Theft concerns students on campus and off

By Carrie McGourty

Amanda Finder arrived home to her apartment after a relaxing vacation in San Jose. To her horror, she discovered that her home had been broken into with no trace of the perpetrator left behind.

She immediately called the police. Once they arrived, they investigated the scene, compiled a list of stolen items, and fingerprinted the windows where the criminal entered.

They still have no suspect and Finder is now missing $5,000 worth of expensive belongings including a computer, a DVD player, software, and a digital video camera, lingering along with the theft.

"I don't feel safe in my own home," Finder said. Last December, a residential house occupied by students was broken into on Lexington Court in San Luis Obispo. At about 7:00 a.m., a door on the side of the garage was broken down by force. He entered the house, stole a computer and exited while everyone was sleeping. By the time the thief left, there was no trace of the thief.

"It made me feel like more of a target," said Finder, a music major and neighbor to the resprased house. People know students have expensive belongings." These are examples of burglery, a crime that has taken its toll on many college students.

According to the California Crime Index, San Luis Obispo rates as one of the safest areas in the state. That same index reveals that property crime is the most common form of crime in the county.

This information shows that theft among students at Cal Poly and in the San Luis Obispo area is a troubling reality.

"The amount of burglaries for students is high. Students come back from vacation and we get a lot of burglaries because they leave a lot of electronics in their homes," said Cindy Collom, records manager of the Department of Police.

Fred Mills, security officer and communication coordinator with the University Police, defined burglary as "entry into a place with an intent to commit petty-larceny." Mills stated that in the year 2000 there were 22 burglaries on campus, 12 in the residence halls and two in Greek establishments. In comparison with other schools, Mills stated that those numbers were relatively average.

Theft on campus is a lot different than theft in apartments and houses off campus. A lot of security on campus is devoted to preventing burglary and dealing with crimes that have involved burglary or theft. With many people around, thefts are less likely to go away unnoticed, when there could be many witnesses.

"We are trying to educate and prepare students for the transition from the dorm experience, with open doors and lots of people, to the residential experience," said Rob Bray, an officer with the San Luis Obispo Police Department. "Students must lock their doors, even when they're at home."

According to the San Luis Obispo Police Department, in 1999 there were 174 burglaries in the city of San Luis Obispo. In 2000, there was a 5 percent increase to 183 burglaries. Collom estimated that the rate is still increasing.

"I estimate that the 5 percent rate increase will be the same for 2001," she said.

The San Luis Obispo Police Department has devoted a specific

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Governor awards future teachers, boosts recruitment

By Bryan Dickerson

In an effort to deepen the pool of teacher talent, the state of California recently awarded 22 Cal Poly students the Governor's Teaching Fellowship. In exchange for a commitment of four years of teaching at a low-performance school, the program gives $20,000 to students working toward their teaching credential.

"The fellowship allows more students to continue in the field and earn credentials," said Peggy Smith-Andersen, credential analyst for the University Center for Teacher Education. "It also opens their eyes to teaching in schools considered "low performance" by the standard index. These are schools they might not consider otherwise.

The Academic Performance Index, or API, rates a school's performance based on student test scores and other factors.

Gov. Gray Davis signed Senate Bill 1666 to boost teacher recruitment and battle the state's teacher shortage. The state estimates that during the next ten years, California will need to attract and keep 300,000 new teachers.

The program, now in its second year with 1,000 fellowship holders, aims to fill specific California schools that traditionally have trouble keeping quality teachers, who frequently select better-performing schools.

Financially, the competitive, merit-based award helps future teachers while they get their credential. During their first year they typically aren't paid for their full-time work.

Candidates of the GTF receive $10,000 now and $10,000 upon completion of their credential. The money helps cover tuition and living expenses.

"It helped me immensely," said recipient Inez Gonzalez. "It helps me pay back my debt to Cal Poly. I have loans to repay."

The program also fits with Cal Poly's tradition of learning by doing.

"Cal Poly's been great," Gonzalez said. "(It gave me) a lot of hands-on experience that has helped me be prepared for the classroom."

