**SLO blows out 150 candles**

**Brigitte Barbosa**

San Luis Obispo is turning 150 years old and the community is invited to join the celebration. The grand finale of the yearlong sesquicentennial commemoration takes place tonight at Farmers' Market.

"It’s a celebration and recognition of San Luis Obispo as a community," Steering Committee member June McIvor said. "It is the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the city, which is sort of a technical term. It’s really symbolic of SLO coming together as a community."

The festivities kick off at 6 p.m. at the intersection of Higuera and Chorro streets where the County Band is scheduled to perform. April Richardson, sesquicentennial event manager, said the night opens with an introduction by Mayor Dave Romero in which he will introduce the City Council members and former mayors of the city in attendance. Typical Farmers' Market events are to continue as usual.

"Farmers' Market is a big part of (the city) in itself. Here’s a chance to come out and celebrate the community as a whole," McIvor said.

The Madonna Inn donated a special, giant birthday cake for the celebration. Romero has the honor of cutting the cake, which McIvor said can feed 3,000 people.

Downtown Association Administrator Deborah Cash and local designer and Steering Committee member Pierre Rademaker will present 150 historic tidbits about the city in a "did you know?" format. The two will go back-and-forth in an entertaining manner to inform the crowd of their city’s history.

"Everybody just loves it. It is a truly something people can feed 1,000 people," McIvor said. "It’s a celebration and recognition of the city, which is sort of a technical term. It’s really symbolic of SLO coming together as a community."

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**English class writes letters to deceased peer**

Justin Fivella

Bombarded by brain-stretching midterm and mountainous piles of homework, many Cal Poly students now in their third week of school have all but forgotten the unfortunate event that claimed the life of would-be freshman Enrique Jimenez during orientation week. Freshman English professor Carson Medley asked his students to explain their first college experiences in letters to Enrique.

"I felt that having students write a letter to Enrique to share with him what he would have experienced in his first week would help them realize that life is a precious thing," Medley said. "I hoped it would help them realize just how lucky they are to be here in San Luis Obispo and going to Cal Poly."

Before Jimenez was swept off a rock by a powerful swell of water in Montana de Oro, one of the many courses he was enrolled in was Medley's ENGL 134, writing exposition class.

Medley, now in his second year teaching at Cal Poly, explained that his first assignment was to have students write an essay about themselves, a difficult task he feels will help broaden their perspectives as well as aid in their pursuit of self-identity while writing.

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This picture offers a glance down Higuera Street in what is estimated to be the 1890s, before trees and parking meters lined the streets. The tall building on the far left is now the current location for the store Fanny Wrappers.

Birthday

"really entertaining how they correspond together," said sesquicentennial event chair Kendi Root.

The city is rich in history since its incorporation in 1850. There will be areas set up with dedications and displays remembering the last 130 years.

"It (the event) has allowed community organizations to get involved and it drives tourism. We are all connected somehow and this gave people a reason to celebrate," Root said.

Originally a small pueblo town, the city of San Luis Obispo has grown from a few houses in size to a population of approximately 44,176, according to the United States Census Bureau.

"We are so thankful of who we are and how far we’ve come as a community. We are the cultural hub of San Luis Obispo County. That has been inspirational in itself," Root said.

The Steering Committee for the sesquicentennial celebration helped designate a different theme for each month from January through October.

The themes were intended to inform the community of the progress the city has made since its incorporation, and alert them of the upcoming sesquicentennial events.

Root said the Steering Committee was broken down into several subcommittees to help distribute the amount of work needed to make the event a success. The committee included a number of professionals from the downtown area, Root said.

The Native Sons of the Golden West will present Romero and Root with a plaque to commemorate the event at a luncheon on Oct. 21. The plaque will eventually be hung in City Hall.

"It is a great opportunity for people to celebrate their community and I think they should definitely come out," McIvor said.

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-Maryanna McGervey
nutrition senior

"No, I feel as though we should share the road. Cars, bicyclists, pedestrians, skateboarders ... we're all the same."
-Justin Vondenhoff
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American in al-Qaida videos indicted on treason charge


A wanted poster of Adam Yahye Gadahn is displayed at the Justice Department in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006.

Jeremiah Marquez
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A $1 million reward for information leading to his capture.

Law enforcement has sought by the FBI since 2004. Based on the indictment, the FBI added Gadahn to its list of most wanted terrorists, and the State Department offered a $1 million reward for information leading to his capture.

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Yankees pitcher dies after plane crashes into New York City high-rise apartment

Solen Long

NEW YORK — A small plane carrying New York Yankees catcher Cory Lidle slammed into a 50-story apartment building Wednesday after issuing a distress call, killing the pilot and a second person in a crash that scattered debris onto the sidewalks and briefly raised fears of another terrorist attack.

A law enforcement official in Washington said Lidle — an avid pilot who got his license during last year's offseason — was aboard the single-engine aircraft when it hit the Empire State Building Wednesday after issuing a distress call. The crash came just four days after the Yankees' embarrassing quick elimination from the playoffs, during which Lidle had been relegated to the bullpen.

Lidle's passport was found on the street, according to a federal official, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. It was not immediately clear who was at the controls and who was the second person aboard. There was no official confirmation of Lidle's death from law officials.

