrax

WASHINGTON — A third case of inhalation anthrax was confirmed Sunday. The person diagnosed was a postal worker who was housed and hospitalized at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Virginia. Officials are hoping that they will be able to determine if the Capsule can be opened on Monday.

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The Washington D.C. Postal worker contracted inhalation anthrax. He is in "serious condition" and was hospitalized in the District of Columbia. He is in "serious condition" and was hospitalized in the District of Columbia.

The average recipient gets $852 a month. The increases are expected to be gone by 2038 due to the increase. More than 45.6 million Americans receive Social Security benefits each month. At the beginning of the year, 60 percent of U.S. retirees depend on Social Security for more than half their income. The fund is expected to go bankrupt in 2038 due to the increase.

The hijacker was identified as a woman who was sentenced to be stoned to death by a Nigerian Muslim sharia court in the state of Zamfara. She is currently nursing a child and the storing it is expected to go bankrupt in 2038 due to the increase.

The housewife has not been identified but is expected to remain in the hospital for several days. If she does not appear on the appointed date, police and the general public will be used to bring her to court. Last year, a court in the same state of Nigeria, a man who impersonated a teen-age girl was acquitted in the charge.

Two soldiers who died in a helicopter crash Friday in Pakistan were identified as U.S. Army Rangers Spc. John J. Edmunds, 20, and Pvt. 1st Class Kristofor T. Stemsetters, 28.

Taliban authorities have reported that they have hung five men for sabotage and spying for the United States. The Taliban have also reported that they have executed 13 protestors for the United States. The Taliban report could not be independently confirmed.

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Student panel puts diversity in perspective

By Stephanie Perry / The Student

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neering senior, learned of the PC?'s laptop yet." "We need to hear what students are actually thinking about diversity issues on this campus," said Bonnie Kepple, a member of the Cultural Awareness Committee. "What do they actually run into day-to-day? What's actually happening in their lives here at Cal Poly?"

Jean DeCosta, a member of the diversity committee, facilitated the panel. Students were asked for their viewpoints on issues such as cultural values, social integration and conflicts they face in the campus community. Students on the panel said they would not only like to see an increase in campus diversity, but also a heightened celebration of culture throughout the entire campus. Other issues presented by students were the need for more funding for multicultural events and a better sense of communication for addressing diversity issues.

"The culture here at Cal Poly is career," said Alison Anderson, an aeronautical engineering junior. "Cal Poly is very good at preparing you for your career, but I think the problem is that the only cultural values this campus has is for its career."

One student described Cal Poly as its own little world inside a bubble. Other students commented on the "norm" at Cal Poly, pointing out that the majority of students are young, middle-class, conservative white students.

Nguyen said she didn't feel like she was part of the campus norm, but participated in different multicultural clubs on campus, she managed to create her own norm. "You have to find where you feel comfortable and go to that and make that your norm," Nguyen said. That is exactly what other students, like Ruby Moz, are doing. Moz, a political science junior, said that when she first arrived at Cal Poly she felt very alone.

"I'd be walking around and see Latino, and I'd just want to smile and say hi," she said.

Joining multicultural clubs was Moz's way of feeling socially integrated. She said her experience was a lot different than that of other students because of her involvement in campus organizations. Clubs provided her with a social support network, something Moz said other students don't have.

Even by holding the perspective that the campus lacks diversity, Nguyen said that Cal Poly has helped her see reality that once she enters the workforce, she will be in a male-dominated environment in which the majority of people are like her.

"If I don't get used to it now, I may never get used to it," Nguyen said. The third part of the Perspectives on Diversity series will be Nov. 9, from noon to 1 p.m., in building 10, room 241. The discussion, "What Did We Hear from Our Students," will reflect on the issues and ideas generated in the student perspectives panel.
Lieutenant Governor candidate discusses education at Cal Poly

Stephen Harvey
Mustang Daily

As technology continually evolves, so does its role in the education of students.

State Senate Bruce McPherson (R-Santa Cruz) addressed the future of public education in a forum last week. He talked at length about the conditions of California's education system and ways that it could be improved.

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Be prepared to show ID when paying a visit  

It was late Saturday morning. I couldn’t remember the last time I’d slept in. I was excited because it was the first time in a long time I’d had the place to myself. I was making good use of the fact not one was home—knocking around in my pajamas, eating junk food, watching talk shows. I was finally about to jump in the shower when—knock, knock.  

