Parking pains will get worse

Construction on an engineering building will soon cause the closing of a large parking area.

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Cal Poly will use revenue from higher parking fees to construct a new facility on Mount Bishop Road.

Many students are frustrated with the parking on campus and the increased fees. General parking permits cost $75 for the quarter and $225 for the academic year, a 25 percent increase from last year.

"If we can have more confidence that we can find parking, it might be worth it," architecture senior Brian Bosch said.

The university will close lot H2-A, located at the corner of University Drive and North Perimeter Road, when construction begins on the engineering IV building in winter 2005.

The new parking lot on Mount Bishop Road will have 360 spaces and will be constructed during fall quarter. While the new lot is under construction, a temporary parking area with 76 spaces will be available on Mount Bishop Road.

Parking on Highland Drive and California Boulevard have been re-designated as staff parking. A new staff parking area is under construction at the corner of California Boulevard and North Perimeter.

Bosch is so frustrated with the parking at Cal Poly, he does not buy a yearly permit.

"I only buy quarterly permits because I never know what's going to happen," Bosch said. "Thank God I'm graduating."

English senior Carson Pittman is fed up with hunting for a spot to park his car.

"We're paying an exorbitant amount for the fees when most of the time you have to come an hour and a half early to find a spot," Pittman said.

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Bush and Kerry face-off in first presidential debate

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Coral Gables, Fla. — Sen. John Kerry accused President Bush Thursday night of committing a "colossal error in judgment" by invading Iraq.

"The world is better off without Saddam Hussein," the president shot back in campaign debate, adding his rival once said so himself.

"I agree with him," the president said in a jab designed to underscore his contention that Kerry is prone to flip-flops.

Kerry, a four-term Massachusetts senator, said he could do a better job than Bush of protecting the nation against another Sept. 11-style attack, and pledged to be strong and resolve in fighting terrorism.

"But we also have to be smart ... and smart means not diverting our attention from the war on terror and taking it off to Iraq," the Democrat said.

"This president, I don't know if he really sees what's happening over there," Kerry said of Bush, the two men standing behind lecterns 10 feet apart at a University of Miami debate stage.

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Student fights for SLO drive-thrus

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The existence of drive-thru restaurants has long been nothing more than a craving for college students and residents in San Luis Obispo, until now.

Business senior Shanni Amrett hopes to set out to change the 22-year-old municipal code that prohibits drive-thrus in San Luis Obispo.

"Everyone has always complained, drive-thrus will never come here, but no one has actually done anything," Amrett said.

Every quarter the city gets several requests from students to change the drive-thru law, said Ron Whisemond, deputy director of community development.

"We have not received any requests from the community," see Drive-thru, page 2

Surfrider benefit show Sunday

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Bush swiftly returned to his theme of Kerry as a man who changes his mind too often to be president.

"He voted to authorize the use of force and now it’s the wrong war at the wrong time... I don’t think you can lead if you say wrong things at the wrong place. What message does that send to our troops?" said the Republican incumbent.

More than 1,000 Americans have been killed in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003, many of them by insurgents battling American forces.

against the insurgents in Samarra. The U.S. command said government and police buildings had been secured in the city. Both men used well-rehearsed lines during their face-to-face encounter, but this was the first time each man had to listen to the criticism at close quarters.

Bush appeared perturbed when Kerry leveled some of his charges, smiling at times and looking away in apparent disgust at others. Kerry often took notes when the president spoke.

The 90-minute debate unfolded scarcely a month before the election, the first in a series of high-stakes encounters between the president and his Democratic challenger, the two men meet Oct. 8 in St. Louis and again on Oct. 13 at Arizona State University.

Drive-thru

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change the law," Whisenand said.

Amert will earn her business degree at the end of this quarter, but not before she proposes an amendment to allow drive-thrus in San Luis Obispo as her senior project.

"It was either a 20-page paper or actually doing something," Amert said. "At least I can say I tried to do something about it." Amert has worked closely with Mayor Dave Romero and John Mandeville, director of community development, to create an amendment that she will propose to the City Council on Dec. 7.