Federal Aviation Administration records showed the plane was registered to Lidle, who had repeatedly assured reporters in recent weeks that flying was safe and that the Yankees — who were traumatized in 1979 when catcher Thurman Munson was killed in the crash of a plane he was piloting — had no reason to worry.

"The flying?" the 34-year-old Lidle, who had a home near Los Angeles, told The Philadelphia Inquirer this summer: "I'm not worried about it. I'm safe up there. I feel very comfortable with my abilities flying an airplane."

"No matter what's going on in your life, when you get up in that plane, everything's gone," Lidle told a Comcast SportsNet interviewer while flying his plane in April.

The crash stunned New Yorkers four days after the Yankees' embarrassingly

National briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush demanded stiff sanctions on North Korea Wednesday for its reported nuclear test and asserted the U.S. has "no intention of attacking" the reclusive regime.

In a Rose Garden news conference, Bush said the United States has "no plan to attack" North Korea and will refrain from "acts of provocation" that could inflame tensions. But he said American and other allies "will hold North Korea accountable for its action and its past actions." The U.S. has for years sought to deter North Korea from developing nuclear weapons.

Bush also said the U.S. has "no intention of attacking" the regime and will "not act on the assumption that we can talk our way out of this situation."

Bush said the presence of U.S. forces in South Korea "deters" North Korea from initiating a war.

Bush said the U.S. Army has plans to keep the current level of soldiers in Iraq through the middle of 2007, the top Army officer said Wednesday, a later date than Bush administration or Pentagon officials have mentioned.

The Army chief of staff, Gen. Peter Pace, cautioned against reading too much into the plan — a move that could make it easier to hold back forces scheduled to go there to prepare and deploy units at the last minute.

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T's $78.5 billion buyout of BellSouth Corp. won Justice Department approval Wednesday, a decision that sets the stage for further restructuring and modernization of the old Ma Bell phone monopoly broken up by the government in 1984.

The Justice Department approved the deal without conditions, which leaves the Federal Communications Commission as the final hurdle to the merger creating the nation's biggest provider of phone, wireless and broadband Internet services.

The decision was immediately criticized by the FCC's two Democratic members — Jonathan S. Adelstein and Michael Copps, who characterized it as a "reckless abandonment of DOJ's responsibility to protect consumers and smaller businesses."

Copps called it a "light-on" decision.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man who recently departed as director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ordered his staff to help with his nephew's high school homework, wasting the agency's time and violating ethics rules, an inquiry found Wednesday. The probe's findings were detailed in a documentary about the ATF that took 10 months to complete — one of half-dozen examples of lapses in judgment Carl J. Truscott committed before he resigned in August, says the report by Justice Department Inspector General Glenn A. Fine.

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2 trains collide in northeastern France; 5 dead

Jan Sliva

ZOUFFTGEN, France — A passenger train collided Wednesday with an oncoming freight train in northeastern France, killing at least five people and injuring 16, two seriously, officials said.

The impact of the crash lifted one of the passenger train's cars on top of another, compressing it. Several cars of the freight train were either crumpled, bent sideways or tipped over on their sides.

Workers from both France and Luxembourg were at the scene.

Rescuers had retrieved five bodies by evening, police said, and did not believe any survivors were trapped inside the twisted wreckage, although rescue efforts were expected to continue through the night.

"If we pull out any more people, they will not be alive," said Luxembourg police spokeswoman Kristine Schmidt.

Another official, Bernard Francon of the Zoufftgen police, said there could be as many as three more bodies in the wreckage on the tracks about a mile south of the border, but he did not elaborate.

The total number of passengers aboard the train was not known.

The passenger train was traveling from Luxembourg to the French city of Nancy. The train line it was traveling on was being repaired, so it switched onto a second track, hitting the oncoming freight train, said France's SNCF rail operator.

SNCF director-general Guillaume Pepy said the 22-car freight train had a green light at the time of the crash, and said there were no signs of speeding.

President Jacques Chirac ordered the government to "oversee the mobilization of all rescue services and quickly bring to light the circumstances of this dramatic accident," his office said.

General Assembly to appoint Ban Ki-moon

Friday as next U.N. secretary-general

Edith M. Lederer

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UNITED NATIONS — The General Assembly will appoint South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon as the next U.N. secretary-general on Friday, giving him a 2 1/2-month transition before taking over from Kofi Annan on Jan. 1.

Sheikh Haya Rashed Al Khalifa, the assembly president, set the appointment of the new secretary-general for Friday afternoon, assembly spokeswoman Gall Bindley-Taylor Sainte said late Wednesday.

"The General Assembly is expected to adopt a resolution, hopefully by acclamation, appointing Mr. Ban Ki-moon as the next secretary-general of the United Nations," Sainte said. "We expect him to take the oath of office as soon as he is officially appointed but he doesn't take office until Jan. 1."

Ban's appointment comes at a sensitive time with the United States pressing for strong sanctions against Iraq and North Korea over their nuclear programs, and backing a U.N. peacekeeping force in Darfur to take over from the African Union.

The Security Council nominated Ban by acclamation Monday and asked the 192-member General Assembly to act promptly to approve his selection.

But was one of seven candidates vying to be the new U.N. chief and topped four informal polls in the 15-member council.

