The motorcyclist accident occurred on the 200 block of Hathaway Avenue.

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GLBUX PROMOTES DIVERSITY

Cal Poly's Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United hosted its third annual Same Sex Handholding march during UU Hour on Thursday.

The march started on Dexter Lawn and continued through campus to the University Union.

Animal science senior Melissa Ramsey and Cuesta College student Ninji Martin share a moment after the march on campus.

The 14-mile featured couples of all sexual orientations walking hand-in-hand to remind people that there are students in same sex relationships on campus. It also aims to promote respect for diversity.

"This sends the message that these are students on campus and you can't deny their existence even if you're uncomfortable with the situation," said Maya Andlig, coordinator of gender and sexuality programs.

Poly hosts rare fruit grafting

By Jake Ashley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly is teaming up with the California Rare Fruit Growers organization to sponsor its annual grafting event Saturday at the Crop Unit off Highland Drive at Mount Bishop Road.

The Grafting Party and Scion Exchange was brought to Cal Poly by professor emeritus Joe Sabol five years ago. The event is open to the public.

"We'll have guest grafters come and demonstrate different ways of putting grafts together," Joe Sabol, professor emeritus

The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. Guests can purchase grafting materials for $2. Refreshments will be served.

Student dies in motorcycle accident

A single-vehicle motorcycle accident claimed the life of a Cal Poly student Thursday afternoon.

Mechanical engineering transfer student Matthew McDonald, 24, was doing a wheelie on his new motorcycle when he lost control of the bike and collided with a pickup parked in front of a house on the 200 block of Hathaway Avenue, according to a news report from the San Luis Obispo Police Department. He was traveling south on Hathaway Avenue in front of his friend's house.

The accident occurred at approximately 4:29 p.m. and McDonald was pronounced dead shortly after at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center, according to a news release from the SLOPD.

His friend, Richard Morris, was inside the house with other friends and heard the crash.

"You could imagine what the noise sounded like," Morris said.

Police officers arrived shortly after the accident and found McDonald's motorcycle lodged beneath the truck. Police closed Hathaway Avenue to traffic between the Bond and Carpenter streets and taped off the area immediately surrounding the scene during investigations.

Blood, clothing and debris from the motorcycle were among the casework.

Police officials refused to comment at the scene of the accident.

A native of San Ramon, McDonald was in his first quarter at Cal Poly after transferring from Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill.

"He just bought his bike (and he came) to show it to us," said Chris York, the owner of the 1994 red Chevy Silverado that McDonald ran into.

While police were cleaning up the scene, friends of McDonald placed candles in front of his house in remembrance of him.

"He was a good dude, man," said Mercury Marmo, another friend of McDonald's who heard the accident.

McDonald is the fourth Cal Poly student to die in an automobile accident this academic year.

Sabol earns FFA award

Joe Sabol received a VIP Citation for his contributions to the National FFA of America convention.

COURTESY PHOTO

Bonanza rolls into Paso Robles

By Brian Koser
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The 30th anniversary of the Western Bonanza will be celebrated this weekend in Paso Robles.

The event, which closes the 2004-2005 cattle ownership year, will feature more than 1,000 entries.

During the weekend, there will be 100 or more showmanship classes.

Among the activities scheduled for the weekend will be the annual Chop Suey Dance, a dance consisting of different dances performed by different groups.

Agricultural education and communication professor emeritus Joe Sabol may have retired last year after 32 years at Cal Poly, but he's still reaping the rewards of his service.

Sabol received a VIP Citation for significant contributions at the National Future Farmers of America convention in Louisville, Ky.

Prior to his retirement last year, Sabol served as the college's director of outreach and was involved with starting up Cal Poly's chapter of the agricultural ambassadors, the student group that provides education and information to the public.

The Bonanza's production is assisted by the about 70 volunteers who are expected to work in Animal Science.

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Grafting Party and Scion Exchange at Cal Poly and has maintained an active role with FFA. He also helped launch international agricultural ambassador programs. Sabol was recognized in 2002 with the Award of Distinction from UC Davis for his creative approach to teaching and his involvement with the agricultural ambassadors. Agriculture professor, Mike Barr said he thinks that Sabol is worthy of the honor. "He represents the Cal Poly ideal. He has been one of the most exciting, dedicated and forward-looking people I’ve ever met," Barr said.

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212, the Livestock Show Management course. "Our committee chairs are really on the ball and the staff is full of enthusiastic individuals," class instructor Wendy Hall said.