Whisenand said that Amert has a good chance to get the amendment passed.

Her proposal has strict procedures that will not compromise how San Luis Obispo looks. Part of Amert’s proposal states, "The drive-thru facility must not deter from the aesthetic appeal of the area. Wasting lanes must not be visible from main streets."

In her report, Amert cites reduction in crime, increased tax revenue, entrance of desirable establishments like In-N-Out and Krispy Kreme, and convenience as incentives for allowing drive-thrus. Other students also see the incentive for drive-thrus.

"I think it’s inconvenient when you’re in a hurry and you have to park and walk in (to a fast food store)," Kristen Dewey, a junior science major, said.

After the City Council hears her proposal they will decide whether or not to put it in the agenda for a future meeting.

"The more people at the council meeting, the better chance (the amendment) has for passing," Amert said.

Amert contacted In-N-Out and Krispy Kreme to see if they would be interested in coming to San Luis Obispo, if the drive-thru law was amended.

Kerry, according to Whisenand said, "We hope that the San Luis Obispo City Council will reconsider their policy prohibiting drive-thru restaurants and address the potential economics of this change of policy." In-N-Out responded with, "Our interest in San Luis Obispo would be much stronger if drive-thrus were allowed."

Many students are excited about the possibility of an In-N-Out restaurante coming to San Luis Obispo.

"Having an In-N-Out in town would be cool because then you wouldn’t have to drive to Atascadero for one of their burgers," mechanical engineering senior Roei Solomon said.
More than 40 percent of the cereal giant's line — including Trix and Lucky Charms — will be nutritionally revamped.

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MINNEAPOLIS — General Mills is converting all of its breakfast cereals to whole grain, making it the latest food company to undergo a major overhaul of its products. The move announced Thursday by the nation's second-largest cereal maker affects 29 cereals, including such popular brands as Trix, Golden Grahams, Lucky Charms and Rice Chex. The new recipes and packaging will be launched in October.

Several of the company's brands, including Cheerios, Wheaties, Total and Wheat Chex, are already whole grain. General Mills officials said the switch is designed to make it easier for consumers to eat healthy food and it had extensively tested the new recipes on panels of consumers.

For more than a year, the company's cereal line is being changed, "so it's a huge undertaking," company spokesman Tom Johnson said. He declined to specify the cost.

A federal advisory panel looking at ways to update the Agriculture Department's familiar food pyramid recently recommended eating whole grain products rather than refined grains to reduce the risk of heart disease and other problems.

Fast food restaurant chains McDonald's and Wendy's have changed their menus to promote milk and fruit consumption.

Last year, Kraft Foods began reducing the fat content in 200 products and capping portions for single-serve packaged snacks. It also quit marketing snacks at school.

General Mills is second only to Little Debbie, Mich.-based Kellogg Co.
Poly professor emphasizes light in photography exhibit

The collection, 'Natural Light and the Italian Piazza,' is currently on display at the Performing Arts Center.

Emily Logan  MSENDING DAILY

To someone with a trained eye, art can provide elaborate lessons and values that cannot be attained in everyday experience, for others, it is just pretty or dull or art.

But for an artist to create a work that communicates an idea, a philosophy or a lifestyle, she has to take into account the variety of viewers she will have.

The exhibition, "Natural Light and the Italian Piazza," a display in the Performing Arts Center of more than 160 photos taken by architecture professor emeritus Sandra Davis Lakeman, provides the viewer with images of how light manifests itself in the architecture of Italy, and how this collaboration improves the lives of the people who live there.

Lakeman has many hopes for what the viewers will get out of the exhibition. The captions that accompany the photographs in the exhibition explain her ideas about light, such as the existential idea of light as reality. She also emphasizes a unity between the scientific and artistic views of light.

"We have a more scientific pursuit and direction, I would say, more than art," Lakeman said. "But people learn things in different ways, so I’m trying to combine art and science to make it seem much more memorable and understandable."