Smith-Andersen agrees that the GTF is immensely positive for its recipients.

"The best teacher is someone who is properly prepared, and this program definitely provides that," she said. Also of great value in California schools is proficiency in speaking a second language.

Gonzalez is bilingual and getting a Bilingual Cross-cultural Language and Academic Development certificate, or BC'LCAD, this June.

"I've always wanted to go to a Spanish-speaking area and help out," she said. "My mom is a bilingual aid at an elementary school, and she's been a big influence on me in pursuing teaching."

Gonzalez is hoping to be assigned to a school in Fresno where she grew up. She figures the best place to start her teaching career is where it all began for her.

"When I was small, I would play teacher with my younger sister," Gonzalez said. "I would be the

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Elementary schools face closure

The future of four San Luis Obispo County elementary schools remains uncertain after district trustees discussed the possibility of closing one of the schools from closure.

At a meeting Tuesday night, the board, faced with having to cut $3.3 million from the San Luis Coastal School District's budget, confirmed its desire to keep at least one of the targeted schools open, according to a Tribune report.

Closing the schools would result in savings of approximately $1 million for the school district. The district currently encompasses schools in San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay and Los Osos.

The board of trustees will meet again Thursday and Friday nights at 7 p.m. at Laguna Middle School in San Luis Obispo.

The original plan, proposed by district Superintendent Steven Ladd in November, would close

Memos, Bishop's Peak, Sunnyside and Pacheco Elementary schools.

The closures would result in students from those schools being moved to seven other campuses in the district — a move that has raised the attention of many area parents.

Currently, the plan involves shifting students from Bishop's Peak Elementary School to

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Elementary Pacheco Elementary School students would attend Hawthorne Elementary, and students from Mono Elementary in Mono Bay and Sunnyside Elementary in Los Osos would be moved to other schools in their respective areas.

Because the city's growing population and increasing enrollment forecast, many trustees feel that closing the schools and then reopening them could be an expensive proposition, according to a Tribune report. The district is anticipating an influx of approximately 670 new students by 2011.

Because no formal decision regarding the schools' futures has yet been made, officials from Cal Poly and the San Luis Coastal School District could not confirm nor deny any involvement the university might have if the campuses are closed.

— Stephen Carran

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dent."

Smith-Andersen highlights the importance of the program in helping students receive an education at those schools rated as lower-per­formance, and how it helps first­time teachers make it through the financially right credential period. She emphasized, however, that the program is about more than money.

"Most people teach for the love of it," Smith-Andersen said. "They are drawn to it because they have the desire to help others learn." Both the University of California and The California State University administer the teaching fellowship program. A 12­member panel of university faculty, administrators and public school educators constitute the candidate review committee.

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Recession may have bottomed-out
WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy may be recovering from recession and close to being over, top U.S. administration officials said Sunday.

Federal Reserve officials and Commerce Secretary Donald Evans have both said in interviews and speeches that the worst may be over. But the Federal Reserve officials said that it is too soon to declare victory.

In interviews, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said those predicting coming year and 14 percent expect a recession and close to being over, of Americans believe the economy would improve in the coming year and 14 percent expect the economy to get worse. O'Neill said those predicting improvement were "on the right track."

Evans said that U.S. retail sales continue to be strong, as do auto and home sales. Consumer spending fuels two-thirds of the U.S. economy.

