Students focused on transportation alternatives, such as cycling to improve sustainability in the "Short-Term Bike Plan" exhibit Wednesday.

Civil engineering students propose sustainable transportation plans

Kendra Deutsche

Civil engineering students showcased their final projects at an exhibit aimed at finding sustainable transportation methods at Cal Poly in hopes that the administration will consider their proposals for future implementation.

The exhibit that took place May 31 presented four teams' projects from the CE 527, Sustainable Mobility, class.

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Students’ designs pave future for hurricane victims

Liz Soteros-McNamara

Your home, pen and other precious mementos become lost forever when a wall of water crashes into the street where you live. The lucky ones survive the storm and are evacuated, but left with nothing to return home.

Hurricane Katrina has been the worst natural disaster in United States. Over a million people evacuated the New Orleans region in just two weeks, according to a Sept. 12, 2005 article from the Christian Science Monitor.

Cal Poly Club 34 also known as Coalition, decided to make a difference for the hurricane survivors while promoting their own creative

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New policies in store for Poly

Katie Hofsetetter

Pending the involvement of the Record's Office, Cal Poly's policy on culminating experience graduate courses will be modified.

As the policy now stands, graduate student projects and theses are recorded as a Report in Progress (RP) grade for three years, after which they are recorded as No Credit (NC).

However, each graduate student is given seven years to complete coursework for their master's degree. And if graduate projects or theses are not completed within the current three-year time period, students are forced to re-enroll in order to receive their degrees, program assistant for graduate program Becky Powell said.

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In an attempt to enforce wearing seatbelts, police everywhere will participate in an event to "Click It or Ticket."

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with a plan to implement now and to impact the campus’ sustainable mobility in two years, which is
nearly impossible because you can’t really push anything through right now and get it in two years,” said
Brandon Stone, a civil engineering senior. “But that’s what we’re trying to do.”

Students researched other sus­

tainable transportation methods to

come up with their own proposals.

“The whole class looked at examples from other campuses to see what other schools did, and then we looked at the issues on our campus and tried to fix those.” Phillips said.

Brian Meichtry, a civil engineering

senior, explained that the class

was made up of guest lectures by industry professionals who helped

them focus their efforts.

They also observed efforts at

Avila Beach, Los Osos and the city of San Luis Obispo to find sustain­

able mobility strategies, Donofrio

said.

“This is the way the future is

headed, and so it will give us a one­

up on the rest of the CSU (Cal­

ifornia State University) system if

we can lead the other campuses,”

Meichtry said.

Proposal ideas ranged from sign

additions to more pedestrian and

bicycle pathways throughout cam­

pus. One idea was for a new bicycle

center on campus, which would

include bicycle rentals, storage and

repairs.

On Via Carta, one group pro­

posed that bicycle lanes and pedes­

trian walkways switch places for

closer access to buildings. Another

group proposed to split the two lanes on Via Carta to avoid pedes­

trian and bicycle collisions.

Students kept budget within

range and each group was alloted $500,000 for their solu­

tions.

The class impacted the students,

making them more aware of the

need for sustainable transportation.

“It was a very positive experi­

ence,” Stone said. “I actually deci­

ded that I am going to give up my

car after taking this class. I’m going
to give it to my little brother.”

“It opened my mind to alternate

modes and different alternatives to
cars,” Meichtry added.

The class’ proposals will be

looked into by the administration, and Jud said that he hopes this will help sustainability build momentum

at Cal Poly.

Other students, faculty and com­

munity members attended the

event and were invited to grade the

students’ projects as part of the class
evaluation process.

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with the proposal concluded that

72.5 percent of Cal Poly students have never repeated units, and another 24 percent have repeated less than 16 units.

“For the vast majority of the stu­
dents, this policy won’t make any
difference whatsoever,” Schaffner said.

The final measure passed at the

May 16 meeting of the Academic

Senate involved textbook pricing.

The resolution urges Cal Poly fac­

ulty to use cost-effective textbook

forms whenever possible, and to

to order new editions of text­

books only when necessary, and to

order textbooks early as to ensure

their availability.

President Baker has 60 days from the date of the meeting of the Academic Senate to respond to the Resolution of Grade Forgiveness and the Resolution on Textbook Pricing.

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Currently a seatbelt ticket is not a

moving violation and a point on

your driving record, but infraction

amounts have increased in recent

time,

Watton said.

First offenses range anywhere

from $60 to $120 now, more than
double what they were in past years,”

Vega said.

