Employee killed in car accident

By Jessica Hoffman
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

A Cal Poly employee was killed Sunday when his 1992 Ford Explorer rolled over after he entered a curve on Old Creek Road.

John Eugene Martin, a Cal Poly employee for 30 years, was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the Explorer. He died on the scene after becoming trapped under the vehicle for about 30 minutes.

Martin began his long history with Cal Poly as a student. He was hired with custodial services and worked up to his most recent position of assistant director of custodial services.

"Just this year he received his 30 years of service recognition," Mark Hunter, interim director of facilities services said. "He had just filed his letter of retirement and was going to retire on Oct. 3."

Besides managing and coordinating daily custodial services for campus, Martin was instrumental in the

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Poly student names Foundation in suit

By Abbey Kingdon
SUMMER MUSTANG CONTRIBUTOR

An 18-year-old Cal Poly student will be the third person to file suit against the distributors of the E. coli-infected sprouts that she ingested last summer.

Tammy Lee underwent surgery last August to remove an E. coli-infected section of her intestine. She was first diagnosed with E. coli during the Eckerd Corporation and CVS Foundation in suit.

Foods and All About Produce but has not named the Foundation in

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Ephedra events have repercussions locally

By Cathy Ayers
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Consumers who once sought supplements containing the herb ephedra for weight loss or energy are finding it more difficult to obtain such products in recent months.

After the death of the Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler earlier this year, the already controversial herb has come under more scrutiny.

General Nutrition Centers pulled all supplements containing the herb off their shelves at the end of June. Other drugstore chains, such as Walgreens', the Eckerd Corporation and CVS Corporation soon followed their lead.

The sole reasoning behind pulling these supplements was a decrease in consumer demand, GNC spokesperson Stephanie Mangini said. Part of the decrease in consumer demand for ephedra-based products was the availability of alternative products that are ephedra free.

In a press release dated April 8, the ephedra industry reaffirmed that the supplements are safe and have significant health benefits for consumers.

In the same statement, the industry argued that the adverse event reports were not useful in assessing safety, and they do not establish that ephedra has caused serious adverse effects.

MG Sports Supplements in San Luis Obispo is one of the few stores that continue to carry ephedra-based supplements.

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UC students sue Regents over fee increase

By Micah Paulson
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Eight University of California students are seeking a preliminary injunction against accessing the Board of Regents of ignoring statements in university documents and implementing illegal fee increases.

With the California economy in shambles, many college students are frustrated that budget cuts could not have been resolved without putting such a substantial burden on students already reeling from high student fees.

"Raising fees was a last resort. It was one of the many things done to deal with the budget cuts," said UC regent Christopher Patti. "We had to cut programs and lay off employees. If we didn't raise fees the quality of education would have eroded."

The California constitution gives the 26 member Board of Regents, of which the governor is president, absolute authority when it comes to raising student fees. The only way the fees would be reduced is if the student's lawsuit prevails.

The regents have authorized a 25 percent fee increase, with an extra 5 percent if necessary. The average in-state undergraduate fees are now about $4,800; with additional campus fees, the average rises to $5,274, according to the Associated Press.

This state average is in sharp contrast with Cal Poly annual fees, which are between $2,890.50 and $3,513, depending on fees determined by the individual colleges.

"The CSU fee increases are uneven because of the different fund raising amounts gained from private donors," said Paul Zingg, Cal Poly vice president of academic affairs. "Cal Poly has been at it longer than most, and President Baker makes it a priority to pursue non-state resources."

The state is the biggest fund-raiser for Cal Poly, providing about 80

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The inside scoop on health happenings at Poly

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In Bosnia, a so-called "Portland Seven," served at least seven years in federal prison under the deal, which was approved by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Hawash pleaded guilty to conspiring to provide services to the Taliban. Prosecutors agreed to drop charges of conspiring to levy war against the United States and conspiring to provide material support for terrorism.

In March, federal agents seized Hawash, 38, from a parking lot outside Intel Corp., where he worked, and simultaneously searched his home. He was held as a material witness until charges were filed five weeks later. In what supporters called an abuse of civil rights, federal officials did not publicly confirm he was being held during those five weeks.

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India:Arie is sure to make the crowd roar

By Caroline Lindahl
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

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Many Cal Poly students have once, or possibly twice, wrestled their way free of comfortable couches, climbed through sweat, tears and shortness of breath up one of the hills surrounding San Luis Obispo to fully take in the place they live; I have found a better view.

For those who love the freedom of flying, the San Luis Obispo Airport is host to a hands-on flight school, Victory Aviators, offering an introductory flight for under $50. With the expert assistance of co-owner Adam Verdin, I found out for myself what it is like to maneuver 1,800 feet above freeway traffic—making my way from the airport past my workplace in Pismo Beach, in mere seconds.

