Freshmen face full facilities

Sabara Bashue
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly is striving toward more convenient and available student housing for next year and years to come.

This fall, a large number of freshmen began their first year at Cal Poly without the ability to live on campus. Many freshmen were placed in Mustang Village, Steinert Glen or even as far as Valencia Apartments.

For these freshmen, the ability to socialize and meet new people can become more difficult when their housing doesn’t allow for them to be surrounded by other new students 24 hours a day.

“The other people are always talking about the dorms and you have nothing to say about it,” said biochemistry sophomore Rebecca Hooper, who stayed in Mustang Village last year.

“Plus, you’re not forced to see people every day, so you can’t meet friends as easily. There’s always that split between people who live off campus and those who live on campus.”

Cal Poly has now implemented a plan that may help avoid this issue in Fall 2008.

The Institutional Planning and Analysis Registration Monitor Fall 2007 shows that last year, Cal Poly planned to receive 3,607 freshmen for Fall 2008. However, the freshmen average of $1,585.

Residents of a South Mountain “red brick” residence hall hang out in one of the tripled rooms. This fall, Cal Poly ended up with 563 more freshmen students than expected.

Cal Fire, UPD seek more information

Fire investigators are still searching for the cause of Tuesday’s fire that consumed 60 acres on the hills behind the Cal Poly campus.

They are seeking information on the identity of a “college-age female” who was seen running downhill from the fire scene shortly after the blaze began around 11:15 a.m.

Witnesses described her as Caucasian with brown hair, a slender build and wearing jeans and a pink shirt.

Anyone with information should contact Cal Fire investigators at 543-4244 or the University Police Department at 756-2281.

Credit card marketing bill awaits Gov.’s signature

Asaf Shalev
DAILY CALIFORNIA (AP-CASSEL)

A bill passed by the California State Legislature last month, now pending approval by the governor, aims to curb credit card marketing to college students who are increasingly weighed down by debt.

If signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the law will prohibit credit card companies from giving gifts to students who fill out card applications on public campuses.

It would also require campuses to disclose credit card marketing agreements made with banks or other financial institutions.

“We want to stop predatory marketing by credit card companies,” said Chris Veth, director of special projects for the Greenlining Institute, a sponsor of the bill.

The bill, written by Assemblymember Joe Coto, D-San Jose, will automatically become law if the governor does not make a decision on it by Oct. 14.

Schwarzenegger has not yet taken a position, according to Getty Grebitus, spokesperson for the governor.

The bill seeks to prevent credit card companies from signing up college students who are attracted by a free T-shirt or a large pepperoni pizza.

“The current way of marketing detractions from the serious issue of applying for a credit card,” Veth said.

The ASUC Auxiliary does not approve marketing of credit cards regardless of gift-giving, according to director Nadean Permual.

“We don’t think it is appropriate for credit card debt to be advertised without a mechanism to teach students to use their resources wisely,” he said.

However, Permual said that debit cards can be marketed on campus because they are much less “dangerous” than credit cards.

According to Nellie Mar, a student loan provider, credit card debt increases throughout a student’s college career.

A 2004 company study found that seniors carry an average credit card balance of $2,864 compared to the freshmen average of $1,585.
Housing

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This fall, Cal Poly planned to have 3,809 freshmen and ended up with 4,372, a difference of 563 students.

"Well, we’ve never been able to guarantee housing to our freshmen in the years I’ve been here," said Preston Allen, executive director of Housing and Residential Life. "So, we must work with off-campus housing like Mustang Village and Steenier Glen to head toward a win-win situation for our first-time students and the university."

Despite Cal Poly’s link to off-campus housing locations, the situation remains inevitably more difficult socially for freshmen.

Freshman enrollment increased by a wide range from 2006 to 2007, and in 2008 there is the possibility that it will increase further.

The freshman class was so large this year, so adjustment for space will most likely be taken on next year’s freshman class," Allen said. "It depends on this year’s graduates and enrollment — it changes every year."

Since Cal Poly exceeded its enrollment projection this year, both Allen and institutional planning and analysis director Brent Goodman agree there’s no way to predict if it will happen again.

Housing availability is based on a student’s intent to register, but Goodman has not yet received the numbers for next fall’s enrollment.

"Through general thinking I suppose the numbers will remain relatively the same next year," Goodman said.

But if the numbers go up, Cal Poly now has a plan. The housing department is beginning a first-year program model for the Cerro Vista apartments in fall 2008.