In addition to enforcing current

seatbelt laws, officers feel the yearly

campaign is effective in correcting

many misconceptions about the

laws and stress that it is just as illegal to improperly wear your seatbelt as it is to not wear one at all.

“The campaign is a great way to

educate people about one seatbelt

law in fact most people don’t know

that you can receive a ticket for

improperly wearing your safety belt. For instance it’s the same ticket if your shoulder portion is under your arm,” said Sgt. John Bledsoe of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

Reiterating the fact that many

officers feel people don’t understand

that improperly wearing your seat­

belt is illegal because it’s unsafe, some

students who received tickets for

improperly wearing their seatbelts

were confused.

“I was on my way back from

Chico and got popped for having it

(my seatbelt) under my arm. I didn’t

know that was illegal,” Cal Poly

alumnus Joe Guelden said. “I thought it was just as safe, but he said it might not be as well not have been wearing one because I would have hit the steering wheel if I crashed.”

Not only is improperly wearing

and not wearing your seatbelt illegal, but UPD Chief Bill Watton explained that a driver with occu­
pants 16 years old and younger will receive a $330 ticket for the unbel­
ted occupants. Watton also said that occupants over 16 without seatbelts will receive tickets in addition to the driver even if the driver is wearing a seatbelt.

“We’re trying to remind students, fac­

ulty and staff that seatbelts should be automatic,” Watton said in a press release.

According to a press release, the California average for seatbelt users is 90.4 percent, up from the national average of 84 percent.

Though a compliance rate of almost 91 percent sounds high, but when you think about how many millions of drivers there are on the road, even though less than 10 percent aren’t buckling up, that’s still a lot of peo­

ple, Watton said.

Because “the Click It or Ticket” campaign measures the number of drivers not wearing seatbelts both before and after the campaign, law enforcement officers are able to determine the success of the event.

“In general, as a whole the cam­

paign increases the number of drivers wearing seatbelts by around 2 per­

cent, though here on campus we usually see a pre-campaign compli­

ance rate of around 92 percent and a post-campaign compliance rate of around 96 percent, a 4 percent increase,” Watton said.

When asked what were common

excuses for not wearing seatbelts, officers said that “I forgot” or “I am just going down the street” and “I’m not going to wear it because you can’t tell me what to do” all ranked high on the excuses list.

Whether you are driving home for

the summer or just down the street, Bledsoe stressed the impor­
tance of wearing a seatbelt and said that according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administrations safety tests, that wearing a seatbelt can diminish your chances of getting hurt in an accident by 50 percent.

“It is very important for people to know that, most accidents happen close to home or work, and even a short trip demands the use of seat­

belts,” Watton said in a press release.
WHO SAID THAT?

The difference between a democracy and a dictatorship is that in a democracy you vote first and take orders later; in a dictatorship you don’t have to waste your time voting.
— Charles Bukowski

Learn the art of patience. Apply discipline to your thoughts when they become anxious over the outcome of a goal. Impatience breeds anxiety, fear, discouragement and failure. Patience creates confidence, decisiveness, and a rational outlook, which eventually leads to success.
— Brian Adams

A human being is only interesting if he’s in contact with himself. I learned you have to trust yourself, be what you are, and do what you ought to do the way you should do it. You have got to discover you, what you do, and trust it.
— Barbara Streisand

Wordly Wise

Apparition: a ghost; also, an unexpected appearance.

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Schwarzenegger to order national guard troops to border

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced that he would order the California National Guard to the Mexican border during a Capitol news conference held in Sacramento on Thursday.

The document also contains a provision allowing the border governors to decline to participate in any part of the mission they deem inappropriate. Schwarzenegger's decision ended an awkward period for the Republican governor. He held out longer than Democratic governors in Arizona and New Mexico before saying he would send troops. He also had risked alienating voters in a state that has repeatedly backed a tough approach on immigration — although his reluctance to send troops had been seen as popular among Hispanics.
Bush says standoff headed to Security Council if Iran won't halt uranium enrichment

Jennifer Loven
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Thursday that the standoff over Iran's suspected nuclear program is headed for the U.N. Security Council if Tehran continues with uranium enrichment.

"We'll see whether or not that is the firm position of their government," Bush said after a meeting with his Cabinet at the White House. "If they continue their obstinacy, if they continue to say to the world 'We really don't care what your opinion is, then the world is going to act in concert.'"

With Russian and Chinese support crucial to crafting a deal for Iran that also includes a threat of sanctions, Bush said that he "got a positive response" from Russian President Vladimir Putin during a conversation on Tuesday.

