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5-DAY FORECAST
TODAY
High: 77° / Low: 44°
WEDNESDAY
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TODAY’S TIDE
Low: 2:32 a.m. / 1.77 feet
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Poly attempts to diversify campus
By Cynthia Neff
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

When Simon Kaspar came to study at Cal Poly, he expected the demographics to be "more multicultural." Instead, he arrived from Switzerland to find San Luis Obispo "white and conservative."

"I expected the demographics to be like the ones in San Francisco or Los Angeles," he said. "SLO County is more of a white country."

But the city and regional planning senior noted that the comparisons between San Luis Obispo and his hometown may be a little unfair since he comes from an area where speaking four languages is the norm.

At the same time, differences in background aren’t as obvious in Switzerland, he said. "You don’t realize people (are foreign) because they are usually European — from Greece, for example — but here, it is more obvious that someone is Hispanic, or from South Africa or Asia," he said.

This year, there are 233 international students at Cal Poly — 198 undergraduates and 35 graduates from 44 different countries, said Dr. Barbara Andre, associate director of International Education and Foreign students judge Poly’s diversity
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programs. They make up about 1 percent of the students on Cal Poly’s campus.

Most international students live at Valencia Apartments, due to discounted rates and quarterly-quarter leases, and often find themselves keeping each other company.

"A lot of international students end up hanging out together," Kaspar said, "especially the larger groups like the French and the Germans."

For many exchange students, the perceived lack of diversity is a campus issue.

"I don’t think it matters," said business senior Michael Grachinsky, who is from Karlsruhe, Germany. "Perhaps it depends on what region you are in."

But for some Californian locals, traveling overseas has been the best way to mingle with people and diversity is found in the least expected places.

French Professor John Thompson, who studied in Montpellier, France, as part of his undergraduate work, said that the students at Montpellier proved to be much more diverse than those at his home campus, University of California Santa Barbara.

"You can be very open and live with all sorts of people there," he said.

His favorite show is Survivor. He likes The Dave Matthews Band and Mozart. He plays Basketball and volunteers for Local Charities. They say, "He’s Everywhere..." Usually on the bus. He likes the bus, it’s quick, easy and the cost is a price he can afford.

For schedules and information visit www.slo.ca.gov

Poly students judge diversity
By Kristy Charles
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly students are younger on average than most other California State University campuses, according to a census taken last fall by Cal Poly’s Institutional Planning and Analysis department.

The census, which is taken every quarter and compiled into a publication called Poly View, also stated that the majority of students are California residents. And, the largest percentage of Cal Poly students originate from the San Francisco Bay Area.

Other trends unearthed include Cal Poly’s high and rising SAT scores, grade point averages, and an increase in the number of enrolled female students.

A large percentage of students come here as freshmen, right out of high school and are full-time students," said Bonnie Krupp, deputy director of institutional planning and analysis. "Cal Poly is a residential campus as opposed to commuter schools where people tend to be transfer students after going to community colleges, or are only part-time students."

Last fall, the average age of undergraduate students was 21 versus an average of 24 years for all undergraduate students in the CSU system.

The average age of Cal Poly students has actually decreased for a few years, according to old Poly View data. In fall 1997, the average age for undergraduate students at the university was 22, and by fall 2000 it was 21.

"I don’t think that out-of-state people pay attention to (Cal Poly) San Luis Obispo, because nobody really knows about it," said Andrew Rice, a business administration graduate student. "Agriculture and engineering are the only really well-known programs."

The top high schools that see CENSUS, page 4

Campus releases demographics
By Kristy Charles
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Sexual orientation not covered by Montana hate crimes law

Editor's note:
On Tuesday, Feb. 5, the University of Montana's newspaper reported that two UM faculty members, along with the American Civil Liberties Union, had filed a lawsuit against the Montana University System for refusing benefits to same-sex partners of lesbian and gay employees.

The next day, Carl Grayson, one of the professors involved in the lawsuit, received a threatening letter addressed to her and her partner. The same day, a similar letter was sent to the second plaintiff.

"Police are treating the arson as an attempted murder," the Montana Kaimin newspaper reported Feb. 9.

