Trailer kills two in Cuesta Grade accident

Friday, November 2, 2001

By Lacie Grimshaw
 Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Two people were killed Wednesday afternoon on Cuesta Grade after a semi-trailer lost control and swerved into oncoming traffic.

The accident occurred when, for unknown reasons, the driver of a semi-trailer, heading south on Highway 101 lost control and veered into the path of a Ford Ranger pickup, said officer Barbara McGowan with the California Highway Patrol. The Ranger was pulled by the semi-trailer into an oncoming traffic, hitting two more cars and continuing off the side of the northbound lane, McGowan said.

The two cars hit were a Subaru driven by Shelly Lynn Lemons, 31, of Atascadero and a Honda driven by Lisa Marie LoFranco, 36, of Paso Robles, according to an article in the Tribune. Both drivers were killed instantly. Both were wearing seat belts and were driving cars supplied with airbags, McGowan said.

Each of the four vehicles involved had only one occupant, McGowan said. Sarah Standiford, a duty science senior, and her roommate were driving southbound in a Dodge Ram on the Grade when the driver of the trailer swerved into the slow lane, which was closed due to construction.

"We saw that his brakes were smoking and he moved into the slow lane even though it was closed," Standiford said.

The two moved around the trailer in the fast lane. Within minutes, Standiford's head was whipped forward. Standiford said she saw a Ford

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The art of language

By Lyndsay Lundgren
 Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Alissa Runstrom's hands weave movements into words. Her eyes and ears and her hands are a web of sharing thoughts with others. Painting a picture with her body language Runstrom makes an art of communicating.

Deaf since birth, the animal science senior uses sign language and lip reading to communicate with others.

"I learned to read lips like other children learn to speak English," Runstrom said. "It's hard not to pick it up when you're always watching the face and the expressions."

After learning to read lips at a young age, Runstrom did not learn how to sign until seventh grade. It was difficult to follow every detail of her classes without an interpreter.

"I sort of had a crash course in sign language," she said.

During her freshman year at Cal Poly, Runstrom found a way to reach out to others interested in sign language. She formed and met in the dorms twice a week to learn sign language from Runstrom.

This was Runstrom's first introduction to the demand for sign language classes at Cal Poly.

While Cal Poly does not offer sign language classes, students can request that sign language fulfill their foreign language requirement if their major does not require a foreign language, said Douglas Kessey, English department chair. Sign language is accepted on a case-by-case basis, depending on factors including the level of proficiency, number of classes taken and future career plans involving sign language.

Kessey said. "If they're on a career path where they're using sign language, we take that seriously," he said.

Cal Poly does not offer sign language classes due to a limited budget in the modern languages and literature department, said William Martinez Jr., chair of the modern languages department.

"Unless I can justify a large clientele, it's difficult to offer a class if it doesn't sound like the typical college student." see SIGN, page 7

SLO 'walks for life'

By Audrey Amara
 Mustang Daily Staff Writer

AIDS might not seem like a prevalent problem in San Luis Obispo County, but between 283 and 978 cases of AIDS were reported countywide between 1994 and 1997, according to county health departments.

The AIDS Support Network (ASN) of San Luis Obispo County is a community-based, nonprofit provider of emotional and practical support services for people with HIV or AIDS who live in the SLO County area.

Saturday is the Walk For Life, which will benefit ASN and raise citizens' AIDS awareness.

"This is our main goal to have fun and raise awareness," said Edie Kahn, ASN's executive director.

One hundred percent of the money raised will stay in SLO County and help ASN with things such as housing and rental assistance, utility payments, food, transportation, medical referrals and support groups.

Some of the aspects of the walk that attract people are the free coffee cake and Starbucks coffee at the start, Kahn said. That isn't enough, the procession stops at Ben and Jerry's on its way through town.

Signs for the cause are handed out and "what's really fun is, this year, you can rent a dog," to walk, Kahn said.

High school and church groups make up some of the teams that are involved in the walk. People in Mardi Gras costumes will also be participating and making the procession even more colorful.

Volunteers and clients of ASN also take part in the festivities and help see WALK, page 7

Students make a difference with community service

By Malia Spencer
 Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Meeting at 8:30 on a Saturday morning to paint a homeless shelter, refurbish outdoor trails and spend time with Special Olympian athletes doesn't sound like the typical college weekend day — but on Saturday it was.

An estimated 275 students joined about 200 San Luis Obispo volunteers on the 11th annual Make A Difference Day. The day is part of a rush of volunteer service efforts sponsored by USA Weekend Magazine in partnership with Points of Light Foundation.

The San Luis Obispo event was organized by Cal Poly Student Community Services and the San Luis Obispo United Way.

The day began at 8:30 a.m. with a kick-off breakfast at the San Luis Obispo Vers Hall and then volunteers separated to work at different locations.

