First person

The downtown scene:
A view from the other side

Editor's Note: The following is a five-person article describing the events of a ride along with the San Luis Obispo Police Department on a Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

By Heather Zwaduk
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

I spent my entire night last Saturday night riding in the back of a police car. I did not land there by urinating in a gutter, displaying my drunkenness or driving under the influence. I was just along for the ride with San Luis Obispo Police Department Sgt. Jerry Lenthall to see what a typical weekend night is like for the San Luis Obispo Police.

That's right, I was on their side. With recent controversies about restaurant liquor licenses and closing times, I was especially curious to find out what goes on between 1 and 2 a.m. I did my best to find out just how many 9 to 5s they handle during the Saturday night p.m. progress. He tell me that in an average night, they handle about 100 officers on duty handling about 100 calls. Lenthall said one of the more common offenses downtown is urinating in public, which yields 20 to 30 citations per night.

11:30 p.m. - We pull up to Mother's Tavern, where a line of eager bar goers wait anxiously to be let inside. Lenthall signals for the bartender, Jeff, to come over. I ask Jeff if Mother's patrons are prone to altercations, and he tells me that the bar does see its occasional fights.

The cruiser was when a guy (who was involved in a fight) was thrown through the window recently," Jeff said. 11:40 p.m. - "We leave Mother's and head to Mission Grill, where I talk to Kyle, a bouncer there. I ask Kyle what he see RIDE ALONG, page 2
Concerned About the High Cost of Housing in San Luis Obispo?

RIDE ALONG
continued from page 1

he thinks about the possibility of new bars like Mission Grill having to close an hour earlier.
"I think it’s silly," he said. "Those people will go to another bar and we'll have the same problem."

Kyle tells me one solution proposed recently is to have the bars pay a certain amount of money to aid in a cleanup patrol for the downtown area after weekends, which he said would be a much better idea.

Lenthall tells me that he thinks the proposed, and he said there is definitely a problem downtown that needs to be addressed, but he’s not convinced that closing the new bars earlier will solve the problem.

"Cooks knows that officers will be downtown (making it easier to pull off burglaries and other crimes)," he said. "It takes police officers away from the rest of the town."

12:15 a.m. - We head over to The Shack. A bus, which was full of frienemies and sorority members earlier that night, is now parked there. Lenthall tells me that around 9 p.m., the bus was parked near a house on Chorro Street, where the group was hosting a party.

1:45 a.m. - We drive down an alley where a man has been kicked out of the bar for fighting. After questioning him, Lenthall finds out that he has a suspended license for drunk driving. He explains to me to get back in the car that one condition of the man’s probation is to not consume so much alcohol that he causes trouble.

2:05 a.m. - As we drive back to the station, Lenthall spots a car driving without its headlights on. He tells me that this is one sure sign that the driver is drunk. We follow the car and, after the driver uses his left turn signal to make a right turn, Lenthall decides to pull him over.

2:45 a.m. - We pull into a parking lot where a man has been kicked out of the bar. A former Cal Poly student, admits that he consumed one and a half beers at 10 p.m. Lenthall explains to us that by lying to the officer he’s able to buy himself some time when he gives the officer a breath sample. Lenthall points out that he could still smell the alcohol on the man, and asks him again what time he had his last drink. Finally, the man, who is a Cal Poly student, admits that he consumed one and a half beers at 10 p.m. Lenthall then leads the man through a series of sobriety tests and determines that his blood alcohol level is too high to safely operate a vehicle. He handcuffs the man and puts him in a patrol car to be taken to the station for more tests.

3 a.m. - As I step out of the car, I realize that I am one of the few that has seen through the "enemy’s" eyes. At times in my past I have resembled the police’s interference in my social life, but I now know that they do have good intentions.

The only consensus I find is that no single solution will solve the problems downtown or make everyone happy. Students will continue to have fun and drink themselves into a swinging frenzy no matter what the law are.
National/International News

Monday, November 4, 2002

National Briefs

Dozens injured in massive pile-up on foggy Los Angeles-area freeway

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Nearly 200 cars and big-rig trucks collided on the fogbound Long Beach Freeway early Sunday, injuring dozens of people, nine critically, and closing the highway for hours.

"The fog was thick and all you saw on the horizon was the cars piled up in both directions," driver Bob Ziegel told KABC-TV. "You could hear all the crashing and the banging. You could feel your car moving, knowing that other cars are still hitting you."

California Highway Patrol Officer Joseph Pace said 194 vehicles, including seven or eight tractor trailers, were involved in two separate pileups.

At least 41 people were injured, nine of them critically, he said.