International briefs

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Hotel tycoon Howard "Butch" Kerzner was among four people killed Wednesday when a helicopter they were traveling in crashed into a building on the Dominican Republic's north coast, an aviation official said.

Kerzner, chief executive officer of Kerzner International Holdings Ltd., a Bahamas-based casino and resort operator, was in the helicopter when it went down at 2:15 p.m. in the popular tourist resort of Sosua, said Yolanda Manan, a spokeswoman for the Dominican airport authority.

"It is with great sadness that the entire company mourns the tragic loss of Butch Kerzner," Kerzner International said in a statement.

Butch Kerzner's father, Sol Kerzner — a South African casino tycoon who is chairman of Kerzner International's board, was en route to the Dominican Republic, the statement said.

Kerzner, 42, was surveying potential development sites when the helicopter crashed on the roof of a business that grows ornamental plants.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States hopes to pass a new draft U.N. Security Council resolution on Friday to punish North Korea over its claimed nuclear test, U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said.

The new draft, which the U.S. will formally introduce on Thursday, is part of American and Japanese efforts for a quick Security Council rebuke to the North for its alleged test Monday, which raised tension surrounding Pyongyang's clandestine nuclear program and drew near-universal condemnation from around the world.

"There are still a lot of comments that have been made, and areas of disagreement, but as we've said repeatedly, we think this requires a strong and swift response," Bolton said Wednesday after a meeting with the ambassadors of Britain, France and Japan.

"Now, we're certainly prepared for further discussion but today is late Wednesday and to have a vote by the end of the week, we need to move expeditiously tomorrow, which we're going to try to do," he said.

Earlier Wednesday, Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the United States to hold bilateral talks with North Korea and called on the communist nation not to escalate an "extremely difficult" situation.
Have a date with summer

Brigitte Barbosa

The end of summer: Possibly the most depressing time of the year for me. The return to class this quarter marks the conclusion of a summer full of great friends, new trips, things to the lake, camps, barbecues and a little binge drinking now and again.

Instead of being heartbroken by the loss of my favorite season I have devised a way to extend summer for three more quarters. Here are these 10 steps and all your summer withdrawals will cease.

Step 1: Wear bathing suits as everyday garments. Ladies, tie your two-piece suits back up in exchange for normal undergarments. Just knowing they are underneath four other layers of clothing in the middle of the rainy season will help extend your bliss.

Gentlemen, sport your board shorts regardless of the season. If they get wet, they dry quicker then most denim and almost never wrinkle. Plus, when the time comes, you are guaranteed to be the first to hit the beach.

Step 2: Moisturize with sun block. The sleek shine sun block gives your skin a glossy look while sunbathing on the sand can now be used to keep pores moist and dry skin free from cracking. Try scents like coconut and ocean breeze to attract fellow sun worshippers on campus. Heads will turn and you'll attract fellow sun worshippers on campus.

Step 7: Remember the smell of finals, and assignment due dates not due until next semester. Instead of being heartbroken by the most depressing time of the year moochers will now be out of your hair. School will always remind you of the yard? The view from the window? The fact that your board is still on call will keep you daydreaming until June. Although the added drag and wind resistance may force you to fill your tank a bit more often, isn't the sight of that sleek board worth it? Throw all your thoughts about how people will perceive you because the beach is just over the hills. No board? Try a color full mini surfboard key chain instead.

Step 6: Break the early mornings by drying off with a large beach towel after your shower. Palm trees, dolphins and seashells are a great pick-me-up! Plus, you'll never have to worry about accidentally drying off with your "I'm only going to shower twice a week center.'' The oddly worded environmentalist roommate's stiff towel.

Step 2: Stop class. If the first nine steps just aren't doing it for you, find a class which skipping class will have the least amount of impact on your grade. Midterms, final, and assignment due dates not recommended. Sleep in, hang around in your pajamas and catch up on your favorite daytime shows. Class can wait; you have a date with summer.

Weird Al might rely on nerd stereotypes for his material, but there's no denying their accuracy. Throughout his album "White & Nerdy," he incorporates potential tools of nerddom that can be found at the campus bookstore.

Step 1: Party on a week day. For example, Downtown Brewing Company offers Pint Night every Tuesday. Use this as an excuse to get in a solid night of dancing and debauchery on the most random night of the week. After all, was there any such thing as a "week-day" in the middle of summer? The hangover and sleepless nights may contribute to a lack of comprehension in your morning classes but your social life will continue to flourish.

Step 4: Get out and enjoy the outdoors! Whether it's hiking, biking, or just a simple stroll around town. This is an advantage because the smoky barbecue and campfire smoke? Buy a sleek board worth it? Throw all

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"Canadian Idiot" marks the weakest of the tracks, however, as it is far too short and features considerably weaker lyrics than the other parodies.

"Pokémon" is sure to be a hit among music buffs. Weird Al sings the lyrics of popular songs — such as "Let's Get It Started," "Don't Cha" and "Gold Digger," to name a few — while "The Chicken Dance" plays in the background. The upbeat, cheery rhythm of the ridiculous tune contrasted with the random lyrics makes for a great success.

Along with the parodies, "Straight Outta Lynwood" also features some fantastic originals. "Virus Alert," by far the best, covers the crazy things a virus can do to your computer.