Part of the Cerro Vista complex will be open to incoming freshmen and similar dormitory guidelines will be in place. We are poised to see what happens and are looking forward to possibly placing freshmen in Cerro Vista next year," Allen said.

Plus, sophomores will not lose any housing options since Poly Canyon Village will be opening up for extra sophomore student housing.

The new plan allows more space for incoming freshmen and an entire building available for sophomores.

"We’d like to provide 900 additional beds to sophomores in fall," housing department representative Julie Clark said. "We are hoping for more than that if we become ahead of schedule, but we know we won’t have all 2,700 beds by fall."

Allen feels this new arrangement will work a lot better for incoming students.

"This seems a better fit than a first-year student having to live off campus, maybe way in Morro Bay, because of housing costs. Students in their third and fourth year have gained more experience to move off campus."

The story behind the comic...

If you drive by Los Osos Valley Road, you may notice people sleeping outside in bunk beds and tents. I decided to investigate this odd phenomenon and get behind the scenes. It was here that I discovered the story surrounding Sunny Acres.

This is the fifth and last part of a comic strip describing my experiences.

Jeff Chang is an art and design senior at Cal Poly.
WORD ON THE STREET

“What band would you like to see next at Cal Poly?”
Compiled and photographed by Mollie Helmuth

“G Love & Special Sauce, because it’s a different style than the usual bands that come.”
— Day Bernstein-Freeman, art and design sophomore

“I’d like Flogging Molly to come back. They were such a good live show.”
— Alex G. Spanos Stadium

“Farm, because they get my bones groovin’.”
— Michael Wittenrod, environmental management junior

“Red Hot Chili Peppers, because they’re the best band ever.”
— Sean Pearson, economics freshman

State

SEBASTOPOL (AP) — A city lawmaker has pleaded not guilty to stealing a pickup truck owned by a guest of her neighbor and fellow member of the Sebastopol City Council.

Linda Kelley, 53, was charged with misdemeanor vandalism on Oct. 3, after the guest, Michael G. Zimnisky, accused her of intentionally keying his truck while he slept in the back.

** LOS ANGELES (AP) — Investigators were asking for the public’s help after a body was found on Interstate 880 Thursday.

The California Highway Patrol shut down the southbound side of the freeway for two hours Thursday morning after the discovery.

CHP investigators said the victim, a man believed to be in his 50s, may have been a pedestrian. He was apparently struck before sunrise, possibly by several cars, authorities said. His name has not been released.

** SAN JOSE (AP) — San Jose police have made an arrest in the kidnapping and attempted sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl.

Police are releasing few details, except to say the suspect was taken into custody Wednesday night.

** PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — It was pandemonium. It was performance art, and it was a political statement about the legacy of slavery and reparations for black people.

A dozen volunteers, black and white, took to the streets of Portland on Wednesday to take part in what its creator called the National Day of Panhandling for Reparations.

** LAS VEGAS (AP) — Two hot dog eating champs faced an upset, not of the stomach variety, when a Chicago culinary arts student trounced them in eating chicken wings.

Patrick “Deep Dish” Hertoletti, a 50-year-old transvestite who holds the current world record for eating chicken wings, had his reign of terror ended when a 15-year-old Chicagoan, whose name will not be released, took victory with 45 wings.

** WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton has given a private clue on an issue she has refused to discuss publicly: how to preserve Social Security in the long term.

The Democratic presidential candidate told an Iowa voter she would be willing to consider an idea that her Democratic rival John Edwards has been promoting raising Social Security taxes on high-income earners.

National

** BAGHDAD (AP) — The top U.S. commander in Iraq warned Thursday that Turkey’s threatened incursion into Kurdish regions in the north of the country could harm the flow of supplies for U.S. troops and damage the Kurdish economy.

Iraqi Kurdistan, a haven of relative calm, could suddenly become another front line if Turkey makes good on threats to cross the northern border in pursuit of Turkish Kurdish militants.

** BAGHDAD (AP) — U.N. officials in Iraq stepped up pressure on the United States on Thursday to prosecute any unjustified killings of Iraqi civilians by private security contractors, saying such killings could amount to war crimes or crimes against humanity if “done in cold blood.”

** ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — An Egyptian plane carrying 163 people to Warsaw caught fire Thursday after making an emergency landing at Istanbul’s international airport, a government official said. One passenger was slightly injured.