— SANDRA DAVS LAKErMAN
architecture professor

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Put simply, Lakeman wants viewers to recognize the beauty of what light can do for a simple architectural structure.

"It is really also showing beauty in the common, beauty in just a very simple doorway," Lakeman said.

Many of the photos portray people enjoying themselves in the piazza.

"But people learn things in different ways, so I’m trying to combine art and science to make it seem much more memorable and understandable."

One cannot live on the piazza but the piazza can improve the lives of the people who live there. "Witnessing in person the wonder of natural light in her mind.

Professor Lakeman taught us to see light and watch how it changes the environment after a rainy day, when fall starts and to see how it changes the appearance of a place, whether it is a building, a piazza, or, in my case, the farm fields near Moorpark, where I live," Pedroso said.

No matter how educated in art the viewer may be, Lakeman’s exhibit will invoke something, whether it is emotion, appreciation or education. An Italian proverb that Lakeman uses throughout her exhibit summarizes the atmosphere of the exhibition:

"All cannot live on the piazza but everyone may enjoy the sun."

Natural Light and the Italian Piazza will be displayed until Nov. 30. There will be a public viewing of the photographs in cooperation with Art After Dark on Friday, Nov. 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. There will also be lectures on Oct. 8 and 13 on campus.

For more information and a schedule, visit www.sandalakeman.com.

Top 10

"It’s My Sister’s Music I Swear"

These are the top ten songs that play when they don’t own or didn’t download, but secretly love to hear.

1. Madonna — Like A Prayer
2. Hilary Duff — Come Clean
3. Britney Spears — Everytime
4. Jlo — (Leave) Get Out
5. Enrique Iglesias — Escape
6. Evanescence — My Immortal
7. Jessica Simpson — With You
8. Christina Milan — Dip It Low
9. Kelly Clarkson — Miss Independent
10. Avril Lavigne — Sk8er Boi

Living in Californiopia

The University Union was buzzing with student activity as the Ford Focus brought its Californiopia festivities to campus yesterday during UU Hour. This year’s event featured a live DJ, video game kiosks, cars on display, and contests for prizes. Students attending also had the chance to win a new car. A couple of years ago, ska band Save Ferris was the main attraction.
Art show to benefit the Surfrider Foundation

Amanda Strachan

Local artists will join the San Luis Obispo chapter of the Surfrider Foundation to put on a free art and music show Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cayucos veteran's hall.

The event, which is open to the public, will feature live music from local surf bands, local food and wine, and an art display of photography, paintings, jewelry and videos. The exhibit's main theme will center on works that capture the beauty of the Central Coast.

"We hand picked the artists. We wanted to go with artists who try to represent or stay with what's important to us, like maintaining our coastline," Matt Fleming, director of the local chapter, said.

Colleen Goss will display her art at Sunday's event.

"Most of my art is oriented around surf and there are not too many venues for that but there is a lot of interest in that type of art," Goss said.

More than 35 artists will have pieces on display, there will also be a Fiji Dancer from the Easter Islands carving in the indigenous style.

Four live bands, Rain Far Rent, Island Time, Siko and Surfside will perform.

Local businesses such as the Wild Horse Winery, Trader Joe's and New Frontiers will provide donations.

"We'll have some killer food, and we'll be pouring wine from Wild Horse," Fleming said.

All of the proceeds from the event will go to further the local chapter's water testing efforts and various projects that aim to keep the local beaches and coastline clean.

The event began as a Cal Poly senior project. Journalism graduate Nicole Elder interned with the San Luis Obispo chapter of Surfrider and then decided to put on the event as her senior project.

"Last year was a success," Fleming said.

What started out as a senior project, seems to be growing into an annual event with the second Fall Art Benefit for the local San Luis Obispo chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. The event, on Sunday, will feature paintings (above), jewelry and photography. Local businesses donated food and beverages to the event with all proceeds going to the foundation. Four bands will also perform at the event.