The non-profit show started in 1984 as a result of Cal Poly student Mark Richle’s senior project. In the time elapsed, the show grew from cattle-only to a multi-species show. Richle now lives in Kansas City and operates a bed and breakfast; however, the project has continued to thrive in his absence.

Feb. 3
At 9:33 a.m., the University Police Department responded to the theft of a bicycle. A student reported that his stolen bike was on-campus but with a different lock. According to police, the bike was recovered when the student found that his friend had borrowed the bicycle without asking.

Feb. 4
At 11 a.m., the UPD resolved a dispute between two students in the H-2 parking lot who were arguing over an open space. The bickering ceased, and no arrests were made.

Feb. 5
UPD received a call at 10:49 a.m. from a student who believed a theft was in progress. Police arrived at the H-2 parking lot to find that the suspected thief was actually the vehicle owner, sleeping in his car.

Feb. 6
A staff member called the UPD at 2:37 p.m. to report that his 21-speed bicycle or an estimated value were stolen from the UPD by a late time to contact the students. The incident remains under investigation.

Feb. 7
Police responded to a report of marijuana usage in Muir Hall at 10:15 p.m. When officers arrived, the room was empty. UPD returned at a later time to contact the student. The incident remains under investigation.

Feb. 9
In the G-2 parking lot, the UPD arrested a male on alcohol violations at 12:02 a.m. Two females were also at the scene and were sent an ambulance at their request. Police said one of the females was taken to Sierra Vista for treatment of unspecified head injuries.
**National Roundup**

**NEWS**

**Arla, Min. — More than 160 immigrants, some saying they hadn't eaten in three days, were found Wednesday packed into an upscale home along a golf course near the Phoenix-Scottsdale border, authorities said.**

"They were sitting shoulder to shoulder, back to back. You could not see the car," said Russell E. Ault, a spokesman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Authorities said none of the three bathrooms in the 2,400-square-foot house were working and there was no food and no hot water or canned goods brought by immigrants. About 60 of the men, women and juveniles were found locked in bedrooms with deadbolts.

**HELENA, Mont. — A landmark used by the Lewis and Clark expedition 200 years ago moved closer to becoming a state park Thursday, when the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission approved a change of ownership.**

The commission unanimously authorized the department to accept the 160-acre property from the state Transportation Department.

The large rock formation along the Missouri River between Helena and Great Falls is believed to have been, clashed by Mahtoosur Eowin in 1805 and noted in the expedition journals as a gateway to the plains to the Rocky Mountains.

**WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. — In Montana, the thought of allowing bison that can carry brucellosis near cattle prompts calls for action, often lethal; Bison entering the state from Yellowstone National Park can be shipped to slaughter.**

But in neighboring Idaho, which is where bison are suspected of spreading the same disease to cattle, there is virtually no call for such a deadly action. Many of the elk and deer in winter on feedgrounds that critics say help perpetuate the disease problem.

While bison and elk both carry the disease, the animals are seen and dealt with — in very different ways by wildlife managers and others who all have the common goal of eradicating brucellosis from the greater Yellowstone area within years.

**LAS VEGAS — Sen. Harry Reid has called for an immediate work shutdown at the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project until inspectors determine whether rock tailings piled outside the repository tunnel pose a health hazard.**

Nuclear waste protection inspectors were due at the Nevada desert site on Thursday, a day after Reid, D-Nev., said the tunnel and other portions of the work should stop until the Energy Department "can gauge what the problem is and determine whether it is safe."

But Energy Department spokesman Joe Davis said Thursday that work would continue at the site, which is located 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

**WASHINGTON — Senate backers of a massive and politically potent highway and transit spending bill withstood challenges Thursday from conservatives opposing the $318 billion cost over the next six years.**

The legislation headed toward Senate passage but then faced another big challenge — a White House threat that President Bush would strike it down with the first veto of his presidency.

The bill would provide states with billions of dollars in new money for roads, bridges and public transportation and create at least 1 million new jobs.

— Associated Press

**College Roundup**

**HANOVER, N.H. — A recent internal study conducted as part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) verification process revealed that athletic teams were less than one-third as diverse as the larger student body.**

In strongly worded language, the report recommended that Dartmouth College work to close the "significant gap" in minority representation. The report identified 92 percent of intercollegiate athletes as minority stu­dents. Although the figure represents a rise of 18 percent over the figures from the NCAA verification process in 1996, it is apparent that "diversity is not occurring in a manner that results in a more representative of the student body. The gap is not closing quickly in any of its components."

"We have a problem, and make no mistake about it, Dartmouth," Director of Athletics and Athletics Education John Harper said Monday in an interview with The Dartmouth.