The fire in the Egyptian plane was extinguished, and there was no loss of life, said the official at the state agency in charge of airports.

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The audience sat captivated by the woman who walked on stage with grace, a relaxed attitude and a trendy headband. As the bright stage light glared upon her, she raised her hand to her eyes and looked into the audience of over 300 people, joking how she could not see. The welcoming crowd at the sixth annual event Wednesday night listened intently and laughed along with personable author Ruth Ozeki at Harmon Hall in the Performing Arts Center. Students, community members and the volunteers of PREFACE: The Cal Poly Shared Reading Program came to listen and ask questions of the award-winning author.

"My opinions don't matter. Whether I'm vegetarian or not, believe in genetic engineering or not — I have no particular agenda," Ozeki told the audience. "I'm a novelist; I ask questions and sow the seeds to provide collaborative discourse."

The author spoke of how it's a huge mistake to support or buy into double major in English and Asian Studies. Fluent in Japanese, Ozeki, who now lives on "Desolation Sound" in British Columbia, started out in college as a psychology major, then switched to...
Former gang member turned award-winning author speaks out

Bridget Veltri

Author Luis Rodriguez, whose book “Always Running: La Vida Loca,” landed on the list of America’s 100 most-censored books, spoke Thursday about tackling the problems of gangs and drugs through community unity.

Rodriguez has good reason to believe in the power within a community. At age 18 he was facing a six-year jail sentence for assaulting a police officer. He avoided serving time because “a conscious group of city people and Chicanos activism” wrote letters on his behalf. At the time Rodriguez was surprised that anyone cared enough to help him, feeling his belief that if “the community cares for young people they will come to learn to care about themselves.”

Cal Poly graduate student Katie Crawford agreed with Rodriguez’s philosophy. “If adults make an effort, kids will respond to it,” she said. “It is important that we realize that this isn’t a distant issue; it affects us.”

Rodriguez began writing while in jail and has written 10 books, including two for children. The name of his presentation, “Hearts and Hands Creating Community in Troubled Times,” is also the title of his 2001 novel. But it is his best-selling novel “Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.” that received a 2004 Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction.

Rodriguez wrote “Always Running” for his son Ramiro, who joined a gang and is currently incarcerated.

The purpose of the Provocative Perspectives series is to “inspire dialogue and discuss issues regarding diversity, intellectual freedom, and promote student success,” said Cornell Morton, the vice president for Student Affairs.

And the word provocative definitely describes “Always Running.” The American Library Association named it as one of America’s 100 most censored books. But this doesn’t surprise Rodriguez, who described the book as “hardcore” and the first of its kind.

“It really isn’t that graphic, but it all takes a few sentences,” he joked. “It’s like a badge of honor now.”

Rodriguez acknowledges that some may feel daunted trying to tackle gangs, drugs and diversity through community unity. But he feels that the problem cannot be solved by imprisoning, deporting or ignoring the issue.

“Real unity is trying to unite the things that normally wouldn’t be,” he said. “There are ways to do this; we just have to keep at it.”

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Small miracles that’ll brighten any Debbie Downer’s day

It’s quite easy—if you are paying attention—to feel distressed about the state of our world. We are facing global issues that are so complex and interrelated politically, socially, economically, and ecologically that it can seem too much to handle: the massive deforestation of our planet’s death of our oceans and fish populations, the genocide in Darfur, suburban sprawl, the plastics polluting every nook and cranny of this planet, the rising number of children with asthma...should I go on? No, one more: Our rising mounds of waste from excessive packaging and insufficient use of material. “The 11th Hour,” a new documentary produced by Leonardo DiCaprio, gives some pretty striking statistics. Ray Anderson, CEO of Interface Inc., a carpet company said, “For every 32 trucks full of material, we only get one truck full of goods.” That is an incredibly inefficient manufacturing process.

I am usually pretty positive, but there are definitely days when I feel ready to throw in the towel and drop out of school to go enjoy the last remaining days of sunshine before the world collapses. Every time I feel this way, though, some small miracle brings me back to the drawing board, and lately it has had to do with nature’s amazing ability to redefine waste as a resource.

Over the last couple of years, I have been excited about how when you mix decomposers, like worms and microbes, with banana peels in a bin you get compost—brown, nutrient-rich, soil-like matter—which if you add to your, let’s say, strawberry plant, will give you twice as many strawberries as before. Incredible! Not only is this great for your garden, but it also reduces the amount of nutrients going down the garbage disposal and then into our rivers and bays leading to algae blooms and fish kills, or eutrophication. Wow!