Download of the day

Dusty Springfield
"Son of A Preacher Man"

This classic track was unfortunately featured in a Dr. Pepper commercial, but fortunately it was featured in Quentin Tarantino's cult-classic Pulp Fiction.
**Law abuse may evict residents**

Staff Editorial

The Daily Paso News

**BOSTON** — The Supreme Court made a decision Wednesday to hear a case that could give the government vast power over people's private property, enabling it under the Eminent Domain clause to take private property, enabling it under the Eminent Domain clause to take

Most disturbing about the possibility of this decision is that it helps private developers more than it does the public.

In Connecticut, however, the clause was recently used not to revitalize areas in need of reconstruction, but instead to construct a new riverfront hotel and convention center, according to The Associated Press. The state claimed the seizure of a collection of Victorian homes in a working-class New London neighborhood to build a hotel would benefit the public good by promoting economic development. But attracting tourists and raising tax revenue does not do much for the public good if it means also kicking people out of their homes. The use of this clause to help build profitable businesses exploits the original intention of the clause.

Disturbing about the possibility of this decision is that it helps private developers more than it does the public. In Connecticut, the state sided with private companies rather than many of its residents to develop the Thames waterfront, in the name of increasing tourism, which would in turn trigger economic development.

But if Connecticut officials are interested in promoting economic development, they must find other ways to do so besides taking people's private property. Rather than manipulating a law to force residents out of their homes, the state should have approached the homeowners in the desired property in a more civilized manner. Officials should have asked these residents if they'd be willing to move out of their homes and offer them the market value of their homes if they do decide to move out.

By forcing their way into these people's homes, the state showed a complete lack of compassion for the people it serves. Should it side with the state of Connecticut, the Supreme Court would allow the government to seize people's private property, violating their most basic rights, simply to promote private development. The decision could enable the state to overlook the public good, all in the name of quick economic development.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Walk zones deceiving to bikers on campus

So I was sitting in studio on Monday just watching the people on Dexter Lawn. I saw two cops walking around doing absolutely nothing important. All of a sudden, the cops stop a guy on his bike and start talking to him. To my surprise, they issue him a ticket for riding his bike in a "walk bike" zone.

I was shocked, and after looking carefully at the signs that are posted near Dexter Lawn I could see why the guy who got the ticket was shocked too. The signs say WALK and directly under that is a picture of a bike and then it says ZONE. Now to me, that means walk or bike zone.

But actually, it means you have to get off your bike and walk the damn thing. In the span of about 12 minutes, I watched the cops give out around six tickets. I was pissed.

These poor students are helping the environment, soothing the parking situation on and off campus, and doing good for their own bodies only to be ticketed for riding in a zone that is obviously wide enough for both bikers and walkers. I mean, how many people have been seriously injured or killed from being hit by a bike? Would UP rather have those people adding to traffic congestion and environmental pollution? Give me a freaking break!

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The donation and now the dream

San Diego Charger's owner donates $4 million for the renovation of Mustang Stadium, a project in the making for years

Kimberly Mascelline
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Every year, thousands of people pass through Mustang Stadium's gates to partake in home football games, soccer games and spring commencement ceremonies. Truth be told, the stadium is a little old. But beginning spring 2005, Phase 1 of the Mustang Stadium renovation will start.

Thanks to a $4-million pledge from Cal Poly alumni and San Diego Chargers owner, Alex Spanos, and his wife, Faye, the project has reached starting point. Chris Baker, interim associate athletic director, said this donation puts the total amount raised so far to $9.6 million. Phase I will cost a total of $19.5 million to complete.

"His gift is the single largest gift ever given to the Cal Poly athletic department," Chris Baker said.

The athletic department made a presentation to Spanos and gave him the proposal.

"I knew he was a generous man," interim athletic director Alison Cone said. "I was pleasantly surprised by the size of the gift."