Most of the symptoms are not to be expected — like making "your iPod only play Jethro Tull" and buying "a warehouse full of pink leotards" — and the off-the-wall lyrics leave us feeling thankful that our computers aren't among the victims.

"Straight Outta Lynwood" not only includes 12 humorous hits, but also six music videos, a karaoke-style sing-a-long and a behind-the-scenes documentary on the other side.

The six music videos, which were produced by animation artists, are good for a few laughs, but they don't compare to Yankovic's self-produced "White & Nerdy." And if that isn't enough for you, Yankovic's Web site features a free download of the song "You're Pitiful," a parody of James Blunt's "You're Beautiful." The song was originally supposed to be on "Straight Outta Lynwood," but Blunt's record company put a stop to it — clearly all the more reason to give it a listen.
Friday the 13th: A spooky night of flicks

Ronnie Meehan

What better way to spend the infamous Friday the 13th than watching a variety of classic horror movies?

The San Luis Obispo International Film Festival is holding the Friday the 13th Film Fest on yes, this Friday. It will be sure to satisfy any horror junkie’s craving and scare the socks off those who are still afraid of the dark. So get out that holy water, put on those trusty Depends, and get ready for a world class spookin’.

Here is what is playing:

The Palm Theatre will show the 1920 silent film version of “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

John Barrymore stars as both Dr. Henry Jekyll and Mr. Henry Hyde. Dr. Jekyll finds a way to unleash two separate personalities in one person, but when he does it to himself it turns into a battle of good vs. evil.

The Underground will have two more separate screenings of “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” tickets are all $10. From 6:30 to 8:15 p.m., The Underground (next to Woodstock’s Pizza) will show two movies for all ages.

The 1930 short comedy “Spooks” will start it off. The movie stars the loveable and laughable Three Stooges who play private detectives working to find a missing girl held captive in a mad scientist’s mansion.

Next up is “Abbot and Costello Meet Frankenstein.” This 1948 classic is considered by many to be the best horror comedy ever. Bud and Lou play two unfortunate freight handlers who one might get a monster size shipment. Soon enough Dracula, Frankenstein’s Monster, and The Wolfman are running rampant in London.

The Underground will have two more separate screenings of “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” from 9 to 11 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Starting at 9 p.m. will be the 2005 Australian short comedy “The People,” which was featured at the 2006 SLO International Film Festival.

The 1968 version of “Night of the Living Dead” plays next. A group of people take shelter in a farmhouse while bloodthirsty zombies try to make them a tasty snack. This cult classic made a niche for low-budget horror films.

Playing at 11:30 p.m. is “Zombie-American” starring Ed Helms of “The Daily Show.” Director Nick Poppy tries to show that zombies have feelings too.

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Takino. SLO life into slow motion

"Every morning, keep in mind that Spaniards have a "go with the flow" mentality; things will get done when they get done. So if you have to wait awhile, for whatever it may be, do not think it is because you are a foreigner, just take it easy."

The 200 of us waiting to start our lives in Barcelona all kind of laughed and pretend-ed to understand what the director of our program was talking about in her last few words of orientation.

It was 6 p.m. when we were released from the program center to explore the city and naturally, we were all pretty hungry. All over the city, there are bars and small restaurants that serve tapas, which are small quantities of food typically displayed behind glass on the bar top.

Excited to embrace the Spanish culture, a small group of us entered the first bar we saw. I sensed something was off when there was nothing behind the glass.

In the first bar, "here one day," Spanish, I asked the bartender if they were serving food. This question elicited a laugh, an "are you crazy" look and finally a "no." I was not sure if he was laughing at me "the early birds" do not sit down to a meal in Spain is not necessarily everything you are trying to integrate, I can vouch for the latter, than the finish line — the process of enjoyment. There is purpose of enjoyment. There is everything is done here for the purpose of enjoyment. There is something about it that makes me never want to leave. Everything is done here for the purpose of enjoyment. There is more focus on the process rather than the finish line — the process of eating, drinking coffee, drinking alcohol. As an American, I feel as though I am always running — to class, to the museums, to dinner, to the bars, to clubs — even when I do not have a specific destination.

My very first day here, I met Alicia (pseudonymed Alitha), a Barcelona native. She was so excited to meet an American who she could speak English with, and proceeded to spend the rest of the day showing me around the neighborhood and taking me out to lunch. I later asked her if she had things to do, and she said, "Nothing that can't wait. What's two hours?"

What a concept, I thought to myself. It turns out that she spent the last three summers working in San Francisco, so she is familiar with the American culture. At one point, she made fun of college student's drinking habits and the process of taking shot after shot after shot.

She explained that in Spain, when you go out to eat, you order — you may have had three or four drinks.

"We take it easy, relax, have fun," she said.

As always, inconveniences creep into this lovely lifestyle. Customer service, along with the concept of "no-go," do not exist here. And as much as I am an advocate of sitting down to a cup of coffee, sometimes I just want the paper cup.

This morning, I walked to my favorite coffee shop and asked for a cappuccino "para llevar," a term I never buy me this time again. I thought to myself.