Dozens of cars, vans and big-rig trucks could be seen tangled together and littering both sides of the freeway about 25 miles south of Los Angeles. Some cars were buried under others, and some of the injured had to be cut from their vehicles.

Early morning fog may have contributed to the pileups, which started just before 7 a.m., CHP Officer Douglas Kondo said.

Song-swapping growing popularity cuts online music sales

SAN FRANCISCO — The growing popularity of CD burning and illegal song-swapping over the Internet has caused online music sales to tumble this year, according to a survey to be released Monday.

Online sales of prerecorded music lagged behind last year's totals through the third quarter by $355 million in sales, or 25 percent, according to the study conducted by research firm comScore Networks.

Music sales via the Internet this year have reached $545 million through the third quarter, well behind last year's total of $730 million for the same time period.

The study showed former Napster users flocked to alternative file-sharing networks such as Kazaa and Morpheus. After Napster went offline for good in the summer of 2001, Morpheus' user base grew from less than one million in June 2001 to 7.2 million in March 2002, comScore found.

Government, corporate America attempt to find out what young people think

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The government of Missouri is listening. So are several major corporations and any number of corporate executives.

They want to know what young people think. And increasingly, they're appointing teens and twentysomethings to advisory boards, councils and cabinets to find out.

"A lot of adults have spent their time trying to figure out what it's like to be young but don't involve us," says Ben Smilowitz, a senior at Washington University in St. Louis.

When boards have included young people, too often they've only been "tokens," he said. But that's beginning to change.

Already an experienced youth activist at age 21, Smilowitz was drafted by Missouri Gov. Bob Holden to coordinate a youth cabinet, one of the first of its kind for a state government.

Applications flooded in over the summer. And this past week, Holden announced the names of 45 young Missourians to be assigned to state departments that deal with everything from transportation to poverty.

He says he was inspired to create the cabinet by young people already involved in his state's politics — from Students Against Driving Drunk to the daughter of one state senator who spoke in favor of legislation that would allow people as young as 16 to donate organs.

International Briefs

Saddam says public opinion works against U.S.-British desire to oust him

CAIRO, Egypt — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said in a rare interview that he believed the American and British determination to make war on Iraq could collapse under the weight of anti-war sentiment in the two countries.

"Time is in our favor, and we have to buy more time to make sure that the U.S.-British alliance might disintegrate because of... the pressure of public opinion on American and British streets," Saddam told the Egyptian weekly Al-Ohbisa in the interview published Sunday.

"The demonstrations in the Arab and Western world include hundreds of thousands of peace-loving people who are protecting the war and aggression on Iraq," he said, apparently referring to protests in the United States and around the world last month.

Pointing to Arab public opinion as a force in Iraq's favor, Saddam also appealed to Arab leaders to define Iraq. Arguing that Washington's goal was to control Mideast oil, he said that after attacking Iraq, U.S. forces could strike at other Arab countries and non-Arab Iran.

Russian defense minister suspends troop reduction in Chechnya

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia — Chechen rebels shot down a Russian military helicopter Sunday, killing nine soldiers, shortly after the defense minister announced he was suspending plans to cut back Moscow's force in the troubled province.

In the second such attack in less than a week, the Mi-8 helicopter, carrying three military crew and six troops, was hit as it lifted off from Russia's military headquarters in the southern republic. The Interfax news agency reported that all nine soldiers onboard were killed.

"I have made a decision to suspend the plans on cutting down troops in Chechnya," Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov told journalists in Khabarovsk in the Russian Far East.

Russian officials have repeatedly said that they have the situation under control in Chechnya.

President Vladimir Putin now faces a promise to get tough on the Muslim separatists, but while Russia maintains a commanding force in the small southern republic, rebels continue to inflict daily casualties.

New Harry Potter film makes world premiere in London

LONDON — Dressed in wizard's hats and witches' robes, hundreds of screaming fans greeted the stars of the new Harry Potter movie, at its glitzy world premiere Sunday in London.

Daniel, Daniel, Daniel," chanted a crowd of teenage girls, as Daniel Radcliffe, the young actor who plays the boy wizard, arrived for the screening of "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets."

"It is a bit strange, but very exciting," Radcliffe said of the enthusiasm that greeted him upon his arrival at the Odeon cinema in London's Leicester Square.

Fans waited several hours, braving rain and windy weather, in the hope of getting a glimpse of the film's cast.

They cheered wildly at the arrival of Rupert Grint, who plays Harry's ginger-haired friend Ron Weasley, and Emma Watson, who stars as schoolmate Hermione Granger.