Many Cal Poly clubs ranging from fraternities to Poly Christian Fellowship participated in the event.

"It was awesome to see so many people willing to help the community," said Joel Henderson, co-special events coordinator for Student Community Services.

The Cal Poly Accounting Club (CPAC) decided to take part in Make a Difference Day when the idea was brought up to the executive board.

"We always try to do neat and fun activities, besides school," said CPAC President Tracey Kimmel.

Some volunteers, including the Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers (SWE), went to Islay Park to provide fun sports and social interaction for the Special Olympic athletes, said SWE Outreach Director Andrea McGrath-Massie.

"We (SWE members) wanted to help out and have fun," McGrath-Massie said. "We also met a lot of really cool people."

They played beach volleyball, T-ball and arts and crafts with the athletes, said McGrath-Massie.

Other volunteers went to the Economic Opportunities Commission Homeless Shelter in San Luis Obispo to repaint and clean the shelter. The rest went to refurbish and work on trails at Laguna

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Objective Statement

ASI fees have not been increased in thirty years. This proposal would increase the ASI fee effective Fall Quarter 2002 and is intended for the continuation of current ASI programs and services. The proposal also provides for subsequent annual adjustments of the ASI Fee by use of a price index. The index seeks to ensure that ASI fees have not been increased in thirty years. This proposal would increase the ASI fee effective Fall Quarter 2002 and is intended for the continuation of current ASI programs and services. The general programming portion of the ASI fee has not increased in more than 15 years.

PRO STATEMENT

"Cal Poly students must support this ASI fee increase for three important reasons:

First, for more than five years an ASI fee increase has been needed to maintain quality and quantity of programs and services while fighting the financial effects of inflation. Every year, ASI student leaders and staff are forced to reduce operating budgets or fund deficits from general reserves, that have now dropped to inappropriately low levels, in order to balance the budget among all ASI programs and services. The general programming portion of the ASI fee has not increased in more than 15 years.

Second, by eliminating the financial hardships created by inflationary pressures, programs will be able to expand as the campus population grows and demand for ASI programs and services increases. Every student at this campus has been touched by at least one of the areas targeted by the fee increase: ASI Events, ASI Club Services, Poly Escapes, ASI Student Government, and associated support services. All of these programs are very popular and the students and staff are eager to expand the quality, quantity, and scope of offerings.

Finally, indexing the fee for inflation will provide stability and insure the long-term viability of the expanded programs and services. An indexed fee helps future students avoid the financial challenges we face today.

Cal Poly consistently receives accolades for the quality of academic programs and the graduates it produces. Students at Cal Poly deserve a vibrant and active campus environment that compliments the academic reputation and achievements. Instead of envying the social opportunities that your friends have at other major universities, make them a reality at Cal Poly. Approving this ASI fee increase is the first step towards accomplishing this vision."

Submitted by: Bryan Pennino, College of Engineering

CON STATEMENT

The proposed increase to the Student Body Association (ASI) Fee, which, if passed by students, would take affect beginning Fall quarter 2002, appears to be legitimate in its claim that it will maintain the quality and quantity of programs and services funded by ASI. However, it is a proposal ideally flawed, and at an extra $65 per year and per person, students should consider exactly what their extra money hopes to accomplish.

First, ASI believes that the student fee increase holds the potential to impact Cal Poly students in two key areas: expanding and maintaining ASI programs and services. As part of their proposal, ASI also asserts that the fee increase will aid the projected rise in student enrollment over the next five to ten years and the associated increase in on-campus population. In addition, the document proposes that it will ease strained relations with the City of San Luis Obispo regarding the responsibility of the University to provide a full-service campus. It goes as far as to imply that by increasing funding for ASI, students will be more likely to stay on campus rather than "disturb" the quiet community.

So, before you vote, consider thoroughly the potential the ASI fee increase has to directly impact you.

Submitted by: Erica Tower, College of Liberal Arts

For more information go to: www.fees.calpoly.edu/referendum.htm
National Briefs

New plea, new deals for Snoop

OBERLIN, Ohio — A lawyer for raps hitman Snoop Dogg said Tuesday that his client has accepted a plea deal with prosecutors in a murder case that would result in a 12-year prison term.

The plea agreement would allow Snoop Dogg to resolve the case without going to trial, according to a statement released by his attorney, Adam Fox. The agreement includes a no-contest plea to a charge of murder in the 2001 killing of two people in a California store.

Snoop Dogg, whose real name is Snoop Lion, was arrested in 2001 after police found his fingerprints at the crime scene. He was charged with murder, but the case was later dismissed due to insufficient evidence.

The new plea deal would require Snoop Dogg to surrender his assets and pay restitution to the victims' families. It also includes a provision that he cannot possess any weapons for the rest of his life.