Dean of the College James Larimore agreed.

"I think it is an important thing for us for a long time to do," Larimore said. "There are not barriers to involve­ment in athletics and barriers to enrollment at Dartmouth that we sought to pay greater attention to," Larimore said.

According to the report, the lack of minority representation is being caused in part by the college's inability to attract recruited minority stu­dents and athletes. Over the last eight years, between 17 and 40 recruited minority athletes applied for admission each year, and in some years, few if any "priority minority athletes" applied for sports such as football, basketball and track and field.

One explanation for the recruit­ment difficulties is "the particular combination of sports we field." Larimore said. "The particular women's sport that would attract more white stu­dents to Dartmouth."
There aren’t any red rose petals sprinkled on the bed, there is no chocolate, no gifts or cards. This Valentine’s Day seems the perfect opportunity for friends to express how much they mean to each other. In staying true to the idea of giving, one must remember that it’s simply the thought that counts. This ideology works well for the college student on a budget.

The best way to approach this is to pull out that assorted colored construction paper from high school that was, for some reason, packed in the “going to college with me” box. All this project requires is some cut-out hearts and shapes, markers and some specific memories to write in each card. If at any time there is doubt about artistic ability, please defer to any preschool in the San Luis Obispo area that celebrates Valentine’s Day.

If breaking out the scissors and paper isn’t enticing, another popular choice this year is singles’ parties. Will a perfect Tuesday night be wasted because it’s deemed for duos? Of course not! There are always a few singles’ parties to be found. If hosting, the way it works is simple: Allow only singles through the door. This way, all party participants have a fair chance at anyone else in the room. It’s the best way to assure that the surrounding is chalk-full of potential dates. If the singles’ party isn’t enough, space it up with a twist. The only way to get through the door of this party is to bring a defaced photograph of an ex-boyfriend or girlfriend. A mustache, horns or any other creative supplement will do, as long as it encompasses the true feelings the single has. During the party, singles showcase their artwork, tell embarrassing and immoral stories about their ex and laugh at other singles’ stories. This provides a consoling environment, almost like therapy!

Who says that singles can’t enjoy underwear, chocolate and surprises on Valentine’s Day simply because they’re not attached? This activity mimics the Secret Santa motto of Christmas, but is designed for Cupid’s forgotten folks. Friends get together, draw names and buy stereotypical Valentine’s Day gifts for each other. On Valentine’s Day, all participants get together and have a gift exchange. This provides for an entertaining run of jokes and excitement on a night that would normally be action-less.

Although many people enjoy giving underwear to their friends, it’s not in the cards this year, there are other options. The plan that yields the least pre-planning effort is the ever-so-popular movie and junk food night. The only required material is an agreed upon movie genre, cookies, candy, popcorn and any other munchies that the group believes necessary.

The most important thing to remember is that Valentine’s Day doesn’t have to be exclusively for people in relationships.

“I think that Valentine’s Day is just a day to celebrate being with the people you love,” environmental engineering senior Andrea Ramirez said. “People in romantic relationships usually spend it with their significant other. But it is also a great reason to have a good time with your close friends.”
Valentine's on a budget: Kiss me I'm cheap

By Tarrah Graves

The lights are low and flickering candles mix with the sweet smell of a down-longertime candle bath and flowers added to a table-for-two at a romantic restaurant. A tiny blue Tiffany & Co. box with a white bow sits next to a plate waiting to be opened.

 Doesn't sound familiar? Perhaps, because the vast majority of students don't have cash to blow on a date, but instead, choose to double up or watch movies by themselves means lots of time to fill up with talking.

Maybe because you're under 21, the price jumps to $7, leaving you with plenty of time to get to know your date — Farmer's Market, for instance, has food for only $10. A turkey-sausage and chicken stuffed calzone will set you back $4 and if you choose to share, the prices go down. A dessert such as a cheesecake is about $4. The plus side? You don't have to buy expensive mixed drinks for your evening, either. However, if you're under 21, the price jumps to $7, leaving you with plenty of time to get to know your date — Farmer's Market, for instance, has food for only $10. A turkey-sausage and chicken stuffed calzone will set you back $4 and if you choose to share, the prices go down. A dessert such as a cheesecake is about $4. The plus side? You don't have to buy expensive mixed drinks for your evening, either.

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Frog & Peach - California Karaoke - Starts at 9 p.m.