— Reuters

Pleasure craft smashes into
Coast Guard vessel; 11 injured
MIAMI — A 24-foot U.S. Coast Guard vessel was hit at about 9 p.m. Saturday by a 65-foot Bayside Blaster that was carrying 53 passengers. Eleven people were injured, including two Coast Guard sailors who were thrown overboard. The two sailors were ejected from their vessel and swam ashore. One was hospitalized for nearly one week and had a knee injury and released. Three passengers from the pleasure craft were arrested and are being questioned by police, Sunday, over the death of Daniel McColgan, 20, who was shot apparently by two gunmen as he arrived for work at a postal depot in a predominantly Protestant district in north Belfast Saturday. Police believe the shooting is part of the recent wave of violence in the capital of Northern Ireland that is believed to be caused by Protestant and Catholic guerrilla groups. Two guerrilla groups have claimed responsibility for the shooting. McColgan's family has asked that there not be retaliation for the shooting as they want to keep his son from being a forgotten example, one third of students eliminated red meat from their diets but did not compensate by eating more vegetables and low-fat proteins. Rather, many of the students ate breads and cheese, thus caloric intake remained about the same amount of saturated fat as those eating red meat. Women believe that they are overweight, and 41 percent reported a decline in their overall feeling of happiness during their freshman year. But students who exercised reported a better state of happiness and a greater feeling of control over their lives.

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Middle East
KIRKUK, Iraq — Leaders of the interim Afghan government plan to request $45 billion in aid package to help reconstruct and develop its shattered economy and infrastructure and fund development for the next 10 years at a pledging conference in Tokyo Jan. 21-22. Most Western estimates of aid needed were three to four times smaller. U.S. Senator Joseph Biden said Saturday that the estimates he heard were between $8 billion and $20 billion. He believed that most people would agree on a $10 billion aid package for the next five years. The EU has aimed to raise $9 billion for Afghanistan over the next five years. An EU spokesman said that private investment should also be considered in whether and how to meet Kabul's target budget of $45 billion.

— Reuters

Middle East
KANDAHAR, Afghanistan - Thirty more prisoners, who are suspected of being supporters of Osama bin Laden, departed for a U.S. prison camp at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Station in Cuba on Sunday. They will join 20 other prisoners who arrived Friday. The prisoners, who were guarded by U.S. troops and attack dogs, shackled and had their faces covered, are among the nearly 400 Taliban and al-Qaeda suspects who have been interned in Kandahar.

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Asia
GAHAT, India — Sixteen people were killed and 12 were injured when armed militants surrounded a busy market in northeast India and fired into the crowd. It is the biggest attack of the region in months. Twelve died at the market and four died later from their wounds.

The attack was carried out by two outlawed military groups that operate in Bangladesh and carry out hit-and-run attacks in the Indian state of Tripura. The rebels wanted to create a separate homeland in the region, which has been inhabited by thousands of Bengali immigrants. Tribal guerrillas claim that they have become a minority in their own land and frequently target the immigrants.

The attacks were unrelated to separatist incidents in Kashmir and the Dec. 13 terrorist attack on the Indian Parliament. All of the militants involved in the attack escaped. Hundreds of police officers were dispatched Sunday to search for them.

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LESSON 1: Meeting people

Many students have jobs at places that are located around town. Usually people who work there will help out their friends by giving them the same benefits — i.e. food — that they receive for working there. Woodstock’s Pizza in San Luis Obispo is a good example. Normally, a slice of mushroom pizza is $1.50. However, if a friend or acquaintance happens to be staffing the register, the price will most likely be $0.90. The point is that when meeting new people, students should make sure to find out a) if that person has a job, b) where the job is, and c) when they have lunch.

LESSON 2: Free samples

Many places are happy to let their customers try their products, but the customers just don’t know it. Trader Joe’s is a great example of this “bait benefit.” When I was walking down the empty bar aisle one day, I decided to try something other than my usual choice of a chocolate flavoured PEPSI MAX I used to front in the 50 shades of flavoured bars for what must have been at least ten minutes. I was trying to decide between the lemon zest LUNA bar and the honey peanut BALANCE bar. When over my shoulder, I heard someone say, “Why don’t you just sample one?” I turned around and saw a Trader Joe’s employee. He explained the store’s customer satisfaction policy, which encourages customers to ask to try something new. Now my roommate and I are so good at practicing this policy that every time we go shopping, we ask them, “What is it you want to try today?” Often they are good at giving away samples: ice cream, frozen yogurt samples, Starbucks, supermarkets, and Penguin’s all carry free samples, bagel shops and much more. Be sure to get permission first, though!