“Our ultimate goal is to teach our students how to be completely self-sufficient, to deal with any problem that could arise. The actual flying of the airplane is one of the easiest things to do. It’s not rocket science.”

About 25 to 30 percent of the clientele are Cal Poly students, Verdin said. Flight instructors at Victory Aviators said college students are extremely receptive to flying instructions, and learn with ease. Wendy Strassburg, an employee at the San Luis Obispo Airport since the 1960s, said Victory Aviators uses the time-tested Jeppesen flight instruction technique, a system developed by an air mail pilot, which teaches instrument use.

The flights are offered in single engine, two-person, Cessna 152s. Expect a tight fit, but it is well worth it for the thrill of navigating down the magnificent California coastline.

After the introductory flight, it costs approximately $60 per lesson. Each lesson lasts about 2 to 3 hours. A large part of the lesson consists of training for what to do if something goes wrong, or if conditions are less than ideal. Students aiming for a pilot’s license should expect to spend a lot of time in the air. The Federal Aviation Administration requires a minimum of 40 hours flight time.

“Learning to be a pilot takes time and dedication,” Strassburg said. “The students who do the best are those that harbor a love for flying.”

Learning to fly not only requires time but money as well. To get certified at Victory Aviation costs between $4,500 and $5,000, Verdin said. Yet, for individuals between the ages of 15 and 21 with an itch to fly but do not have the money, a scholarship is available. Applications are being accepted for the San Luis Avionics Inc. and Honeywell International scholarship until Oct. 1, offering $2,000 toward a private pilot’s license.

Some of the best views in San Luis Obispo County can be seen by plane. Local flight training school Victory Aviators teaches students with a hands-on approach. About 25 to 30 percent of their clientele attend Cal Poly.
At a time when the national and government faces a struggling economy, an enormous budget deficit and the highest unemployment rate in eight years, one can only wonder if the manpower and expenses to eliminate the threat of bongsmokes and pipes is absolutely necessary and is the right use of funds.

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percent of the funds that operate the school, Zingg said. "If the San Francisco Superior Court grants the eight students class certification, they would represent the rest of the UC students, who qualify as unnamed plaintiffs. "Hopefully the UC students are motivated by concern for the ability of schools to have academic success," Zingg said. "If they're looking to make a statement and create concern, this is certainly a good way of doing it."

If the Aug. 13 injunction prevails, the university would be prevented from raising fees for professional stu-
dents by 25 percent. The UC would lose $12 million if the court grants injunctive relief, according to UC spokesman Brad Hayden.

The problem with canceling fee increases is increases receive would have to assume the financial burden, "If the CSU students won a lawsuit it would have to be funded by state revenues," Zingg said. "In an indirect way the taxpayers would have to pay; there is no other source of revenue." Zingg and Patti said fees will not be lowered unless the California econ-
omy is healed or more private donors make contributions.

"There is no plan to lower student fees as long as the budget problems continue. This entire situation is driven by the budget," said Patti.

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her lawsuit. Adams and Welborn were also infected with E. coli while eating on campus.

The California Department of Health Services traced the tainted sprouts back through Campus Dining and All About Produce, a local produce distributor, to Fuji Natural Foods of Ontario, Calif.

According to a report filed by the CDHS, the outbreak infected Lee and four others between July 24 and August 2, 2002. The report stated inadequate decontamina-
tion of alfalfa sprout seeds could have contributed to the outbreak.

An inspection of Fuji Natural Foods found the concentration of ephedrine hypochlorite solution far below the recommended minimum. This chemical is added to disinfect the alfalfa sprout seeds, which are referred to as "dirty, filthy sprouts in the environmental health field because they are famous for carry-
ing bacteria," David Rapsdale, Cal Poly environmental, health and safety manager said in a Aug. 15, 2002, Summer Mustang article.

"Poor communication at the farm likely contributed to the E. coli outbreak. Food and Drug Administration rules were broken because "management and workers did not share a common language," according to the CDHS report.

Alfalfa sprouts are no longer a threat to campus diners because Cal Poly no longer serves alfalfa sprouts, Haddadi said. "But alfalfa sprouts are merely a minority among the carriers of the E. coli bacteria. Major players include ground beef, unpasteurized apple and orange juice, unpasteurized milk and water, according to a food safety Web site.

When the E. coli outbreak was linked to Cal Poly the initial sus-
pect was beef. Immediately, Campus Dining removed 500 pounds of beef as a precautionary measure, according to the Aug. 15, 2002 Summer Mustang article.

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continue the sale of ephedra-based products entirely, according to adage.com.

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set-up of such events as commencement, Open House and special events for campus clubs. "He really enjoyed Poly Royal or open house," Robert Morris, equipment repairman, said. "The director gave him that to set up. Everything would be up for two or three days, then pop! It's all back to pristine." Besides being a well-known figure by faculty and staff around campus, Martin was also noted for his interest in astrology and star-mapping.