"We expect Russia to participate in the United Nations Security Council," Bush said he told Putin. "We'll see whether or not they agree to do that." He was less positive about his discussion of Iran earlier Thursday with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

"They understood our strategy," Bush said. "The most positive thing about all the conversations I had is there's uniform agreement that the Iranians should not have a nuclear weapon. And we'll discuss tactics and strategies to make sure the international community speaks with one clear voice."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said that the United States and international partners are close to a deal that would offer Iran economic incentives if it gives up nuclear activities that could produce a bomb.

Rice was meeting in Vienna with foreign ministers from the European nations that led stalled talks with Iran last year and would help prevent any new deal, and also with representatives of Russia and China.

The meetings come a day after the United States' surprise appointment announcement that it is now willing to join the direct European talks with Iran, though only if Tehran suspends nuclear activities and returns to the table.

The shift in U.S. tactics was meant to offer the Iranians a last chance to avoid punishing sanctions.

"Iran welcomes dialogue under just conditions but won't give up our rights," the U.S. condition that Tehran first suspend uranium enrichment.

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Those poll results don't reflect how people might feel about enacting the Constitution to ban gay marriage. The Massachusetts Supreme Court decided to legalize same-sex marriages in 2003. A year later, San Francisco issued thousands of marriage licenses to gay couples.

This November, initiatives banning same-sex marriages are expected to be on the ballot in Idaho, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin. In 2004, 13 states approved initiatives prohibiting gay marriage or civil unions, with 11 states casting votes on Election Day.

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**X-Men 3: Flat lining end to a promising trilogy**

Ryan Chartrand

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"X-Men: The Last Stand" is easily the most Hollywood of the "X-Men" films, but so marred by direction and the use of special effects that it leaves you feeling a little flat line. The film is a lot shorter than the comic and it's doubtful about the great lovable cast — put the "X" in "X-Men." The story is quite simple for anyone who understands what the word "mutant" means and doesn't notice Halle Barry's suddenly shorter hair.

In the latest episode, a company develops a mutant cure that will force anyone labeled "mutant" to conform and become normal people like Larry King. But mutants like the great Magneto, played by Sir Ian McKellan, however, think cure is for people who watch too much "Grey's Anatomy" not those who can move the Golden Gate Bridge with their mind. Also, a great "final stand" ensues between the rebel mutants and the rest of the world.

Without the comic book film genius of Bryan Singer, the man behind the reigns of the first two "X-Men" films, fans of the trilogy will be very doubtful about the great "X3" hope. It didn't help that they hired a Mariah Carey music video director, Brett Ratner, to direct it all. Yet somehow he — with the help of some decent writers, a giant bowl of special effects and the same lovable cast — put the "X" in "X-Men" (whatever that means).

By the time the two hours are up, you had better take a breather and try to remember it all. The writers crammed tons of somewhat accurate information from the comics into the film and somehow still managed to keep the average moviegoer entertained with big flashy lights and fireballs. Unfortunately, some of the more epic and important scenes are rushed in order to fit more plot into the constantly moving storyline.

New additions to the cast proved to be both wonderful and terrible. Kelsey Grammer made my day playing Beast, the brilliant, blue furball who gets a whopping five-second action clip (think Yoda in "Star Wars: Episode II"). On the other hand, what could have made all my dreams come true was instead a very poor tribute: the "Juggernaut." Fans had lost their brains on whenever Ratner's ridiculous version of Juggernaut wastes screen time.

"X3" is proof that Hollywood costumes can look great on attractive models and bodybuilders, but without any acting talent, it's all a waste of time. I'll never understand why Singer thought it was more important to go off and make a terrible "Superman" remake (I might be a DC Comics fan but this is ridiculous) when he could have finished the "X-Men" trilogy right after it had finally become worthwhile. Nevertheless, "X3" has all the mind-blowing special effects and nostalgic "X-Men" references that anyone could want in their summer starting line-up. Unfortunately, the way Singer made it all work as one harmonious entity with all the elements gone is gone. A great start for the summer, but a mediocre end to a trilogy.

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**Resination CD release party**

Brittney Peloquin

**MUSTANG DAILY**

Local reggae band Resination is releasing their new album with a celebratory show at The Graduate on Saturday.

Resination, who was had made several appearances at University Union Hour this year, is known to draw a crowd wherever they play. Their catchy rations and moving them to their upbeat rhythms and positive lyrics.