LESSON 3: Farmers’ Market

Not every town has a farmers’ market, but a good number of them do. For the towns that do, local farmers pick one day of the week to meet in a designated spot and sell their produce, or anything else that people will buy. Farmers’ Market day should be taken with precaution for students on a budget. Depending on what time of the day the students go, it is not a good idea to eat for at least three hours before. The reason for this is to make sure students can take full advantage of the samples sitting on the tables near the produce or other edible goods. Saturday morning from 9 to 1 p.m. is a popular time for farmers’ market to be held. This is good because it opens just in time for breakfast.

In San Luis Obispo, Farmers’ Market is held on Thursday evening, starting at 6 p.m. I’ll never forget when I found a free sample of local honey at the September 11, in preparation for the samples at Farmers’ Market. Being on a “student budget” I only had about $1.00 to spend in the store, so I couldn’t afford any lunch anyway. When a friend and I arrived, samples never tasted so good. By the time farmers market was over, we had taken full advantage of about every sample that was given out. I ended up going home filled up, and it was all healthy food.

LESSON 4: Fruit trees and vegetable gardens

Students should be happy if the area where they live has the right kind of terrain for fruits and vegetables to grow. Too many people don’t realize the hidden benefits of the orange tree down the street, or the vegetable garden in the backyard of their rental house. For a low budget student, plants such as these are as good as gold. I wanted to test this hypothesis to see just how much food it could render. Setting aside only about two hours, I rode my bike around various neighborhoods, filling my backpack with anything I could find. It is a good idea to ask permission from the owner first.

I found oranges, avocados, mangoes, oranges (which are expensive in stores) and a little, round reddish yellow “mystery fruit.” When coming across mystery fruit, or vegetables, it is important to note that just because it is free, it does not mean it is not poisonous, because doctor bills are especially expensive.

LESSON 5: Drink water

Most people do not drink enough water. Students are no different. Time, money or lack of resources are certainly not the reason why students do not drink water. Whatever the reason, most people do not realize that they need water. Besides the fact that the human body is made up of 75% water, water can also satisfy hunger. When I was walking around, I noticed very few gulps of water from the drinking fountain held me over until Farmers’ Market. The next day I decided to eat a “B” grade on my test. I could not afford to wait for the next sunny day to return to the water fountain. I was running out of “A” or “B” grade on my test, before I saved money to print out my work.

LESSON 6: Just ask

To avoid the problems that happen when I just “ask” a friend and I were in the main part of our quartet college town, we were hungry. We decided to just ask a cashier at a wraps eater to let us have some samples of their wraps. Sure enough, he turned us away. I was happy to fulfill that student’s wishes, to not even get a “no” or 2) they get annoyed and give a lecture on how customers need to pay for receive food. Whatever the outcome, “keeps us on our toes” and reminds us that “just asking” is a simple, yet potentially effective, technique for getting some free food.

Terrorism experts worry about pre-approved, smaller attacks
Opinion

Noogie is a legitimate word

Ask any person on the street what the function of a dictionary is and they will, no doubt, answer: "to define words." It is very, very simple.

When words like "noogie" are added to the dictionary, some people will say that the dictionary is compromising itself. Dictionary publishers are accused of being "dictators," making up "phony meanings," and being "untrustworthy." It is not a dictionary's job to "define" words, but to catalog them—"to collect, gather, or amass"—as the dictionary publisher's own description of the book's contents says (yes, I look up the words themselves. I am not stupid."

There are quite a few words in the dictionary that aren't even regularly used. In skimming through my own trusty dictionary, I found words like "bluddle"—a word of unknown origin—and "hominite"—a prefix meaning "human." Anyone who doesn't believe me can look up the words themselves. I am not saying these words should be replaced by the new additions, but it is nice to see words in the dictionary that people actually use in everyday life. If words like this have a place in the dictionary, why not "noogie" too?

When all is said and done, there are a lot of people who are students who think that "horsein' is an inappropriate word. This probably cannot be helped, and it is a problem that the editors and myself will have to deal with. In the end, the editors will face more than the university administration and even the public. For example, the word "noogie" is offensive to some people and is definitely NOT appropriate in the dictionary. But I submit the simple fact that Merriam-Webster has added the word "noogie" in most people's opinion is offensive. Therefore, it is offensive to not include the word "noogie".