Isn’t that always how it is? You’re just about to do something when you get a knock on the door from the Jehovah’s Witnesses, a charity group, a salesperson or some other group. What’s even more annoying is that you have no idea who they are or why they are there. The case came about because of a clash between the city of Straton, Ohio, and the Jehovah’s Witnesses.  

The Washington Post reported that three years ago Straton made it a misdeemeanor to go door-to-door without a permit. Straton claimed that the ordinance was created as a means to protect the small town from the “skid row” types of Jehovah’s Witnesses. This explains why the ordinance hasn’t been ruled illegal by the lower courts. According to The Washington Post, Straton enforces the ordinance equally among all religious and secular canvassers, which means there was no intent in passing the ordinance.  

I hate having to open the door when I don’t know who it is. Call me immature, but I still abide by the saying, “don’t talk to strangers.” If I don’t know who it is, I’m not going to open the door. I don’t know who could be out there. I mean really, do you expect a girl all 5’2” to open the door to a complete stranger? I hope not! If solicitors are worried about their constitutional rights, I’m sorry, but I have a right to know who is at my door.  

The Washington Post reported that in the past four years the courts have ruled that the Constitution protects political activists right to publish their opinions anonymously. The issue of how this doctrine applies to the new case, which doesn’t involve pamphleteers, is what it is about. I don’t understand what there is to question. The two situations involve completely different circumstances. One is about publishing opinions; the other involves going door-to-door, meeting people face-to-face and speaking with them.  

If they’re not doing anything wrong, why does the police have to knock on your door with their name on it? I’m not saying that people have to stop soliciting. I just want to know which knocking on my door.

Letter to the editor  

Students should become informed on faculty issues  

Editor,  

I was pleased to see an article in the Mustang Daily on Oct. 17 that finally brings to light one of the most distressing problems this university faces: recruiting and retaining quality faculty. Although the emphasis is on housing, there are other factors at work here.  

Keep in mind that the average faculty recruit has a typical profile. His or her age is usually early to mid 30s. They have spent five to eight years in graduate school completing their Ph.D. Many have spent three to six more years at postdoctoral research positions or jobs in industry. Many have families with several children, along with lingering graduate school debts. Remember this when you look at the numbers below. Ask yourself: How would you feel if offered a CSU position with so little going for it? What if you were headed for Cal State San Francisco, where the costs are even higher than in San Luis Obispo? Would you expect a physicist to start working at $45,000 per year, with little or no support budget or equipment? How about a beginning attorney?  

Listed next are some other factors (by no means all) besides housing that, in my opinion, are already resulting in a drop in faculty quality. It is crucial that the CSU address and solve these problems now.  

1) Salaries: In the 1960s, CSU assistant professors salaries were less than $10,000. Today they are in the low $40,000 range, an increase of about four to five times. In the 1960s a median house in San Luis Obispo was about $25,000, now it is over $300,000, an increase of about two times. General inflation has increased prices by this same factor of 10. Gasoline was 20 cents per gallon, a loaf of bread was 25 cents, a decent car was $3,000, private college cost went from $3,000 to over $30,000 per year. Yet you get the idea — most items have been increasing in price at an average inflation rate of about 5 percent per year over the last 40 to 50 years.  

2) Professional support: To be retained, faculty are expected to not only teach well, but of course, to be professionally active. In a lot of cases this means “research.” There simply is not enough space for this important activity. In some cases, faculty and senior projects compete for space, or space is carved out of old storage closets.  

3) Travel support: If faculty are to remain abreast of their field, travel to meetings is vital. There is virtually no money for this. Many faculty trips are paid out of “pocket.”  

4) Teaching workload: It is well-documented that the CSU teaching workload, both in terms of hours in the classroom and student-faculty ratio, is one of the highest in the country. Faculty burn out, since, in addition to their teaching and other departmental responsibilities, they are expected to engage in professional research.  

What are the solutions?  

1) Salaries: I suggest, rather than subsidizing and building faculty/staff housing, the university abandon this socialized approach. Many of my colleagues agree with me on this point. One reason is that it solves only one item (if it actually does). What about others? Food! College for children! Cal Poly should be working with the CSU administration to immediately double faculty salaries in order to make them competitive and to ensure that we will attract and retain the best faculty we can.  

2) More research and project space must be built, and built soon, especially if the number of faculty increase with the student population.  

3) There must be items in the budget specifically earmarked for faculty professional development. I have a colleague who teaches at a junior college in Los Angeles who has a professional development budget of $1,500 for himself.  

4) The teaching load must drop. There was a tentative agreement on this in 1990, but it seems to have disappeared. I suggest cutting the workload to 75 percent of the current load, thus allowing faculty to engage in professional development and stay current in their fields. More faculty will be needed to do this, but if the state seriously wants to keep the CSU as a quality system, it must eventually pay for it.  