As an outsider attempting to integrate, I can vouch for the latter. To begin with, everything is closed on Sundays and bank holidays. Between September and December, Barcelona has six of those. Furthermore, we have this amazing thing called "siesta" every day from 2 to 4 p.m. Among natives, this time is spent eating lunch and resting for about 10 to 15 minutes. Also, all stores outside of the high tourist areas are closed. Some stores like to shut down a early as 1 p.m., and in my neighborhood, never open back up.

W. American joke that Spaniards do not like money and we make fun of their laid-back lifestyle.

... I realized that they are not kidding when they say that "early birds" do not sit down before 9 p.m.

Ronny Beer shown far right

NAME: Ronny Beer
MAJOR: History
COUNTRY: Spain

NOTICE:"Be nice, or face the consequences!"
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Walk Zone’ a euphemism for ‘Ticket Zone’

Anyone else think the bike regulations on this campus are absolutely ridiculous? I’m glad I’m doing favors for several factions (myself, my bank account, the environment, the school, but riders, everyone else who still insists on driving to campus…), and University Police Department thanks me by pulling me over on my way to class (and potentially fining me $100 in the future) because I’m riding my bike in a “Walk Your Bike” zone! I’m sorry, but what the hell is the point of riding my bike to school if all but one road is a “Walk Your Bike” zone?!

The university says, in response to our parking complaints, that we should take advantage of other means of transportation, yet doesn’t facilitate our choosing said means. Why am I not allowed to ride my bike, well, anywhere? And if UPPD is going to cite me for riding in the walk zone, they daim well better cite the idiots who obliviousy walk in the only place I’m technically allowed to ride my bike. Next time you hear about a bicyclist/pedestrian hit-and-run on Via Carta, there’s a chance it was me.

Emily Doris
Civil engineering senior

Bikers riding illegally deserve citations

I thought I would be writing a letter thanking the police, especially not the University Police after note: Today, I was fortunate enough to witness two of Cal Poly’s finest men in blue giving tickets to a whole line of bikers who had been caught doing something illegal. Thank God.

I really cannot stand how bikers think they can veer into the car lanes, cut drivers off, and then stop at stop signs as I am still slamming on my brakes trying, against my better instincts, to not to run over them in my car. Speaking of cars, my fellow drivers know that we’re the onesusually racking up the tickets on campus. So now you understand why I was more than a little pleased to see those bikers, who think they’re driving cars, to finally get ticketed like cars. To sum things up — way to go Cal Poly five-o. Keep up the equal opportunity ticketing!

Julie Baroek
Biology senior

Mustang Graphics and its staff will be missed

There was a short article in the Oct. 4 Cal Poly Repro announcing that Mustang Graphics (which includes Pony Prints in the library) will be closed next month. This was shocking news.

As a staff member in an academic department, I’ve utilized the services of Mustang Graphics for many years. It’s currently run under the Cal Poly Corporation (Foundation), but it had formerly been state-run, and for awhile had gone by the name of Reprographics. It’s true that some of the services that Mustang Graphics could provide on-site had become limited, in part due to the need to replace equipment; but they still ran the majority of our jobs, and as far as I can tell were doing a booming business. I was pleased when they purchased a new plate-maker over the summer. This meant fewer jobs would have to be outsourced to off-campus printers — a big reason why the news was so unexpected.

Perhaps the Cal Poly Corporation has some plan in mind that won’t be divulged in the Cal Poly Report. But as it stands now, it appears there will be no walk-up print shop on campus — even the small place that was on the first floor of the UU is now gone — a great inconvenience to students, faculty, and staff alike.

The student-run University Graphic Systems is still open, but doesn’t offer the same services. I’m most disappointed by the closure of Mustang Graphics and Pony Prints, because it means the loss of a wonderful staff.

To sum up some things changed at Mustang Graphics over the years, one thing that stayed consistent was the outstanding service of its employees, including student assistants. They are all incredibly knowledgeable, professional, hard-working and friendly, and I will miss them greatly.

Michele Abba
Music department staff member

Don’t blame everything on the Democrats

Well, it looks like Matt Bushman is starting off this year (You can’t hug your children with nuclear arms, Oct. 11, 2006) the way he ended last year, spouting only the facts that suit his theories and ignoring the others.

Let’s see where to start. First off, as far as North Korea goes, blaming Clinton and Carter is a bit interesting, considering that the Democrats’ 12 years in office over this time pale next to the Republicans’ 18 years in office since 1976. If anyone had anything to do with it, you’d think it’d be the ones who were there most of the time. Oh wait, I forget. Democrat’s manage their time better so they can get more done (blunt sarcasm).

Let me put it this way: If a bomb had gone off in early 2001, before Bush had a chance to do anything, I’d say that maybe it wasn’t his fault. As it is, Clinton hasn’t negated for six years. Why is it that Republicans always want to blame him for everything? Ah yes, because it’s easier than admitting they did something wrong. And let’s not forget under whose watch the bomb went off either.

Please Mr. Bushman, I’d appreciate it if your arguments were something that a third grader’s knowledge of recent history couldn’t unravel.

Troy Kuersten
 Aerospace engineering senior

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STAFF COMMENTARY

Bike rage is all the rage on campus

When I transferred to Cal Poly last fall, one of the first things I noted was that I was going to get run over by a bicycle before I graduated. Although it hasn’t happened yet, I still think I am correct.

Now, don’t get clever and purposely try to find me to run me down. I understand that bicycles are an easy and economical way to get to class, but it is becoming a major hassle for those of us on foot.