Robbie Coltrane, who plays the half-giant Hagrid, also received a warm welcome from the crowd, which lined the famous square and stood in a specially constructed stand decorated in the colors of the story's Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

One star absent from the premiere was the late Richard Harris, who played the role of Professor Albus Dumbledore. He died late last month of Hodgkin's disease.

In the film, based on the novel by J.K. Rowling, Harry enrolled for his second year at Hogwarts.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily news editor Andrea Coberry.
For the most part the crafts exhibited were beautiful, well-made and taste-ful. Beautiful gowns, woven clothing and even cheese from a local dairy were just a few of the goods that this show had to offer. But those are not the crafts that caught and held my attention for hours on end. No, the real gems were the ones that were scarce, obscure and totally tacky. These were just a few of the not-so-good goodies that deserve to have a show all their own:

he used in such a manner. Terrified would be a better word.

I also carry One of those shy of a picnic, one Coke shy of a six-pack and totally out of my mind.

Please call Atascadero State Hospital and get me a bed. I would prefer my usual

Real Purses is a company out of Fort Worth, Texas, that manufactures denim

I told her that I needed to think about it. When I called her and order the kiss-

These purses looked like something my sister made in home economics class

Christian leaders should be telling Falwell to hit the books; the Bible has a few things to say about his hateful speech.

Falwell's rhetoric is callous.

Christian leaders should be telling Falwell to hit the books; the Bible has a few things to say about his hateful speech. 

I'm not gonna declare my ferret/...
M any students have heard or have lived through housing horror sto­
ries, some of which are so terrible you can't even laugh about them.
The worst part is they're the same year after year: A functioning toilet in the mid­
summer, we will take anything we can
get. After year: A functioning toilet in the mid­
summer, we will take anything we can
get. But what can we as
students do?

The politicians in San Luis Obispo
are quick to tell us that the city's
housing problems are due to the
substandard units in the city's
residences. Most city officials act
with the same sub-par unit again and again. They

Suck in dollars and rezoning in order to build more
areas. But what can we as
students do?

The politicians in San Luis Obispo
are quick to tell us that the city's
住房 problems are due to the
substandard units in the city's
residences. Most city officials act
with the same sub-par unit again and again. They

Suck in dollars and rezoning in order to build more
areas. But what can we as
students do?

The politicians in San Luis Obispo
are quick to tell us that the city's
housing problems are due to the
substandard units in the city's
residences. Most city officials act
with the same sub-par unit again and again. They

Suck in dollars and rezoning in order to build more
areas. But what can we as
students do?

The politicians in San Luis Obispo
are quick to tell us that the city's
housing problems are due to the
substandard units in the city's
residences. Most city officials act
with the same sub-par unit again and again. They

Suck in dollars and rezoning in order to build more
areas. But what can we as
students do?

The politicians in San Luis Obispo
are quick to tell us that the city's
housing problems are due to the
substandard units in the city's
residences. Most city officials act
with the same sub-par unit again and again. They

Suck in dollars and rezoning in order to build more
areas. But what can we as
students do?

The politicians in San Luis Obispo
are quick to tell us that the city's
housing problems are due to the
substandard units in the city's
residences. Most city officials act
with the same sub-par unit again and again. They

Suck in dollars and rezoning in order to build more
areas. But what can we as
students do?
HELP US RENEW THE CALIFORNIA DREAM!

VOTE

ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH FOR THESE FINE CANDIDATES

State Offices:
- Governor - Bill Simon
- Lieutenant Governor - Bruce McPherson
- Secretary of State - Keith Olberg
- Controller - Tom McClintock
- Treasurer - Greg Conlon
- Attorney General - Dick Ackerman
- Insurance Commissioner - Gary Mendoza
- Board of Equalization (1st District) - Mark S. Bendick
- Superintendent of Public Instruction - Katherine Smith

Federal Offices:
- Representative (23rd District) - Beth Rogers
- Representative (22nd District) - Bill Thomas

State Assembly:
- Assembly Member (33rd District) - Abel Maldonado

Judicial, vote YES on:
- Marvin Baxter
- Kathryn Werdegar
- Miriam Vogel
- Gary Hastings
- Paul Turner
- Kenneth Yegan
- Mildred Lillie
- Vote NO on everyone else

Judge of the Superior Court
- Superior Court Judge - Jacqueline Frederick
  - OR -
- Superior Court Judge - John Trice

City of San Luis Obispo
- Mayor - Dave Romero
- Council Member - Paul Brown

State Propositions
- Proposition 46 - No
- Proposition 47 - No
- Proposition 48 - Yes
- Proposition 49 - Yes
- Proposition 50 - No
- Proposition 51 - No
- Proposition 52 - No

We simply don’t have the money to be spending billions!