These are words that have been in use for a long time, Bicknell said in the AP story. "The people are not saying that they are offensive. They are saying that they are inappropriate in the dictionary."

Matt Szabo is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
It's time to include religion in intellectual talk

I began attending a certain church about a year and a half ago. This church—like many others from both past and present—has a hierarchy, a certain sense of importance in society and various beliefs. It seeks an understanding of truth, but dogma has become absolutely central to it. If someone challenges a small part of its beliefs, he may, at best, be applauded for original thought. If someone challenges a fundamental one, he is seen as a threat to the church's power system. He most likely faces excommunication.

This church is the universe, and its dogma is most often science—the belief that the nature of the universe and all fields of inquiry can be exhaustively explained within the understanding of the physical sciences.

This rigid structure may sound remarkably familiar. The medieval church, for example, was also a body that became far more interested in supporting its own dogma—and its monopoly on intellectual power—than seeking truth. In light of this reasoning, over time, many think they were crucial to the pursuit of truth. As scientific investigation began to reveal revolutionary claims such as a sun-centered universe without man as its center, empiricism—the belief that knowledge can only be discovered through experience and the senses—was thrust to the forefront as the leading method of inquiry.

You will find that statements from introductory philosophy courses names such as David Hume and Immanuel Kant—thinkers who sought to expand the understanding of reality—are those who could be proven through the senses. This gave birth to the centuries to an understanding of the universe as solely material in nature, effectively divorcing once solid moral claims from an understanding of reality. Truth became understandable only through science and, according, science became truth.

Despite the fact that science has provided, in many cases, numerous answers to scientific questions about the physical world, many questions that have puzzled mankind throughout history, such as the existence of God and the role of man, still remain. This isn't because these questions are unknowable, but because they are of a purely unscientific nature. If truth—an understanding of the nature of reality—is to be discovered, the dominant factor in society doesn't care about the fate of apes, these lovable "beasts" are deemed so superior to all others. The group argues that apes are subject to some heinous moral relativism, a type of backward speciesism? Some people think so. While the Great Ape Project may be completing valid work by raising awareness of the plight of apes being mistreated in the name of medical science, the rest of their platform devalues their message. Like dressing Marilyn Monroe in Fubu, their package is stunningly off kilter.

The Great Ape Project also specifically argues that there can be no order in attaining moral progression—"Jesus did not die for apes, but for all of humanity... the Bible tells us that we have dominion over the animals." They are right. Jesus isn't your cup of tea, does the Great Ape Project place you in an ethical dilemma? Are you supporting the torture of apes, feeling beings when you buy medicines tested on apes?

Yes, somewhere deep down, don't we all know that the Great Apes-ers have gone too far?

New Zealanders recently adopted the Great Ape Project manifesto and ended all medical testing on apes in their country. Is the United States next?

Certainly don't think so. While the Great Ape Project may be completing valid work by raising awareness of the plight of apes being mistreated in the name of medical science, the rest of their platform devalues their message. Like dressing Marilyn Monroe in Fubu, their package is stunningly off kilter.

Anyone who would propose to an audience that apes deserve due process of law deserves to be laughed off the stage.

The Great Ape Project is not that specific. It specifically acknowledges that all the people of the world don't have the same rights that they want apes to have, but dismiss this fact by stipulating that there can be no order in attaining rights for those who deserve them. Perhaps it will be one of humanity's most pathetic moments when apes have more rights in one country than people do in another.

Rebecca Zak, Daily Trojan (U. Southern California)

Cheers to NBC for resuming late-night alcohol ads

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — NBC plans to break a network television ban on running hard liquor commercials this weekend by airing a paid ad from Guinness UDV's Smirnoff vodka during an episode of "Saturday Night Live." We'll drink to NBC for standing up to the soft drink companies' censorship.