When the Mustang Daily contacted Montana Kaimin editor Monday, the search for suspects continued and the lawsuit was still pending.

By Bryan O'Connor

Plaintiff Carla Grayson is an assistant professor in the psychology department at the University of Montana. Grayson is suing the Montana University System for discriminating against same-sex partners under the health care and benefits plan. Grayson received threatening letters and her house was set on fire after the lawsuit was made public Feb. 5.

The arson occurred at the home of Carla Grayson and Adrienne Neff, an openly gay couple who just days before announced that they were plaintiffs in a lawsuit seeking to gain same-sex health benefits from the Montana University System.

Grayson and Neff, along with other plaintiffs in the case, received death threats in the mail. Missoula police have said the couple's sexual orientation was probably the cause of the arson threats, but also said they cannot rule out other motives.

Under the Federal Hate Crime Prevention Act, the definition of "hate crime" is that crime is motivated by the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, or sexual orientation of any person. Montana's hate crime statute lists those same motivations, but fails to include sexual orientation.

Montana is one of 27 states that does not recognize sexual orientation as a requirement for a hate crime. During the last legislative session, a bill was fought and lost.

We know that black people are not inferior... but if you go to the black schools in urban Detroit you get an inferior education," said LSA freshman Scott Fokey, a YAF member.

We came so we can get better chances to get into schools like the (university)," said Joshua Reed, a Cass Tech High School student.

"I can't know how much good it will do to close the schools. I do support their ultimate goal... to keep the door open to higher education," said Norman Orange, an administrator from Lewis Cass Technical High School who accompanied the students to Ann Arbor.

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University students rethinks decision to study abroad

By Jennifer Drury
(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — George Washington University officials are encouraging students to continue with plans to study abroad next semester, but with an added note of caution.

With anti-American sentiment flaring in many countries in the wake of a war on terrorism in the Middle East, students studying abroad said they think their American roots is a warranted idea.

Leonard, director of GW’s Office for Study Abroad, said students studying abroad should keep a low profile, advising them not to hang out or travel with large groups of Americans. She also recommends that students vary their routines while overseas and not tell everyone they know they are GW. GW currently has 236 students studying in other countries this semester.

“You have to understand you are more visible as an American abroad,” said Leonard. “So I would consider that as you travel overseas.”

The office has received phone calls from GW students abroad and those deciding going in the spring. Leonard said parents call because they want to make sure that their kids will be safe.

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University Diversity Enhancement Committee, chaired by dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Harry Hennenfeld.

The issue of diversity at Cal Poly was raised a few years ago, Fabian said, and students at Cal Poly are making sure that they are aware of this fact and doing something about it.

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pecks of dust blow out the sides of dusty hands as they put the final touches on what was once a square piece of foam. For a surfer, a surfboard is a work. For Brandon Cover, the hobby itself is his art—his vehicle of expression, but for the spare time creating surfboards. The senior Brandon Cover spends his time in the boardroom and finds the passion for shaping surfboards. He came to San Luis Obispo four years ago. B.C. Surfboards, the name of his board label, was born when Cover was a high school sophomore in Santa Barbara. He saw a piece of surfboard foam for sale in the newspaper, bought it and created his first hand-shaped surfboard.

"I didn't think I would have anything to lose buying the thing since it was only 20 bucks, and I had always wanted to mess around with shaping surfboards," Cover said.

Selling his first board set off the drive to want to shape more. Cover started by making long and short boards. Later he experimented with making "fun" shapes, which incorporated his own style into more non-traditional models.

Cover works at Central Coast Fiberglass that his shapes the foam after it is cut. "His boards are sick," mechanical engineering senior Mike Starkey said. "They're the only boards I ride."

"In the winter it's much more fun to have a board that's bigger. It allows you more speed and energy on the wave," he said.

He didn't have anyone to tell him what he was doing wrong. It wasn't until he got a job working at Central Coast Fiberglass that his skills improved at fast pace. Sanding and finishing all of the boards that people sent there allowed him to see how better shapers work. This gave him new ideas on how to improve his designs.

"I just started figuring out how to make really clean shapes that the rider of the board could respond well to on the wave," he said.