City Measure
- Measure L-02 – Yes
TO THE STUDENT VOTERS OF CAL POLY:  
Over the past four years your interests, welfare and concerns have been ignored and overlooked by the majority of the present city council. This council is more interested in the Residents For Quality Neighborhoods (RQN). This council has solved none of the problems which hamper the neighborhoods but would have you believe they support you. The City Police Representative, The Chief of Police and these council members all want your tax revenues, your help donations and community projects, but try to get a permit for a fraternity or sorority house, try to get a permit for a black power, or try to speak out against a restrictive ordinance involving parking or more than five people living in a single family dwelling, try to get them to institute a late night bus service from campus to downtown. On Tuesday you should throw these incumbents -- Marx and Ewan -- out of office and send a message to City Hall.

VOTE TO ELECT DAVE ROMERO • MAYOR AND PAUL BROWN • CITY COUNCIL

Gary Fowler  
Cal Poly Graduate  
Resident of SLO for 35 years  
Retired CHF and Military Officer

A New C-4 Class for Winter Quarter  
HUMANITIES X335: FANATICISM  
Tues and Thurs 2-4  
Taught by Professor Paul Miklowitz

Since September 11, fanaticism has dramatically emerged as the principal threat to the security of the world's one remaining "superpower." What was previously an interesting but marginal phenomenon is suddenly the subject of headlines every day, no longer an exotic aberration Americans can afford to ignore.

But what is fanaticism? Is it entirely irrational, or does it have its philosophical foundations upon which such questions must rest, or should we even try? Is the "modern" faith in reason as the means of "reason," how do we rescue reason from such infamy? Or should we even try? Is the "modern" faith in reason as the guarantor of liberty and justice for all... and if so, what is the reaction between rational "truth" and irrational conviction? Between reason and faith? And if faith can make legitimate claims on our credulity, what becomes of "truth"?

HUMANITIES X335 FANATICISM will address these and related questions from an interdisciplinary perspective. Building on the philosophical foundations upon which such questions must rest, we will also look at literature, drama, film, and even some bizarre unclassifiable texts in order to better understand the perverse appeal of the fanatic's passionate intensity when the best in contemporary Western culture seem to lack all conviction.
Mustangs sweep long road trip

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team completed its longest road trip of the conference season in dominant fashion.

The Mustangs traveled to Idaho and Utah State over the weekend and swept both teams in three games.

On Thursday, Worthy Lien tallied 13 kills and seven blocks to lead Cal Poly to a 30-23, 30-23 and 30-16 win over Utah State. The win moved the Mustangs to a 3-0 record (10-10 overall, 9-3 Big West) which they must have to be eligible for the NCAA Tournament.

On Sunday, the Mustangs swept both UC Riverside, 3-0 and Cal State Fullerton, 3-0 in the Big West Conference. UC Riverside fell to 9-8-1 (3-3-1 Big West) and Cal State Fullerton outshot the Mustangs, 16-8.

Both teams played an even first half, with each team recording four shots. However, in the second half, the Mustangs were outshot 12-3 but weathered the Titan offensive attack to force overtime.

Martin's goal came at 92:57, when she juggled a ball in the penalty box before putting it away in the upper-right hand corner of the goal. It was her fourth goal of the season.

Get ready for a showdown. Thanks to a pair of victories and a UC Santa Barbara loss over the weekend, the Cal Poly women's soccer team has a chance to compete for the Big West title.

The Mustangs host Santa Barbara on Friday in Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m. The winner takes the conference crown, an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament and bringing rights in the bitter rivalry.

The Mustangs swept their weekend matches with several strong offensive contributions and the stellar play of goalie Greta Shirdon.

On Friday, Erin Martin scored just three goals.

For the women's team, Stacy Peterson posted two fourth-place finishes in the 200 backstroke (2:12.38) and the 200 individual medley (2:13.35). Mary Thomas also finished fourth in the 200 freestyle (2:04.78).

The men's team defeated Cal State Northridge by a score of 72-59. The women were defeated by UC Irvine, Cal State Northridge and UNLV.

On Saturday, the Mustangs faced UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, Pacific and Northridge, defeating only Northridge (86-52).

The men's team defeated Cal State Northridge by a score of 72-40, but fell to UC Irvine, Denver and UNLV. The women were defeated by UC Irvine, Cal State Northridge and UNLV.

On Friday, the Mustangs faced UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, Pacific, and Northridge, defeating only Northridge (86-52). The women's team was led by EWU's Bobby Powers was the individual leader in scoring.

The Mustangs return to action Friday in the Malibu Invitational, hosted by Pepperdine.