Bioremediation is a new field where scientists perform small miracles by tapping into the natural traits of certain plants to absorb and digest toxins and heavy metals. Particularly exciting is recombinant technology, which uses microbes to clean up toxic waste sites through absorption and digestion. Amazing!

Recently, I have been reading about Living Machines, which led me to the wider field of biomimicry. Biomimicry is “a design discipline that studies nature’s best ideas and then integrates those designs and processes to solve human problems.” Living Machines is just one of the many ideas that have resulted from this interdisciplinary approach. Living Machines simulate wetlands to create a self-sustaining system to treat wastewater. These systems not only treat human sewage, but have been shown to clean up the damage of the dirty waterways and hazardous waste sites—some that have built up as high as 8 feet with as many as 33 different toxic compounds that have accumulated from over a hundred years of dumping from industries! Beyond the fact that Living Machines clean up these disasters, they do so many more affordably than “conventional” systems and their only “waste” product is in the form of habitat for wildlife: Incredible!

What these small miracles all have in common is the ability to see waste as a resource. If there is one commonality we want to extract from the systems that nature has been perfecting over the last 3.8 billion years of evolution, research, and development, it is that “waste” is not in nature’s vocabulary.

Here is a list of more little rays of hope that are being researched right now. Grab on to one of these emotional life preservers when you feel like you’re going to drown in the rising sea levels caused by global warming:

- Biodegradable plastics made out of carbon dioxide by mimicking plants’ ability to photosynthesize.
- The use of microbes to “mine” metals from waste streams so we no longer have to mine the mountains, a practice which is not just environmentally unfriendly, but often socially unjust.
- Materials produced without having to use heat, thereby reducing the amount of energy required. Diamonds, for example, produce— at room temperature and using seawater—silicate, which is the material we use to make microchips: we use a much more energy-intensive manufacturing process which also produces carcinogens.
- Redesigned airplane wings which mimic the shape of a whale’s fin in order to increase airplane efficiency by 32 percent.

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It winning converts and achieving political gains against political adversaries your goal? It is not at least equally important to be correct? Being incorrect will cost both the “right” and the “left” considerably, so it is in each person’s best interest, regardless of ideology, to research the facts rather than “defend” the “team.”

Guest Commentary

Get the facts straight and talk it out

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While there is presently clear scientific consensus about global climate change, one finds numerous conflicting arguments that are very convincing. Rather than enter “the said” debate, I instead (shamelessly) encourage students to take my class, and other classes addressing politically important environmental issues. I am teaching a class on energy/society/environment for all students, regardless of technical background. PSC 320

Personally, I strongly encourage any student organization interested in the conflict to meet and address the information surrounding global climate change. I suggest that the College Republicans and other concerned student organizations co-host a discussion whereby the university community can meet—not as a debate—but as a team, to separate correct from incorrect information.

I implore the Cal Poly community to step away from the ideology and the hype associated with the debate surrounding global climate change and critically address the information in front of us.
Horseshoe
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"How they defend it will de-
terminate how we respond," Ellerson said at the Mustang offices.

The passing game is headed up by junior quarterback Jonathan Dally, who has posted 652 yards passing and a 13-1 touchdown-to-interception ratio so far this season.

Dally proved two weeks ago that he can also be a threat on the ground as well with four touch-
downs against Northern Colorado on runs of 2, 14, 1, and 7 yards.

Dally continues to look to ju-
ior wide receiver Ramsen Barden as a favorite target. The Dally to
Barden staple alone earned 496 yards and six touchdowns in Cal Poly's three-game homestand.

Ellerson said that junior center

Stephen Field, who was injured early in the season, will be return-
ing to the offensive line Saturday. He said that Jon Cox, who has
been in the backfield at center may see some time at tackle.

Cal Poly has held the Golden
Horseshoe for the past year after

rallying back from a 30-13 deficit to defeat the Aggies 23-17, but it is
in UC Davis, who own the series
record, with 16 wins to Cal Poly's
14. The teams have tied twice.

This year's game will mark the first time since 1998 that Cal Poly
has played in the recently completed Aggie Stadium. The new $31 mil-

lion facility features state-of-the-

art artificial turf and a seating ca-
pacity of 10,763.