His local shaping career began with making all of the boards for his two roommates, who are also surfers at Cal Poly. Currently, he shapes three to five a month for anyone who is looking for a custom-made surfboard.

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The amount of work that goes into shaping a surfboard is enormous, Cover said. He described it as an eight-step process in which the shaper tries to make the perfect form for a particular surfer.

"Each surfer has a different style and finding what type of board suits them best is a real challenge," he said.

Cover's specialty is shaping "mini-guns." These range from 6 feet 8 inches to 8 feet in length and are traditionally ridden in bigger and heavier waves, he said.

"In the winter it's much more fun to have a board that's bigger," Cover said. "It allows you more speed and energy on the wave."

Although the extra income from shaping boards is a bonus, the pleasure comes from wanting to create something of his own, Cover said.

He shapes for the fun of it and sees it more as a hobby than a job. Making surfboards isn't a goal he is pursuing for a future career, he said. Next year is his last year at Poly, and finishing up with school is what he wants to get out of the way first.

"There definitely isn't much money in making surfboards," he said. "It's just a great thing to do."

He sells his boards out of his house on Mill Street. The average waiting period for a surfboard is three weeks, he said. Cover can be reached via e-mail at cover@calpoly.edu.

Architecture senior Brandon Cover sands the edge of a foam blank as he prepares it to be shaped into a surfboard.

Above, Cover traces an outline of the foam blank. The trace is the outline he will follow when cutting the foam with a hand saw. Right, he shapes the foam after it is cut. Cover works at Central Coast Fiberglass, where, during his free time, he can make himself a new surfboard in time for the next day's sets.
Letters to the editor

Give residents some credit

Editor,

This letter is in response to Gaye Dagian's commentary of Feb. 25 ("Students and alcohol: always a pair."). I wrote this letter because Mr. Dagian's commentary was, for me, the proverbial "straw that broke the camel's back." Since I have been at this school, I have heard almost constant complaints from students from every angle. I have now heard almost constant complaints from plants from everyone, ranging from the average student up to our "illiterate" ASI president, about how the residence life at Poly has turned college students because of their drinking and noisy parties. These same people argue that drinking is their college life and that the residents are just going to have to learn to deal with it. But has anyone ever considered that the residents might be right? And why is drinking among college students inevitable? Don't try to give me the excuse that there is nothing else to do in San Luis Obispo. That is the most ridiculous reason I've ever heard. If you like drinking because of the feeling it gives you, that's fine. But stop hiding behind the excuse that there is nothing else to do. I personally don't drink, and sometimes I wish I had something to have a good time every weekend. You don't believe me? Here are just a few suggestions: We could have a bonfire on the beach, play a band, have some friends, go dancing at the Grand, read a book, hang out with your friends, go to the movies, make a late night run to In-N-Out, bake up to the "P" for a little star-gazing, etc. There are just a few examples. We are all intelligent around here; be creative. There is always something to do.

It really sad if you have to use mind-altering substances to have a good time, because we should all be doing it by ourselves. There are just too many of them. I am sure you are aware of the obvious physical features that distinguish us from one another (she hid long blond hair and pale skin, he had short, dark hair and skin). I prefer to focus on the differences that lie deeper than our skin color.

Diversity is a subject that comes up in many categories, for many people and can be diverse in innumerable ways (Webster's Dictionary definition, "involving different forms"). When one hears the word "diversity," nice is a key factor in the definition. "Involving different forms.") When one hears the word "diversity," nice is a key factor in the definition. "Involving different forms.") When one hears the word "diversity," nice is a key factor in the definition. "Involving different forms.") When one hears the word "diversity," nice is a key factor in the definition. "Involving different forms.") When one hears the word "diversity," nice is a key factor in the definition. "Involving different forms.") When one hears the word "diversity," nice is a key factor in the definition. "Involving different forms.") When one hears the word "diversity," nice is a key factor in the definition. "Involving different forms.") When one hears the word "diversity," nice is a key factor in the definition. "Involving different forms.") When one hears the word "diversity," nice is a key factor in the definition. "Involving different forms."