TV networks have an immense influence over their viewing audiences, shaping public opinion and defining the priorities of American values. As the dominant media source in the country, they have an obligation to ensure fairness in advertising, free expression, and the repudiation of alcohol. Alcohol and tobacco companies are legal business entities in the United States, and as such, they're entitled to the same treatment by the media as other corporations. Beer makers, for example, have been advertising on major TV networks for years without significant public backlash.

It's understandable that some may express reservations about having tobacco and alcohol advertised on TV, but NBC is doing this in a public-friendly manner. The ads are designed for programs airing after 9 p.m., and can extend to other shows that have an audience demographic of 85 percent aged 21 and older. The hard liquor companies must also run ads making an effort to target older, demoographic of 85 percent aged 21 and older. The hard liquor companies must also run ads making an effort to target younger, adult viewers.

Also, ads making an effort to target younger, impressionable viewers will not be run by the network.

All other TV networks must follow suit with NBC, and stop playing baby-sitter and censer with adult viewers.

Staff Editorial, Daily Bruin (U. California-Los Angeles)
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Ford to cut 35,000 jobs, close plants

By Frank Swoboda
THE WASHINGTON POST

(WIRE) WASHINGTON — Ford Motor Co., the nation's second-largest automaker, Friday announced plans to reduce its workforce by 10 percent and cut plants in preparation to move into North America over the next few years and eliminate four car models in a dramatic effort to turn the troubled automaker to profitability.

The company will eventually eliminate 35,000 jobs, including nearly 22,000 in North America, cut dividends to shareholders, suspend bonuses for managers and eliminate matching contributions for 401(k) savings plans for salaried employees. Chairman William Clay Ford Jr. and Ford's new CEO, Bob Shanks, will forgo his salary and bonuses and accept only stock options.

The four models being eliminated are the Lincoln Continental, Ford Escort, Mercury Villager and Mercury Cougar.

Fitch bond rating service responded to the actions by downgrading Ford's senior debt ratings, citing the continuing decline in the company's assumptions turn out to be too optimistic. Ford told a news conference this year turns out to be total, that sales will be less than 15.5 million units, from 15.8 million units last year.

Next week the automaker is expected to announce its first annual loss since 1992, a sharp contrast to a year ago when it reported a $6.67 billion profit for the year 2000.

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Ford also warned that there might be more changes if its assumption that the auto industry will sell a total of 16 million vehicles this year turns out to be too optimistic. Many analysts predict that sales will be less than 15.5 million vehicles.

“We already have a war room going and a plan B in place,” if the company's assumptions turn out to be too optimistic, Ford told a news conference. “We're going to look at this plan week-by-week.”

The announcement comes at a time when the nation is struggling to recover from a recession. Although most U.S. carmakers have been hurt by the weak economy and competition from Japan, Ford has fallen further than other companies.

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 Disabled workers' rights in jeopardy, advocates say

By Miguel Liscano

WASHINGTON — Advocates for disabled workers are fighting a new battle to protect people with disabilities from job discrimination. The battle is being fought in courts and in legislatures across the United States, and it's one that they say could have a significant impact on the lives of people with disabilities.

The latest round of the battle is being played out in the courts, where advocates are trying to ensure that people with disabilities are not denied jobs simply because of their disability. A recent Supreme Court decision could make it harder for people with disabilities to prove that they were discriminated against.

The decision in question is the 1975 case of American with Disabilities Act v. City of Washington, D.C. In this case, the Court held that the city had violated the ADA by failing to provide reasonable accommodations to a person with a disability.

Advocates for disabled workers say that the decision could make it harder for people with disabilities to prove that they were discriminated against. They say that the decision could also make it harder for them to get the accommodations they need to work.

But others say that the decision is a positive step. They say that it sets a higher bar for people with disabilities to prove that they were discriminated against.

The decision is also likely to have an impact on the way that employers feel about hiring people with disabilities. They may be more likely to consider hiring people with disabilities if they think that it will be easier to prove that they were not discriminated against.