There are certain rules the university has implemented to try to keep us pedestrians safe. But for some reason, all you bikers out there are either unaware of these rules, or you’re completely ignoring them. So let’s just go over a few minor details to make sure all of us make it to our graduation without an unfortunate accident.

Stop signs mean STOP! Do you run them when you’re driving? Probably not. So, where are you getting the guts to run stop signs on your bike? While I was crossing the street on my way to school last week there was a car at a stop sign on campus. Right before I got out of the car’s way a bicyclist came darting through the stop sign and didn’t even think twice about applying her brakes. If I was not already paranoid about this problem it would have been a new design on the pavement. At least slow down until you are sure there are no pedestrians before you go on your way.

Walk zones mean walk. Are these signs invisible to some people? These are walk zones because they are so busy with foot traffic that it’s too dangerous to ride. Some of you may have been warned by the University Police Department last week, but unless you’re still doubt they’re still just warning. This will ticket you if you decide to take a chance and ride through these walkways and few people are going to have sympathy for you.

I would like to ask people what bike is completely free. It is a lot easier for a bicyclist to get over than it is for me. It is a little harder to abide by this rule on campus, but just keep it in mind.

Stay in the bike lanes, they are also your friend. There is nothing more annoying than getting stuck behind a bicyclist who halfway in the street. It makes drivers have to go three mph behind them until there is enough room to pass. Some people have road rage and I guess I have bike rage. If everyone can abide by the same rules, at least a little of the time, I think everyone will feel a lot safer and I can have faith I’ll make it to graduation without a bike in my back.

Katherine Tiffin is a journalism senior, Mustang Daily staff writer and Spotlight editor who is bikerugs.com.
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"Working as an obituary editor for years jaded me to the death aspect, instead it made the real thing when students write about death, they usually associate it with old age," Medley said. "Because students associate death with age, when they think about long into the future it helps them realize their goals and give them direction."

After realizing that the empty seat in his class was assigned for Jimenez, Medley said he thought a different angle to the self-obituary assignment was necessary.

"Seeing that he (Jimenez) was enrolled in our class but never made it, I felt it would put a face to the tragedy and add some perspective because that effigy seat could have been anyone," Medley said. "Nobody thinks they're going to die young, and when you can put it into perspective it gets you to face the fact of your own mortality.

Though green to the world of academia, many of Medley's freshmen found the letter enlightening and difficult.

"I thought it was a good way to vent my feelings about something so tragic. It helped me get everything out," said Taylor Humphrey, a city and regional planning sophomore. She added that she felt everyone has their time to go and no matter what age, when they are supposed to leave they do — it was just Jimenez's time.

While some students wrote about their experiences throughout that first week of school, attempting to figuratively fill Jimenez's seat on what he might have decided to elaborate on his death's impact on them personally.

"I feel like it helped me realize how lucky I am and it has encouraged me to love everyone I meet," psychology freshman Desiree Collins said.

Though Medley admitted the assignment would be a difficult one, he said he was pleased that in the end most of his students felt the paper was a positive experience.

"I hoped they would look at him (Jimenez) as a friend they would never know, and for a lot of them it's that they felt while turning the papers in," Medley said. "I'm putting a face on this tragedy that helped students learn important aspects about life, he added.

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people in tears and some trying to reach loved ones by cell phone.

"It wasn't until I was halfway home that I started shaking. The whole memory of an airplane flying into a building and across the street from your home. It's a little too close to home," Sara Green, 40, who lives across the street from The Belmont, crossed my mind that it was something bigger or the start of something bigger.

Outside Lidle's home in Glendora, Calif., neighbors and others quickly converged. Keri Pasqua, a close friend of the player's wife, and Mary Varela, Lidle's mom-in-law, told reporters that Melanie Lidle wasn't home and they weren't certain if she knew about the crash.

"This is a tragedy for everybody involved," a teary-eyed Varela said.

Kevin Lidle, Cory Lidle's twin brother, said on CNN's "Larry King Live" that he had spoken to their parents, who were "obviously having a tough time."

"But what can you do? Somehow you hang in there and you get through it," he said. "I've had a lot of calls from friends and family, people crying and crying. And they've released some emotions, and I haven't done that yet, so I don't know — I guess I'm in a kind of state of shock.

On Sunday, the day after the Yankees were eliminated from the playoffs, Lidle cleaned out his locker at Yankee Stadium and talked about his interest in flying.

He said he intended to fly back to California in several days and planned to make a few stops. Cory Lidle had reserved a room for Wednesday night at the historic Union Station hotel in downtown Nashville, Tenn., hotel spokeswoman Melanie Fly said.

Lidle discussed with reporters the plane crash that killed John F. Kennedy Jr. and how he had read the accident report on the NTSB Web site.

Lidle, acquired from the Philadelphia Phillies on July 30, told The New York Times last month that his four-seat Cirrus SR20 was safe.

"The whole plane has a parachute on it," he said. "Ninety-nine percent of pilots that go up never have engine failure, and the 1 percent that do, land it. But if you're up in the air and something goes wrong, you pull that parachute, and the whole plane goes down slowly."