Although raising money has been a slow process, Chris Baker said it has picked up in the past few months because of the gift from the Spanos'. The gift has made the project a reality. The department has been working on raising money for the stadium project for three years and Baker said in this time they have received various gifts.

Cono admitted that the current stadium needs a little help.

"Our teams are high-level teams and they deserve a nice place to play," she said.

Phase I of the new facility will renovate the west side of the stadium, adding a press box, luxury suites, a president's suite, television and radio booths and two coaches' boxes. The west side will extend over California Boulevard, bringing the seating capacity to 10,000 people. The stadium currently seats 8,500.

The stadium lighting will be replaced and the playing surface will be upgraded to create a proper irrigation system and new turf.

The main entrance to the stadium will also be replaced by a Memorial Plaza to honor the Mustang football players who died in a plane crash in 1960. "Cal Poly plans to create a Memorial Plaza, thereby ensuring permanent remembrance of the 1960 team members who lost their lives that evening," Cal Poly President Wartman Baker said in a press release on gojpol. . com.

"We feel that permanent recognition on the Cal Poly campus of the young men who lost their lives and lost their friends and teammates is long overdue," Baker said.

The Memorial Plaza will have copper pillars that stand the height of each player. The pillars will each have a biographical plaque about that player. "I think (the new stadium) will create a completely different game experience," Cone said.

Phase I of the Mustang Stadium renovation will not be completed until the fall of 2006. Games during the 2005 season will still take place in the current stadium although there will be no west side bleachers.

Phase II will include a renovation of the existing east side bleachers to include men's and women's athlete locker rooms, official's locker rooms, public restrooms and food/diet service spaces. Phase III includes north side bleachers and future expansion.

The north-side bleachers will add an additional 2,520 seats to the whole facility. The athletic department has not begun to raise money for phase II or III.

Hall of Fame game nears for Mustang football

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Football plays its inaugural Great West Football Conference game Saturday night, hosting South Dakota State (3-1).

Kickoff in Mustang Stadium is set for 6 p.m. with KXTY (99.7 fm) to broadcast the contest live, beginning with the pregame show at 5:30 p.m. PDT (Rand Scovil, Joe Harper, Dick Mason).

South Dakota State earned its first win over a Division I-AA school last Saturday, defeating Northern (La.) 31-24 in Baton Rouge as Brad Nelson threw four touchdowns in the contest live, beginning with the pregame show at 5:30 p.m. PDT (Rand Scovil, Joe Harper, Dick Mason).

South Dakota State entered the current season for the second straight year and have won four straight and 11 of their last 15 dating back to the 2002 campaign.

At Montana State on Sept. 18, senior cornerback Karl Ivory returned an interception 41 yards for a touchdown, Cal Poly's fifth touchdown by the defense in three games, and junior fullback Adam Martine added the clinching TD on a nine-yard run with two minutes remaining in the game. Cal Poly posted back-to-back seven wins are the second-most in six years, and the seven wins are the second-most in 23 years. This year's Mustang roster is dotted with several two- and three-year veterans, led by senior linebacker Jordan Beck, senior wide receiver/return specialist Darrell Jones, senior offensive lineman Ben Cobian and senior running back Geno Randle.

In all, 47 lettermen and 18 redshirts returned, joined by 20 newcomers.

Beck, a 2004 Buck Buchanan Award candidate who broke the school record for career tackles earli­er this season.

South Dakota State is coached by John Stiegelmeier, in his eighth season at South Dakota State (1979) is 45-34 overall and previously served as an assistant coach at South Dakota State (1998-96), Wisconsin (1987-88), Northern (1984-86), Eau Claire North High (1981-83) and Northern Iowa (1982-81), where he earned his master's degree.

Saturday is Hall of Fame Weekend, with five new inductees into Cal Poly's Athletics Hall of Fame to be introduced at halftime. They are former women's cross country and track and field coach Lance Harte, football player Manjon Ancich, basketball player Harris (Pinky) Williams, women's soccer standout Kellene (Karen) McNamara and pole vaulter Dave Hamer.