The good news is that these factors are all fixable if the CSU administration (Long Beach), the State of California legislature and governor, and the general population supported higher education.  

However, the bad news (and I have been observing it more or less unabated for more than 30 years) is that it is clear that the populace could care less (unless they happen to have a child in the system). It is also clear that the faculty face an administration in Long Beach that is hell bent on turning the university into a corporation. We have been subjected to name-calling, ignored arbit­tration decisions, demeasing public remarks, ad nauseam. This kind of activity is increasing during the current budget negotiations (our contract ran out in June), as the administration seeks to discredit our union negotiations instead of working with them to solve problems.  

One way of getting involved from the student viewpoint is to become more informed as to what is happening to your university. Will it be here for your children? If so, it will be affordable and will the quality be good? I strongly suggest reading the “Teach-In and Rally” to be held Thursday on Dart Lawn between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (with the main activities during UU hour). The event will feature speakers from various organizations including CPA, CSEA, the Central Labor Council and the Progressive Student Alliance. The theme is “Standing Up for the CSU.” The reason for this activity is that many faculty, staff and students want to express their concerns about both recent and ongoing developments that threaten the quality of education in the CSU including: larger class sizes, difficulties in recruitment and retention of new faculty, failure to hire enough tenure-track faculty and poor working conditions for lecturers and staff.  

A.J. Buffa, Ph.D., is a physics professor.
Legal citizens deserve lower tuition before illegals

When I graduated from high school, all I wanted to do was get out of California. I wanted to go somewhere new and exciting like Boston or New York. That desire for new experiences was fueled by the fact that out-of-state tuition fees would put me in debt for the rest of my life. I could get the same education here, but for a higher price.

BU 540 supporters think that this education is higher because they are out-of-state students. Without the bill, the gate will be shut to hundreds of California's highest achieving students, according to the group Change LA Web Site. But critics argue that there is no justification for subsidizing the college education of illegal residents, especially since so many of them are so wealthy. At CSU, residents pay $1,839 for tuition, while non-residents pay $7,382, according to a recent article in the Desert Sun. In community colleges it is $1 per unit for residents and $50 per unit for non-residents.

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Cal Poly wins big after loss to 49ers

By Christen Wegner

The Mustangs finally put it all together here at home this weekend.

"We're stoked," red shirt freshman Alexa Jontulovich said. "We finally put it all together here at home this weekend.

"We're finally starting to get on a rhythm," Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier said. "We're getting players fired up on the attack.

"We want to have our fundamentals and our chemistry on the court," Jontulovich said.

"All of our hearts were in the Anteaters. The Mustangs won the battle at the net in the third set. They took charge of the game, the 49ers led for the lead. The winning point came off of the hands of sophomore hitter Molly Duncan, whose blocked ball fell harmlessly to the floor. "We played a really good net game, and had a strong serve," said Cal Poly head coach Steve Schlick.

Despite its game-four win, the 49ers could not take complete control of the game like they are known to do. Each point was a fight.

"Our team was incredible when it came to passing and setting," junior middle hitter Worthy Lien said. "They set me up perfectly.

"When our score is down, we always have a comeback in us," said senior outside hitter Sarah Lowry. "They are the No. 1 team we try our absolute hardest to try and show them up."}

"We had nothing to lose coming into tonight's game," said setter Alex Crozier. "They are the No. 1 team we try our absolute hardest to try and show them up.

"It could have been a lot worse. They really stepped up in the No. 1 position with the 3-2 victory," said senior middle hitter Anya Douglas. "That's why we played so well.

"I was pleased with how we played. No matter what the score was, we never lost track of our fundamentals." Schlick said.

"The Mustangs were flat in the opening set," Jontulovich said. "We finally started to get a feel for the game after the opening set.

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"The Mustangs won the battle at the net in the third set. They took charge of the game, the 49ers led for the lead. The winning point came off of the hands of sophomore hitter Molly Duncan, whose blocked ball fell harmlessly to the floor. "We played a really good net game, and had a strong serve," said Cal Poly head coach Steve Schlick.

Despite its game-four win, the 49ers could not take complete control of the game like they are known to do. Each point was a fight.

"Our team was incredible when it came to passing and setting," junior middle hitter Worthy Lien said. "They set me up perfectly.

"When our score is down, we always have a comeback in us," said senior outside hitter Sarah Lowry. "They are the No. 1 team we try our absolute hardest to try and show them up."