Lidle pitched 1 1/3 innings in the fourth and final game of the Division Series against the Detroit Tigers and gave up one earned run, but was not the losing pitcher. He had a 12-10 regular-season record with a 4.85 ERA.

He pitched with the Phillies before coming to the Yankees. He began his career in 1997 with the Mets, and also pitched for Tampa Bay, Oakland, Toronto and Cincinnati.

Lidle's $1 million, two-year contract, signed with the Phillies in November 2004, contained a provision saying the team could get out of paying the remainder if he were injured or killed while flying a plane. Because the regular season is over, Lidle already had received the full amount.

After the Yankees' defeat at the hands of the Tigers, Lidle called into WFAN sport-talk radio two days before the crash to defend manager Joe Torre, and said: "I want to win as much as anybody. But what am I supposed to do? Go cry in my apartment for the next two weeks?"

Lidle was an outcast among some teammates throughout his career because he became a replacement pitcher when major leaguers were on strike.

Among the baseball stars killed in the crashes were Roberto Clemente, Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder, killed Dec. 31, 1972, at age 38 while en route to Nicaragua to aid earthquake victims; and Munson, the Yankee catcher killed Aug. 2, 1979, at age 32, in Canton, Ohio.

"It's just saddest than sad," said New York Mets pitching coach Rick Peterson, who was Lidle's pitching coach in Oakland. "It's horrific. It's almost unbelievable. It's a surreal moment."

Young May Chu, a 23-year-old Cornell University medical student, said she was walking back from the grocery store down East 72nd Street when she saw something come across the sky and crash into the building. Chu said there appeared to be smoke coming from behind the aircraft, and "it looked like it was flying erratically for the short time that I saw it."

Former NTSB director Jim Hall said in a telephone interview he does not understand how a plane could get so close to a New York City building after Sept. 11.

"We're under a high alert and you would assume that if something like this happened, people would have known about it before it occurred, not after," Hall said.
Although there are rumors that across the region have been even spirited away to the wealthy West.

With an orphan from the Vietnam Society. Comments on talk radio right reasons and not to make a questions about whether it's in an African child's best interest to have restricted for her. The adoption of children from poorer nations — Cambodia, Ethiopia, Romania — by rich foreigners has been happening for decades. Angelina Jolie adopted her son, Maddox, from Cambodia and her daughter Zahara from Ethiopia. Mia Farrow, now the mother of 14, began adopting children from poor countries in 1973 with an orphan from the Vietnam War. Wilson said there would always be a "denial" for children from developing countries.

"There is a shortage of healthy babies in the First World, particularly now when there is no longer such a stigma to being a single parent and there are few babies in the system," she said.

Adoptions of orphans from abroad have been increasing steadily in the United States — to more than 22,000 in 2004. By 2010, the U.N. estimates, 18 million African children will have lost a parent to AIDS. Already there are more than 43 million orphans on the world's poorest continent.

In Africa, orphans usually are absorbed into extended families, but AIDS has affected many of the people who might have traditional support. So, many of the remaining orphans’ last parents to AIDS or other causes are cared for by orphanages — or find themselves living on the streets.

While some may see a great need being left unfilled, international adoptions are not an easy option," said Jackie Schoeman, executive director of Cotlands, a South African organization that cares for children affected by HIV. "For us, first prize is to place the kids locally or even regionally. If the only other option is for them to be in a long-term institutional then we would consider internationa."

"Sometimes the response is emotional. They just want to help without understanding the long-term implications," Schoeman said. Some advocacy groups in the United States say Americans seeking to adopt should look first to children in the U.S. foster care system, but Adam Pertman — executive director of the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute — says both domestic and overseas adoptions are growing, and should be encouraged. As for celebrities adopting poor children from Africa, Pertman said there was no reason to be critical or cynical. "They’re doing what more Americans all have a personal interest in doing — adopting children," he said. "More Americans are adopting from abroad than from Africa...They (the celebrities) just happen to be getting the attention."

"For those of you on your way to smoke some pot in the name of neorxological health, Bender would suggest you put down the bong. "We certainly wouldn’t be able to lift that people smoke marijuana to prevent Alzheimer’s disease," Bender said.

Smoking marijuana will not be the solution for treatment of Alzheimer’s disease in Bender’s opinion. What he expects is that there will be much more work to refine and isolate chemicals in the drug, the way that people take it. When you’re sedated, you’re not able and when you’re not, you don’t reflect about them as well," Bender said. It it probably will not be a cure. It may be something that leads us to develop another way of slowing the process down," he said.

By also research have found that the cannabis may actually reduce plaques in the brain of people who have Alzheimer’s disease. "Infammation is something that researchers are going on in the brain to lead to Alzheimer’s dis ease and there is some feeling that if we can decrease the inflammation, the process may be slowed down, that is the process of deterioration that patients experience," he said.

In Bender’s opinion, since the research doesn’t get at the cause of Alzheimer’s, it will probably lead to a treatment, rather than a cure. "Even in the most optimistic view, it may block the formation of something called amyloid plaques." Such plaques are very common in the brains affected by Alzheimer’s disease and may be a key to why patients develop the disease, Bender said. Plaques result when the brain cannot break down amyloid normally. The resulting build-up of plaques in brain function and nerve transmission.