I have found my residence online two weeks before I transferred to Cal Poly in 2000. It was a shared room in a house that I had never seen with two people I had never met. I spoke on the phone with the girl I was replacing (she was off to Spain for a year) and learned to expect no interaction about the living situation from her.

Looking back, I wish I had at least scoured what kind of people my new roommates were. I probably should have been, but I was completely open to new experiences. I had never lived away from home before. I finally met my roommate the day I moved in, and I quickly discovered that we didn't have much in common.

Other than the obvious physical features that distinguished us from one another (she had long blond hair and pale skin; he had short, dark hair and skin)—all the markings of a surfer girl, I learned that she listened to alternative-tape music, loved to skateboard but hated to surf. That didn't much like to dance. On the other hand, I listened to mostly rap and hip-hop, didn't have enough balance to skateboard, and absolutely loved to dance.

Nevertheless, we got along fabulously. Aside from our differences, we often hung out together and even took a trip to Santa Barbara during the six months I lived there. I'm not sure I would have ever met this girl had we not lived together, as we were as different as night and day. However, I think our varied backgrounds made us more interested in each other and actually added to our friendship.

Diversity encompasses so much more than race. It is more than skin deep. I do not consider diversity to be that exclusively. So, the next time you involve yourself in a discussion concerning Cal Poly's diversity and how it relates to your eyes to the truly diverse world around you.

Barbara Bowden is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letter to the editor

There are bigger fish to fry

Editor,

While reading the Feb. 22 article "First Web master accused of taking site design," I began to think. Why do people have to make such a big deal over situations that are, in the long run, so miniscule? As of today, both DSP and PCE have new Web sites. Whether or not DSP's"site Miss Chu's design, I don't know. I am glad because I know she would not accept their apology and leave it at that. As a graphic communication and business major, I know the value of intellectual property. But I also know very well what generic looks like. Yes, the sites look startlingly similar to those on DSP. It is not something extremely unique or creative. The new DSP Web sites look better anyway. My point is, this is in the day and age, why can't people just move on? There are two organizations at Cal Poly. They are full of student talent, one graduate and the other undergraduate. So what if DSP windy look somewhere different down the line? I don't want to decile Miss Chu. Because DSP did use her material they should have credited her. But I really think that in order for both groups to just move on, Chu should accept their apology and put their efforts into Web site design or another interest.

Lauren Perley is a business junior.

Fuel to the flames

Editor,

In reading Christy Roth's response ("Race is a useless fact in this society,") Feb. 11) to the dorm altercation article ("Changest in dorms don't add up"); Feb. 7), my impression halfway was that there is a heated topic, but I think that your concern is shallow. There is always something to do. By the way, it is illegal for minors to possess a vehicle to fill those precious spots. Cruising, parking on campus and every other banned topic. Even if you have a bar and a beauty shop, I think that your concern is shallow. There is always something to do. By the way, it is illegal for minors to possess a vehicle to fill those precious spots. Cruising, parking on campus and every other banned topic. Even if you have a bar and a beauty shop, it is still an uphill battle to get the administration to do something. There is always something to do. When you say that. As a graphic communication and business major, I know the value of intellectual property. But I also know very well what generic looks like. Yes, the sites look startlingly similar to those on DSP. It is not something extremely unique or creative. The new DSP Web sites look better anyway. My point is, this is in the day and age, why can't people just move on? There are two organizations at Cal Poly. They are full of student talent, one graduate and the other undergraduate. So what if DSP windy look somewhere different down the line? I don't want to decile Miss Chu. Because DSP did use her material they should have credited her. But I really think that in order for both groups to just move on, Chu should accept their apology and put their efforts into Web site design or another interest.