Snoop Dogg, who was known for his tough-guy image and explicit lyrics, has been a figure in hip-hop culture for decades. He rose to fame in the 1990s with his album "Doggystyle," which included hits such as "California Love" and "Murder Was the Case." He later changed his name to Snoop Lion and became involved in the reggae music scene.

His latest album, "Reincarnated," was released in 2013 to mixed reviews. He has also appeared in several films and TV shows, including the hit TV series "South Park."

Snoop Dogg's trial was halted earlier this year due to concerns over efforts to access classified intelligence.

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The drifter is picked up by the police and taken into custody. He claims to be from another planet, K-PAX. The police can’t keep him in custody since he isn’t a real threat to society, but obviously, they can’t let him go because he’s delusional.

The drifter, who calls himself Prot, is turned over to a state mental hospital because psychotropic drugs do not affect him. The quickness with which he goes from the street to a state hospital lacks believability.

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The bottom line: “K-PAX” will fill a craving for Junior Mints or Red Vines, but that is about it.
Hollywood has made a blood-splattered return to the gory horror film in "13 Ghosts." As a special effects showcase, the film is quite impressive. However, its storyline is flimsy generic; a group of hapless individuals is locked in a haunted house and must deal with the angry ghosts who want them dead.

Quality acting in the film is kept to a minimum and is replaced with a large amount of screams, grunts and other standard horror sound effects. Tony Shalhoub, Shannon Elizabeth and Alec Roberts play the unlucky family that is locked in with the brutal ghosts. They spend most of the movie running around a glass-walled house trying to keep themselves from being killed by the apparitions imprisoned within. As characters in a horror film they manage to do all the right wrong things throughout their predicament.

The amount of gore is so excessive that it detracts from the scariness of the ghosts. The first appearances of the various ghosts were scary. But, after a while they are absorbed into the blood-splattered scenes and become more of a moving backdrop than a horror element. Along with the various forms of death seem to be represented in the movie, from decapitation to stabhings to being crushed. The special effects used to depict the deaths in the movie are noteworthy because no two people seem to die in the same fashion.

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Letters to the editor

Taliban just wants to continue control over others  
Editor,

I am sick and tired of hearing that bin Laden and the Taliban are just interested in their own interests when it comes to the lives of the people under their control. They do not care about the people they are ruling over, and they have used those tactics to control others. They do not want to change, and they do not want the people under their control to ever have any say in their lives. They accept their control of the population as a given, and they do not care about the consequences of their actions.

It is simply because they say that they are not afraid of being stopped by the world that they continue to control over others. They accept their control of the population as a given, and they do not care about the consequences of their actions.

Ashley Campbell is a political science junior.

There's a difference between theater and terrorism  
Editor,

In the Oct. 31 commentary "Haunted house mirrors cruel acts of terrorism," Laura Vega reacts to a Florida community service organization's haunted house. First, the headline is misleading. The article states that the U.S. government does not mirror any form of discrimination. The U.S. government does not mirror any form of discrimination. The U.S. government does not mirror any form of discrimination. The U.S. government does not mirror any form of discrimination. The U.S. government does not mirror any form of discrimination.

Second, Vega describes "appalling scenes that rival the cruel acts of Sept. 11." Really? Are young adults who operate a haunted house fund-raiser and terrorist who, with civilians as intended targets, turn this nation's transportation system into a weapon of mass destruction equivalent? No, there is no comparison.

Third, Vega "seriously doubts that the images teach children to hate." She claims, "The images teach children to hate." Vega has too little confidence in a child's ability to distinguish a scary Halloween slate from a pro- 

The Taliban simply is willing to repress its people if it means that they stay there. Rather than change the conditions that they do not want to die, but would rather continue their American lives forever? They do not want to change, and they do not want the people under their control to ever have any say in their lives. They accept their control of the population as a given, and they do not care about the consequences of their actions.

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Widespread Ritalin use in college could be deadly  
Opinion

A recent article from CNN stated that college students are using a new drug that goes by the slang names "Vitamin R" and "R-Ball." This drug is not just used for kicks, or even partying, but also for schizophrenia drug trips; rather, students use the drug to improve their concentration and study habits. It has been labeled Ritalin.

Commentary was introduced in the United States after starting college, claiming that they suffer from ADD as adolescents still hold an old prescription for Ritalin. The drug is so over-prescribed that it is easy to obtain and vulnerable to abuse.

So is it abuse when students pop the pills for an all-nighter? What could it hurt to take a drug that doctors give to 3-year-olds? First, after the "buzz" wears off, side effects of the drug which include: arrhythmia, lethargy, dry mouth, loss of appetite and inability to sleep start to take effect. Ritalin can also increase a person's heart rate and cause severe and can put a person at risk for a cardiac arrhythmia. This can lead to irregular beating of the heart, which can cause sudden death.