Liliana's Café - Saturday Night Live - Starts at 10 p.m.
Moo's Band - Who's Under 21 $3 to $5 - 21+

The Grad - Animals - Starts at 10 p.m.
Well & Wild - Pizza - Sat & Sun
Tortilla Flats - Live 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Sunday
Creekside Lanes - Atascadero California Karaoke - Starts at 8 p.m.
Frog & Peach - California Karaoke - Starts at 9 p.m.
Liliana's Café - Poetry Reading - David Dominguez & Jerry Sauville - 7 p.m.
Mother's Tavern - Karaoke - 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Monday
Frog & Peach - Band - Full House - Prime Time - 21+
Mother's Tavern - Karaoke - 9 p.m.

Neautical Beach - Acoustic - Singer/Songwriter - 7 to 9 p.m.
Tortilla Flats - Live 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Terrific first date ... not traumatic

By John M. Pierson

One of the biggest obstacles for college singles is the amount of money it costs to take someone out on a nice date. Don't worry — a good date doesn't have to be expensive, and a cheap date doesn't have to be boring, boring or bad.

If you're thinking some Splashes Café, the Pismo dunes, some blankets, the stars and a fire — slow down Sparky. Creating a date for less than $30, makes for some sweet- o'clock, but expensive. Let's not anything for couples to do on a nearly non-existent budget of, say, $30? And that was hard enough, tape together after that nowt night at the bar a few nights after when the goes get together to find Valentine's Day.

To Ryujin, cost did not rank among the most important factors in planning a date for Valentine's Day. "Expense isn't so critical as long you remember to do something and it's special," he said. "Sentiment and thoughtfulness are worth more than an activity or gift."

Confined to a $30 budget, Ryujin said he would "Definitely drive out of town — probably to Ragged Point (up the coast) and try to afford dinner. Then we'll hike down to the weather where only runs this time of year, so it's perfect.

Petrov suggested another option for his date. "We would go to the beach with some champagne and watch the sun-set," he said. "And then, it's the time of year you should spoil your significant other — along with many other days."

While all of these men seem to have pushed the envelope and plan a picnic a park! Or take your honey to an intimate champagne branch and beat the dinner rush.

With these crowd-free ideas, couples won't have the stress of dinner and attractions. However, there is still some champagne and watch the sun-set, then to end a cheap but high-quality first date.

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Should college students be available or attached?

I'm Mr. One Please

Opinion

By Thomas Atkins

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Tennis pounds UCSB

Sports

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The No. 56 women's tennis team pounds the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos 6-1

The Mustangs' duo came from behind, securing the doubles point with an 8-4 win over Andrea Pintar and Jen Kuhle. Cal Poly's No. 1 pair Samantha Waller and Kristen Grady continued her No. 1 status against the Gauchos. Waller proved her No. 1 status against the Gauchos.

Poly-USCB Round Two

After a year and half off the court due to an injury, one of Cal Poly women's top players is back on the court and doing better than ever.

Katy Paterson is currently the leading offensive scorer on the team with 10.6 points per game. The Canadian native came to Cal Poly in 2000 as a power forward but an injury in her left foot took her out of the game from January 2002 to August 2003.

"I kept playing until the point I could barely walk," Paterson said. Doctors found Paterson had plantar fasciitis, an inflammation in the heel that left her redshirt-year and almost a year and a half off the court.

"We are better because she is back," assistant coach Kristy Baker said. "She takes a lot of energy from the team." Paterson grew up in Calgary, Alberta Canada where she was a three-year starter at Sir Winston Churchill High School. She came to Cal Poly after being named MVP in the 1998 Canadian Junior National Championships.

Paterson wanted to play in the United States because Canada does not offer scholarships. Cal Poly women's basketball head coach Faith Mimnaugh was the determining factor in Paterson's decision to come to Cal Poly.

"She just seemed very trustworthy and honest and that was a big deal to me," Paterson said. "It helped that the school was in California too." On the court Paterson is such an inside scoring threat that the opposing side double teams her, which opens up the floor for the other players.

Paterson's offense has helped the team already match last season's win total in seven fewer games. Currently they have a 5-22 winning percentage, compared to last season's mark of .370.

"It is great to be back," Paterson said. "It was a long season from me last year. It was hard sitting and just watching not being able to do anything." Paterson's good footwork brought her back as a center.

"I am not a natural center, but I am doing better this year than when I was a power forward," Paterson said.

The 5-foot-11-inch center is scoring almost a point a game more and grabbing almost two more rebounds. "My goals are to improve my outside shot, rebound a lot harder and be more consistent in scoring high double figures," coach Faith Mimnaugh was the determining factor in Paterson's decision to come to Cal Poly.