He also said researchers have found that the cannabis may actually slow the progression of the disease and should be encouraged. Although marijuana will probably have to be refined and people would have to find ways to make sure that the side effects don’t outweigh the potential benefits, he said. "I feel confident that we will not be prescribing for people to smoke marijuana, but it may be that they can improve their lifestyle and perhaps alter them a little bit that are in marijuana and eventually use them therapeutically."
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Bosh high school highlight videos:"I recommended it, you will see it's like a UFC fight with Chuck Liddell against anyone else, it just isn't fair. In college he took it to an entirely new level. He broke out his sophomore year as the most electrifying player in college football and by his junior season was the Heisman Trophy winner. When the Saints were given the win over Tampa Bay, I don't think I mentioned it was a game-winning, 63-yard punt return. Just like Jordan, Bosh wasn't No. 1 when his professional career began. There is no question in anyone's mind that Jordan not only revolutionized the game and will be remembered as the greatest player of all-time. Bosh, like Jordan, has a unique opportunity to do this for the NFL. The only difference between the two is that Chicago was not covered in water in 1984, and its residents were not depending on him to be a senior in every aspect of life. You once said, 'I wanna be like Mike.' Maybe now everyone will say: 'Reggie! Reggie!'"

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Ellerson also emphasized a renewed focus on fundamentals. "This is a chance for us to get well, to revist our fundamentals, to become a fundamental football team again," he said.

In the latest Jeff Sagarin NCAA football ratings published by USA Today, which combines Division I-A and I-AA teams, Cal Poly finds itself ahead of some prestigious programs. The Mustangs, who are ranked 68th among the 241 Division I-A and I-AA teams, are ahead of Baylor, Ohio, Akron, Cincinnati, Kansas, UCLA, Bowling Green, Indiana, Illinois, UT EP, Rice, Mississippi, Illinois, UTEP, Rice, Mississippi.

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As fall into huge 0-2 hole with 8-5 loss to Tigers

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Mustang volleyball team carries 13-4 record into Saturday's UCSB match

Ranked 20th, Cal Poly is off to its best Big West Conference start ever.

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Off to its best start in conference play since 1985, the Cal Poly volleyball team is ranked 20th in the American Volleyball Coaches Association/College Sports TV poll.

But the Mustangs, who enter a crucial Big West Conference rivalry match against visiting UC Santa Barbara on Saturday at 13-4 overall and 5-0 in the Big West, may be even higher in terms of the postseason picture.

"Right now what we're really excited about is that the NCAA Tournament was seeded today, we'd be ranked No. 1 in the Western District," Stevenson said Tuesday, "If the tournament was seeded today, we'd be one of the top eight teams in the nation."

The reason that might be a reality at the end of the regular season is largely because the AVCA/CSTV poll is not the determining factor in playoff seeding. In fact, the NCAA uses a secret formula called the Ratings Percentage Index to determine what schools get seeded where. The RPI is largely based on strength of schedule.

That's a fact Cal Poly learned the hard way last season when it was controversially left out of the postseason despite going 19-6 overall and third in 10-4 in the Big West. The conference sent six teams to the tournament in 2003 and 2004.

"We've been in the top 25 in the country since the first rankings came out. The only rankings we were not included in was the first preseason poll," Stevenson said. "We've been in the top 25 in the country since the first rankings came out. The only rankings we were not included in was the first preseason prognostication."

Nonetheless, Cal Poly was second in the Big West preseason coaches' poll. The respect was suggested again at its media day.

COMING TOMORROW....

A look at what the Cal Poly volleyball team can expect at 7 p.m. Saturday against visiting UC Santa Barbara in Mont Gym.

Polyn football team puts bye week to good use

Sitting pretty at 5-1 and 2-0 in the Big West, the Mustangs have a long-awaited bye Saturday, Oct. 15 against Cireat West foe South Dakota State, which is ranked No. 1 in the Big West.

"We can't take it for granted," Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson said. "We have to stay active. We have to keep working hard, I think we'll be all right. Just keep working hard and don't get complacent."

Ellerson has engineered two straight second-half comeback wins in the past two weeks. "We're going to use it to get healthy, first and foremost," Ellerson said.

Sitting at 5-1 and 2-0 listed plenty of goals for the Mustangs, who are ranked No. 4 in The Sports Network's Division I-AA poll.

Cal Poly concludes its three-game home stand with homecoming against Great West for South Dakota State (3-3, 0-0) on Oct. 21 at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Senior middle lineman Kyle Shoewell said the Mustangs can use the bye week to get ahead in preparation for South Dakota State, which Cal Poly edged 24-16 in Brookings, S.D., last year.

"We barely beat them last year," said Shoewell, whose 63 total tackles are 19 more than any other player in the Great West. "They challenged us big-time last year. We expect it to be different this time. We're going to need the extra week. Luckily, we've got it."

Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson agreed. "Certainly we'll get ahead a little bit on South Dakota State," said Ellerson, whose team is a combined 23-3 the last three years.

Both Shoewell and Ellerson, though, said the main goal of the bye week is to get healthy. Cal Poly tailbacks James Noble (left ankle sprain) and Fred Hines II (broken left toe) have each come back from respective injuries in the past two weeks.

"We're going to use it to get healthy, first and foremost," Shoewell said. "(Also) kind of brush up on some of our fundamental stuff that's kind of hard to do during the season."