"He was an astrology buff and was very tal-
talented," Hunter said. "He made star charts for people all over the country. Astrology and pho-
tography — those were his obsessions." Mandela Epstein, an information technology services staff member, was a personal friend of Martin. She and Martin often kept each other updated on the latest astrological happenings.

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Reserevoir Canyon soaking in natural beauty

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Cruising north on Highway 101, it's easy to miss. But if you know where you're looking for, you're in for a treat—Reservoir Canyon Natural Reserve.

A few miles northeast of San Luis Obispo, Reservoir Canyon is open year round from sunrise to sunset. It boasts a 2 1/2-mile trail that winds past cascading waterfalls, over quaint bridges, and under the shade of massive trees. While the majority of the trail is fairly level, it gives way to a moderately strenuous climb toward the end. However, the effort is well worth it, as the view from the top is hard to beat.

This past Sunday, I decided to spend the afternoon with my pal Mother Nature and explore the expanses of Reservoir Canyon. I laced up my hiking boots, packed plenty of water, as all smart hikers should, and embarked on the journey.

The first mile of the trail meanders alongside a babbling creek, covered by a mature native forest of oak, bay, and sycamore trees. The dense blanket of trees casts a cool shadow on the forest floor, where water trickles over serpentine rock formations and accumulates in small pools. As I made my way along the trail, the melodic chirp of birds and other wildlife nestled in the bushes testified to the glory inherent in our natural surroundings.

The second half of the trail ascends the north face of a mountain, leaving the cool breezes of the forest behind. Although the heat of the afternoon summer was intense without the shade, the view was simply spectacular. Gold-dusted hills rose above the trail practically dwarfing the valley below. Hawks took advantage of the breeze, soaring above me in dizzying circles and loops.

Once I reached the high point, I took off my backpack and took in the panorama. From the southern end of Los Osos Valley and the Irish Hills to the peaks rising between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay, the scene was delightful. After I spent a few minutes taking in the view, I began the descent, a perfect cool down for an already perfect hike.

While the trail is well maintained by the San Luis Obispo Ranger Service and the Natural Resources Program, much of the surrounding land is private property. Although signs designate the trail, I accidentally wandered off the trail a few times. So, pay attention to the private property signs, as some are inconspicuous.

The reserve was once home to a reservoir built by a private water company in the late 1800s. Because the stream is perennial, the reservoir provided the city with water year-round until the 1950s when the city gained access to the larger and more reliable Salinas Reservoir near Santa Margarita. Although the water holding systems in Reservoir Canyon were abandoned, many remnants of which can still be seen, the city designated the property as open space.

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One Giant leap for Correia

Former Poly pitcher makes majors debut a year after being drafted

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Former Cal Poly student and Mustangs' pitcher Kevin Correia is living his fantasy.

Correia made his major league debut for the San Francisco Giants on July 10. He was the 127th selection in the 2002 First Year Player Draft for the San Francisco Giants on June 4, 2002.

"Everything has been happening so fast. I've been so surprised..."

KEVIN CORREIA
Former Mustangs pitcher

Correia was called up to the Giants for a second time on July 25, bar quickly sent back to the Triple-A Fresno Grizzlies on Aug. 1. He originally played seven games for the team in his first stint on July 10 before being sent back down to Fresno.

"It's been great to see a guy you grew up with doing so well," Fitch said. "It has been especially weird because at one time he was my roommate and now I'm sitting and watching him on TV."

Correia said it has been incredible to meet some professional ball players that he has watched on TV for most his life.

"When I met Barry Bonds and all the other players, they all made me feel really comfortable," Correia said. "It was great to meet Bonds, a player with such ability and talent and who is really hard to get out."

Correia gave up one run and two hits in his major league debut for the San Francisco Giants. He also had one strikeout.

Correia said that the majors are a lot different because everything is so catered toward the player, whereas in AA he had to bust himself everywhere.

"I throw a lot more innings and have to keep in better shape than I did playing for college baseball," Correia said.

Kevin got his first taste of the big leagues playing against the Colorado Rockies in Coors Field. He pitched 1 1/3 innings of relief in front of an audience of 35,954 fans.

Being sent back down to the Grizzlies after seven games with the Giants did not discourage him, he said.

He also said being a professional baseball player comes with some risky territory.

"Anything can move me up or down, from injuries to my improvement and skill," Correia said.

When Correia was called up to the Giants for a second time on July 25, he said he planned to continue working hard in hopes to be recalled in September when the minor leagues are done for the season.

Correia is the eighth Cal Poly player to make it to the big leagues since Oxice Smith and Lee Hancock.