The band's new album, "Conscious Development," showcases, among other things, the changes in the bands lineup since their last record. They have gone from a five to a nine-piece band, incorporating horns, keyboard and a female vocalist who adds to the harmony on the vocals and sings the lead on some tracks. Lead singer Vance Fahie said that they wanted to add these custom elements to capture their sound.

Resination formed in 1999 and has steadily built a huge local base of fans that have remained loyal and supportive as has grown and succeeded throughout the years. While some up and coming bands will release an album at whenever show falls after the completion date, even if it is while they are out on tour. However, Resination thought it was important to have their release party at a local venue so the fans could celebrate with and give the first listen to fans that have been coming to their shows since they started.

Lead singer Vance Fahie said that a central aspect to the sound they are going for because he is better equipped to be more interesting than the average vocalist. However, he said that they are not just a "giant bowl of special effects and the same tired storyline all over." They are making sure to keep things interesting with a lot of different sounds.

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Shirts to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims were sold yesterday and will be on sale Tuesday and June 6, 2006 in front of the Robert E. Kennedy. Proceeds from the sale will be sent to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Cal Poly Club 34 held a contest to pick the T-shirts design. Of the fifteen total entries in the competition, two were selected for T-shirt designs.

Shirts feature a design with the words "The Big Easy" across the front and are available in male and female versions.

"Hurricane Katrina was one of the more well-known things we could have done," said Jason Martinez, an art and design junior and Club 34 member.

This is the first of several philanthropy projects planned by the club and an Associated Students Inc. affiliated project.

"In the future we want to do something bigger," said club president Alex Slave. "We want to make the department more noticeable." The department currently has about 200 students.

The project also provides art and design students with an opportunity to host competitions which are less common at public universities.

Five additional projects are in the works for the next year. Other possible projects include another T-shirt sale and a student art show.

Club 34 has 13 members committed to working on other projects.

The sale takes place at Kennedy Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and t-shirts cost $15.
6 world powers agree on package of incentives, penalties for Iran

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice met with the foreign ministers from the European nations that led talks with Iran that stalled last year. Also present were representatives of Russia and China, which have been Tehran's trading partners and might join in any future talks with Iran.

The foreign ministers' statement threatens unspecified "further steps" in the Security Council.

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Letters to the Two Classy Gents

Well, faithful Mustang Daily readers, our glorious run has come to an end. We've had a lot of laughs, but more importantly, we've all learned something. For one thing, calling out the UFP champions! Bad idea. But we don't take it back.

With that said, we've received a lot of letters from you, despite never giving you any way to contact us. We promise that our answers will be truthful and much better than the answers you get from John Edwards.

Mike Matzke
Douglas Bruzzzone


It's the deal with your obsession with Warren Baker. They're a lot of laughs, but more importantly, we've all learned something.

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Wolfgang Gartner was the men's soccer coach at Cal Poly since before most current students were born. He coached his 26th season with the Mustangs in May, but incumbency wasn't enough to win the job. Gartner was rejects widely above 5000 recent recruits into his program — 223- 271-55 in 12 years at the Division I level. His best March was a return to glory days since enjoyed by Gartner.

Women's soccer not in playoffs

Seeing the women's soccer team succeed has been about as regular as "Rolling Thunder," all times of the day — and night. The Mustangs haven't finished worse than fourth since joining the Big West in 1996. This year was a different story as the team started in conference play with back-to-back wins, but couldn't garner enough points to win the NCAA tournament

Volleyball program hospitalized

Cardinal head coach was a hit-and- run driver struck her while she was jogging with three friends along the Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Cruz.

Most important, however, is marked on a number of the course at Cal Poly this summer. At a minimum, it had been shown tremendous support. A fund-raiser headlined by Cal Poly volleyball coach Jon Stevenson and best friend/former teammate Claudia Trizad raised more than $10,000 to help pay for Daniel's medical expenses.

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Cal Poly football beats Montana
The headline was simple: Cal Poly 35, Montana 21. No headline could’ve done the win justice.
Cal Poly’s win over Montana in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs nearly was the biggest win in the program’s history. Here’s how the opening paragraphs read: “The Cal Poly football team traveled through four states, broke two school records, saw weather from sun to snow and won its first ever Division I-AA playoff game all in 36 hours this weekend.

“The Mustangs beat the Montana Grizzlies 35-21 on Saturday, securing their place in the quarterfinals of the playoffs against Texas State. This game marks the first time Cal Poly has ever beaten Montana, who the Mustangs lost to earlier this season.”