"It looks like a nice setting," Ellerson said.

The game will mark the 38th

appearance the teams have met since the series began in 1939.

"We love to play these guys," Ellerson said. "It's a team we re-
spect (and) that's who you want to measure yourself against."

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"It was bad but it became about the umpires," Diamondbacks'

president Derrick Hall said. "I think that showed we didn't have

such an aptitude, crowd clearly.

"We were behind in the game, obviously, showing that they thought the

umpires overreacted and once it

begins to get out of hand, we did

all we could to slow that down and

bring it to a stop," Hall said.

Hall said he did not know how

many fans had been ejected or

whether any arrests had been

made. The team cut off alcohol

sales immediately.

No nipples of the plot were

shown on the video board, Hall

said.

"The fans were upset," Hall said.

"They expressed their emo-
tions. We did bring it to a halt. But

I think the umpires were just try-
ning to keep the safety of the players

in mind, so they certainly did the

right thing there.

"I think it definitely could have

been prevented," Hall said. "But we did everything we could to make it stop after it started."

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BRENNA ANGEL /HORSESHOE

Josh Mayfield (left) and Kyle Shoewell (right) celebrate with the Golden Horseshoe after last year's 23-17 win over UC Davis.
Cal Poly looks for ringer in Horseshoe Classic

The Mustangs and the Aggies will battle for possession of the Golden Horseshoe trophy this Saturday at UC Davis.

Senior running back Troy Trombetta is the most dangerous player in the Aggies' passing game as well. He has been the top scorer with 1,355 yards and 11 touchdowns. His attempt to replace Plough in last week's game and Hall have filled in for those two well. Grayson posted his first ever 100-yard game with Cal Poly against Northern Colorado. He has 242 yards in three games this season and is No. 2 on the team in rushing.

Defensively the Aggies have struggled to stop the pass, giving up 1,543 yards so far this season as well as 10 touchdowns. However, in spite of its own rushing faults, Davis has managed to limit the rush of opposing teams to 541 yards — an opponent average of 98.5 yards per game. The Mustang overall offense remains a threat with a 27-30, 30-28, 30-23, 30-26 match road trip Thursday evening using a 10-3 run from a 14-14 knot.

The Mustangs opened the third game with a 21-14 via an Atherton kill. Cal Poly then had the opening advantage of the game, though never led by more than four sets. The Mustangs, trailing 28-27 out of their own timeout, responded with three-straight points of their own to win a game they hit .488 in. The Mustangs opened the third game by claiming eight of the initial 11 points and took their largest lead at 21-14 via an Atherton kill. Cal Poly rallied just once in the fourth game, using a 10-3 run from a 14-14 knot to eliminate the Gauchos.

Junior wide receiver Rameses Barden makes a catch over a Northern Colorado defender. Barden leads the Great West in receiving yards per game.

How They Stack Up

Poly takes UCSB in 4

The Mustangs and the Aggies will battle for possession of the Golden Horseshoe trophy this Saturday at UC Davis.

Junior outside hitters Kylie Atherton and Ali Walker posted 21 and 17 kills, respectively, as the No. 24 Cal Poly volleyball team opened a four-match road trip Thursday evening with a 27-30, 30-28, 30-23, 30-26 win over UC Santa Barbara at The Thunderdome.

Big West Conference-leading Cal Poly (11-7, 5-1) hit .305 against the Gauchos and survived 16 service errors created a late scoring deficit the Mustangs failed to overcome. Cal Poly took the opening advantage of the game, though never led by more than four sets. UCSB (6-12, 1-5) took in first lead of game No. 1 at 19-18 before a hitting error from Gauchos junior Laurens McGlaughlin provided. Cal Poly a brief 24-23 advantage. UCSB tied the match on the next point in closing out Cal Poly with a 7-3 run.

Cal Poly survived eight lead changes and 16 deadlocked scorelines in the second game to secure the final three points of the set and tie the match. Sophomore Gaby Rivera gave Cal Poly a 23-20 lead with one of her 10 kills before UCSB, after a timeout, scored three-consecutive points. The Mustangs, trailing 28-27 out of their own timeout, responded with three-straight points of their own to win a game they hit .488 in. The Mustangs opened the third game by claiming eight of the initial 11 points and took their largest lead at 21-14 via an Atherton kill. Cal Poly rallied just once in the fourth game, using a 10-3 run from a 14-14 knot to eliminate the Gauchos.

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