Advocates for disabled workers say that the decision is a setback, but they are not ready to give up. They say that they will continue to fight for the rights of people with disabilities.

The battle is likely to continue for some time, as advocates and employers work to understand the impact of the decision.


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Bushi plans development of fuel-efficient cars with FreedomCAR

By Warren Brown

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is reportedly planning to launch a major effort to develop fuel-efficient cars. The effort is expected to be called FreedomCAR.

The announcement is expected to be made during the Bush administration's upcoming State of the Union address. The administration is expected to announce that it will be committing $1 billion to the development of fuel-efficient cars.

The effort is expected to be led by the Department of Energy, with the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency also involved.

The goal is to develop a car that can get 100 miles per gallon of gasoline. The administration is expected to announce that it will be working with automobile manufacturers to develop the technology.

The effort is also expected to include the development of alternative fuels, such as hydrogen.

The announcement is expected to be well-received by environmental groups, which have long been pushing for the development of fuel-efficient cars.

But the announcement is also likely to be met with skepticism by some, who say that the effort is unlikely to be successful.

Some say that the technology needed to develop a car that can get 100 miles per gallon of gasoline is still too far in the future.

Others say that the development of fuel-efficient cars is unlikely to be a priority for manufacturers, who are more focused on developing new features and technologies for their existing models.

Still others say that the effort is unlikely to be successful because of the high cost of developing the technology.

But advocates for fuel-efficient cars say that the announcement is a positive step, and that it will likely lead to increased support for the development of such cars.

They say that the announcement will also likely lead to increased pressure on Congress to provide funding for the development of fuel-efficient cars.

The effort is expected to be a major issue during the upcoming State of the Union address, and it is likely to be a key topic of discussion in the months leading up to the 2004 presidential election.


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Smoggy Utah blue threatens Olympic view

By Candus Thomson
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Whether Salt Lake City's snowy mountains!

For three weeks, that's been the question in the host city of the 2002 Winter Olympics, set to begin in less than a month.

A blanket of smog held in place by a temperature inversion has lofted out blue skies and the Wasatch Mountains on the edge of town. During the holiday break, vacationers flying into the airport west of the city could see only the jagged tips of the mountains and not a bit of the metropolitan area.

That's not a good omen for the Olympics organizers and NBC producers, who are planning to use the 10,000-foot snowcapped peaks as the signature landmark for the 17 days of athletic competition that begin Feb. 8. When the mountains vanish, so does much of Salt Lake's appeal.

On some recent days, if it weren't for the gigantic, six-spire Mormon Temple in the middle of downtown, visitors might be convinced they're standing in Shanghoin.

How cruel that after spending millions to spruce up the city, civic and political leaders are stuck with a view that visitors complain isn't worth a plugged nickel.

While the current inversion may lift, the worry for Olympics organizers is that the problematic weather phenomenon isn't unusual in these parts. Inversions happen when warm air aloft acts as a lid above the cold air in Salt Lake Valley, creating a stagnant soup for filled with vehicular and industrial emissions. Even those romantic, cracking wood stoves and fireplaces add to the stew.

Inversions happen in other cities at the edge of mountains: Los Angeles, Denver and Albuquerque, N.M. The bad ones in Salt Lake can last three weeks.

How bad? Three years ago, fire-works touched off to ring in the new year were sucked into the muck, their sparkle reduced to a dull glow.

Relief comes when the temperature changes or a snowstorm scours the air. But a large influx of flakes during the Olympics could cause a bigger problem by threatening havoc on the transportation system and causing the postponement of some competitions, as happened in Nagano, Japan, in 1998.

"We're lucky for things to be perfect, but there's a lot of things we can't control, and weather is one of them," said Kevin Sullivan, NBC vice president of communications. "If the mountains are lost in the fog, so be it. That's what we're going to show them. But as long as you've got the athletes and the competition, you've got the most important things."

If there are weather problems, the network is prepared to show two documentaries: one about the rebuilding of the U.S. skiing program after a 1961 airplane crash wiped out the program, and another about the Army 10th Mountain Division and its link to the skiing program, Sullivan said.