So instead of popping Ritalin, go run around the block, work out at the gym, learn yoga. Better yet, get some rest -- you deserve it.

Jana Larsen is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Bomnfg shouldn't stop for Ramadan  
(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. — Since the Sept. 11 attacks, the United States has launched a campaign to fight terrorism. America's fight has never been about Christianity versus Islam, or religion for the United States. It is not worth sacrificing our democracy and the effect it has on the American people.

Commentary

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Staff Editorial, The Collegiate Times (Virginia Tech)
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students learn about the language and other

aspects of deaf culture. Her goal is to teach

people that there is more to a deaf

person than signing and not

speaking. Different deaf people use

different means of communicating, she

said.

Runstrom fully immerses her stu­dents in sign language and makes it

interesting to continue studying it in

college, Craig said. "There is a com­munity college here that offers American Sign Language, but it

don't count toward my degree."

Runstrom does not teach her stu­dents ASL. Instead, she focuses on a

conversational approach to signing.

ASL could be "written English, with

such aspects as grammatical rules and a particular sentence

structure, while Runstrom's sign language is "spoken English, including slang

terms." She focuses on vocabulary and

interactive activities.

"ASL is just one way to sign and
terpret the situation," she said.

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everyone helping at once," Henderson said.

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WALK

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raise the spirit that makes the walk­ers feel good about what they are

supporting. The first six years the walk was done, it wasn't as fun as it is now and it didn't even go into town, Kahn said.

"At one point we went hey, this

has to be fun, but she said.

So ASDN added music and radially changed the weather. The weather is now to go through downtown and other parts of town where they would be notified.

There are three or four people who run the course, but the walk is run in partnership with the police and fire department.

When "Walking is easier, but that is fine if they want to run," Kahn said.

The ASDN office is located on the corner of and Nimpo streets and Renner.

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The O'Halloran sisters not only share looks, they share the court. Carly and Kristen O'Halloran, both Cal Poly women's volleyball players, have a different relationship with each other than the other girls on the team. They are twins.

"We push each other more than anyone else," Kristen said. "I am real comfortable with what she does on the court."

Carly sets while Kristen hits on the right, giving the duo some one-on-one contact in the game. "We work well together because our instincts are in tune," Carly said.

"We push each other more than anyone else," Kristen said. "It's like a whole new life." It has its advantages, said Kristen. Their parents get to come to every game. Carly and Kristen are the only children in the family.

The O'Hallorans are a key part of the Mustangs. They play volleyball as well as basketball. Carly said they started playing volleyball in junior high school, but it was their high school coach who truly got them into the game.

"Since my sister and I were freshmen (in high school), he had a lot of confidence in us," Kristen said. She began as a hitter along with her sister, but their high school coach encouraged her to make the change. She said at first she was skeptical, but she is glad he pushed her to do it.

On a full ride scholarship, Carly and Kristen moved into separate dorms freshman year to get the college experience. Carly, a liberal studies junior, and Kristen, an engineering junior, said they did not expect that they would both come to Cal Poly and that they "just ended up here together."

"Even though they live so close to home, Carly said, "it's like a whole new life."

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"It works out good because now we can kind of do the friend thing more than the sister thing," Carly said.

Volleyball is a true love for the O'Hallorans, but there is more to it than that. Carly said she likes the little things in life, like going to the beach and cooking. She said she likes to play racquetball in the off-season, but her favorite thing to do is travel.

"We get to see so many places traveling for volleyball, but we don't get to do the tourist thing," Carly said. "I love going to places and seeing new things."

Cal Poly head coach Steve Schlick said he enjoys working with the twins. "Our program is made up of a lot of team players, and Kristen and Carly are very representative of that," he said.

With the assistance of this pair, the team is heading in the right direction. They landed big wins over Utah State and Idaho this weekend in crucial Big West matches. The Mustangs have a few matches left that might help for a return appearance in the NCAA Div. 1 Tournament.

The O'Hallorans look hopeful. Kristen said they have already had a few big wins and the team has been getting better every day. The 2000 season marked the second time the Mustangs have reached the NCAA Tournament. They concluded the year with a 17-12 record (9-7 Big West). In 1999, the Mustangs qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the first time in a decade. Cal Poly posted a 20-9 record (11-5 Big West) and a national ranking in Volleyball Magazine. Schlick said the win against Utah State made their chances this year a little more viable.

"We may have a chance at the Tournament, but we know there is no guarantee," he said.

The future plans of the O'Hallorans don't include volleyball professionally. Kristen plans to attend graduate school for either her masters in business administration or her Ph.D. Carly also said she is definitely going to graduate school, preferably somewhere near the ocean. Despite their plans to continue their education, they will never stop playing volleyball for fun.

"Volleyball will always be a part of my life," Carly said. "It is just who I am."