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Letter to the editor

Tuesdays in new dorms don't add up

Editor,

As a journalism senior and College of Business student, I must say that the article "Female athletes overcome lack of funding to gain equality with male sports" (Feb. 21) made me laugh. Yes, Title IX has provided the opportunity for more women to compete in intercollegiate athletics. However, as a member of Cal Poly's club field hockey and lacrosse teams, I must say there is still a long way to go for funding women's sports. Not a lot has changed since 1965, apparently. We still have to drive ourselves to games, provide our own gas, purchase our own equipment and treat our sleeping bags with bug and mosquitos. We camp out at family and friends' houses. Not to even mention the team fees that come out of our own pockets that range from $75 to $250 per season. We are as much athletes as our NCAA-sponsored teams, yet receive much less funding and support from the school. We do not get scholarships, uniforms, travel expenses paid for and our own gear to work out in. Nor do we get the media coverage and acknowledgement we deserve. We are as much a representation of our school as other sports and therefore deserve much less support. While the football field is beautifully maintained and taken care of, it is uphill battle to get the administration to cut the recreation facilities of San Luis Obispo to play field hockey on. What drives us is our true passion for the sports we play. The women's field hockey team comes in second in the state in our most recent, regional tournament (http://www.sowvlll.com/cgi/standings). Title IX has helped many women, but there is still a long way to go in funding support for women's teams at Cal Poly.

Shannon Rudd is a graphic communications junior and goalkeeper for Cal Poly's field hockey and lacrosse "B" teams.

Observation and Reflection

New Letter policy

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Attention: Please number all submitted letters in the last few days without the above information. Include your student ID number and a signed statement unless you submit it in the correct format.

The Daily ran a letter from a student that got our office thinking. The student wanted to park a car on campus, they could not, every one of these students would possess a vehicle to fill those precious spots. Cruising, parking on campus and every other banned topic. Even if you have a bar and a beauty shop, it is still an uphill battle to get the administration to do anything about the vehicular capabilities. A Cal Poly where there are innumerable parking spaces as students, staff and other personnel would resemble a nightmare sea of Blacktop instead of green rolling hills. I don't want to坏 your car, you and me. I don't want to discredit Miss Chu, because if DSP did use her material they should have credited her. But I really think that in order for both groups to just move on, Chu should accept their apology and put their efforts into Web site design or another interest.

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Women face uphill struggle for top U. of Iowa posts

By Gigi Wood
The Daily Iowan

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — Women seeking to become effective leaders at the University of Iowa need to work outside the office as much as they do inside, said a high-ranking university department head.

"You have to become part of that network outside of formal meetings," said Cindy Johnson, head of family medicine in the UI College of Medicine.

Johnson is one of four female department heads in the college, which on July 1 will join an elite group that includes Harvard and Stanford universities when the recently appointed Laurie Fanjedo takes her post as the head of the radiology department.

Only four medical schools in the nation, aside from the UI, can boast five or more female department heads, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Although hiring Fanjedo is a step forward, said people at the university, the percentage of women in leadership positions is still below the national average, aside from the UI, can boast.

"We always need to work outside the office as much as we do inside," said Joe Coulter, the UI associate provost for diversity, said progress toward increased diversity at the university has been slow.

"In the past five to six years, it's been a chilly environment for women and minorities," he said, referring to what he calls a nationwide political backlash against affirmative action. "It's also partly because of the conviction that the battle's been won — that we don't need to worry about this anymore.

Since Mary Sue Coleman's appointment as UI president in 1995, the number of tenure and tenure-track women at the university has increased by approximately 5 percent, from 22 to 26.6 percent in 2001, according to the office of the provost. In 1991 the number was 13.6 percent.

Anni Rhodes, who has been at the UI for 25 years in roles ranging from student to senior administrator, said the number of women and minorities on campus is not as high as it should be.

"There has been no visible increase," said Rhodes, who currently serves as asst. associate counsel for the UI general counsel.

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By Bridgette Vanherweg

The Mustangs redeemed themselves in a 9-4 victory on Saturday against San Jose State, following their losses to Oregon State and Stanford last week. The team's pitching and fielding were strong in the win, and the offense was able to put up a significant number of runs, including home runs from junior first baseman Tony Alcantara and senior lefthander Kevin Correia.

Alcantara (1-for-4, 3 RBIs, HR, 2 RBIs) hit a three-run home run in the first inning, giving the Mustangs the early lead. Correia (5-2, 3 RBIs, 7 K's) pitched seven innings, allowing three runs and striking out nine. This win ended the Mustangs' seven-game losing streak.

"It's a great win for us going into conference play," Coach Price said. "It shows what we can do when we play well as a team.

The Mustangs are now 9-4 on the season and will continue to build momentum as they head into conference play.