"It will be a different look, but you go with what you have," he added.

University of Utah meteorology professor Jim Steenburgh said historically, the worst months for inversions are December and January, with February being a transition month to warmer temperatures when the sun has a chance to burn off the smog.

"It's not out of the realm of possibility that there will be fog for the opening ceremonies," he said.
Cal Poly lock Jason Lauritsen gets a lift from teammates in order to outreach his UCLA opponents during a line out at Saturday's match.

By Matt Szabo
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly swim team faced challenging back-to-back meets Friday and Saturday, resulting in two big wins for the men's team and two losses for the women's team.

On Friday at Mott Pool, the men's team bested Cal State Northridge, 184 points to 111, but the women's team lost to CSUN, 176-121. On Saturday at UC Santa Cruz, the men's team won every event, but the women's team lost to the Banana Slugs by 16 points.

The outcome for the Friday meet against Northridge was indicated early, as the men already had a sizable lead approximately halfway through the meet, however, the women were already behind at the halfway marker.

Several individual performances stood out on the men's team, led once again by junior Kyle Powers.

Powers, coming off a 500-meter freestyle win last weekend at the Irvine Invitational, won every event in which he participated, including the 500 freestyle and 1,200 freestyle. He was also a member of the victorious 400 freestyle relay.

Senior Matt Parace, who won the 100 and 200 butterfly, said he thought the men's team's performance was impressive.

"We've turned the corner, especially after the meet in Irvine," he said. "I know today I saw a lot more intensity and a lot more focus on racing."

Head coach Rich Firman agreed and said he looked forward to the Big West conference championships to be held next month in Long Beach.

"I think they're starting to learn what it's going to take to achieve at the conference championships," he said.

"This has been a big turn-around these last two meets for us."

By Eric Rich
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Proving that they deserve to be ranked sixth in the nation, the Cal Poly rugby team demolished UCLA last Saturday at the Sports Complex with a one-sided score of 34-0.

From the opening whistle, the Mustangs played with an aggressive-ness that the Bruins couldn't match. Cal Poly dominated early with a strong showing from their forwards in the scrum and by capitalizing on turnovers.

The tempo was set in the opening minutes when John Kennard broke through the pack for an open-field run, which resulted in a try by Bryan Archibald. Archibald had a strong game by scoring a try, kicking for four points and adding an assist. A try is the ultimate goal in rugby — the equivalent to a touchdown in football.

Overall, the rugby team had an excellent offensive showing, as Ed Frantz, Tony Pernuela, Brian Bessard and Jimmy Hamlin all scored tries. Kennard, Pernuela and Jeff Stanga all added assists.

Head coach Charles Zanoli said there are numerous reasons behind the rugby team's success.

"The key to our game is that we string several phases of open-field runs together," he said. "We combined dominating first-phase play with repetitive open-field runs to gain some scoring opportunities."

But offense wasn't Cal Poly's only strength. Hard tackles and effective rucking characterized the defense, which didn't allow a single point. On a few occasions, the Bruins drove down to the Mustang's goal line, only to be stopped by the relentless defense.

"Our strength was that we communicated well on defense," said fullback Bryan Archibald. "We were constantly letting each other know where the weaknesses were and when to fill the gaps."

Up and down the line, the Mustangs are full of athletic talent. Zanoli credits the quick backline as an improvement from last year's squad, adding an integral part of the team's success. In addition, the team has trained hard four days a week during winter break to prepare for the grueling season ahead.

"We've been putting a lot of effort into our play," said flanker Lonnie Pettus. "We're starting to click as a team and that's what it's about."

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Minnesota basketball player transfers to Poly

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MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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Athletic Director John McCutcheon and head coach Kevin Bradley announced Friday that former University of Minnesota guard Shaine Snelling has transferred to Cal Poly and will be eligible to play Division I basketball in 2003.

Sholle was projected to be a selection for the Big Ten All-Conference team this year. Last summer, he played throughout Europe with the Big Ten Conference All-Stars.

Men's basketball drops second straight game

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