It was Montana’s 13th trip to the playoffs. The program has two national championships to its name — 2001 and 1995. In 2004, the Grizzlies lost 31-21 to James Madison in the championship game. The game: put one of the top programs in Div. I-AA history against a playoff novice. The Mustangs would lose the following week, 14-7, to Texas State, but a trip to the quarterfinals was enough for Cal Poly to leave its mark as an elite team.

Although the win is hardly a blip in Div. I-AA playoff history, the 2005 Mustangs will forever be remembered in San Luis Obispo as the first Cal Poly football team to make the playoffs, the first to win a playoff game and the first to beat the Grizzlies.

Goccong is Philly Bound
As the football program continues to blossom, players being selected in the NFL Draft might become more routine and less significant in the news.

Chris Goccong, the second Cal Poly player selected in the NFL Draft and the second to win the Buck Buchanan Award. He will play professional ball with the Philadelphia Eagles next season.

Last year it was Jordan Ford going to the Falcons after winning the Buck Buchanan Award that made headlines. This year it’s Goccong.

A quiet and reserved individual off the field, Goccong was a fierce and tenacious pass rusher for the Mustangs on the field. He leaves Cal Poly as the record holder for sacks in a season (23.5) and the highest drafted player as well as Male Athlete of the Year.

Bertoni fourth on NCAA all-time wins list
There weren’t many golf stories making headlines this year — they were an underrepresented team in the media. However, that doesn’t mean their accomplishments went unnoticed.

Travis Bertoni moved to fourth on the NCAA all-time wins list this season with victories at the Anteater Invitational, Drake Invitational and Cuesta Title Invitational in January.

On top of those achievements, Bertoni notched a spot on the PING All-Pacific Region team, one of 17 overall to land a spot on the squad.

He also led the Mustangs to their first-ever men’s golf Big West Championship.

Stevenson turns volleyball program around
To put it bluntly, the 2004 Cal Poly volleyball team was awful. The Mustangs went 5-24, several players quit the team and it seemed like the program would be in turmoil for years.

Steve Schlick resigned as coach and was replaced by Jon Stevenson, a former assistant for USA Volleyball and the coach of a blossoming collegiate powerhouse in St. Mary’s University.

With a new coaching staff in place the best player in San Luis Obispo not wearing a Cal Poly uniform in 2004, Vanessa Gilliam, returned to the team. The result: Stevenson’s emphasis on blocking — and overall coaching prowess — combined with Gilliam’s nearly-unstoppable spiking ability led to a complete turnaround.

The 2005 Mustangs were 19-6 and finished third in the Big West, falling just short of an NCAA tournament bid. Many felt the team was snubbed — the headline in the Mustang Daily read: “Cinderella Story ends before midnight.”

The NCAA pointed to the team’s strengths of a scheduled weakness as the reason for the snub, a problem that couldn’t have been remedied by Stevenson as the schedule was the result of his predecessor.

Regardless of the untimely end to the team’s season, it was an amazing turnaround.

Women’s lacrosse nets sixth-straight title
The article read: “Lacrosse sticks all over the nation have once again crumbled to the Cal Poly women’s lacrosse team after it won a sixth-straight women’s Division II Intercollegiate Athletic Association National Championship on Saturday.

“The Mustangs, now No. 4 Michigan in the rankings, played No. 2 Cal Poly (35-16, 12-7 in the championship game Saturday. Both teams stepped onto the court from Kinnick Stadium with hot sticks. Michigan was coming off of a 15-6 upset against No. 3 Colorado State, while No. 2 Cal Poly had the upper hand with five previous national championship wins against Colorado 10-6 the day before.”

Success is constant for the women’s lacrosse club. Div. I sport or not, the team has proved itself worthy of high levels of competition.

Men’s basketball receives NCAA sanctions
“The men’s basketball team will lose two scholarships as a result of the first academic progress report based on information collected from the 2003-04 and 2004-05 academic years,” the article read as it broke in late January in the Mustang Daily.

APR is quickly becoming a buzzword in athletic departments across the nation as the new method for measuring academic success unveiled its first victims.

Who would’ve guessed that Cal Poly, an academic powerhouse in the same college system, would receive poor marks for its academic success.

The team improved this season — up to 10-19 overall from 5-22 in 2004-05. However, 10-19 isn’t a winning record and neither was the APR for the previous two years.

Nevertheless, coach Kevin Bromley remained adamant that the sanctions were not reflective of the 2005-06 players and that the team would see better results in years to come.

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