Poly Canyon reopens to bikers next week

New rules made by administrators attempt to alleviate past problems

By Scott Abbott
Staff Writer

Mountain bikers frustrated by the lack of legal trails in San Luis Obispo will soon have a new area to ride in. Well, sort of new.

Poly Canyon was closed to bicyclists last spring after riders were accused of leaving gates open, riding off designated trails, creating erosion problems and spooking animals.

Nevertheless, the canyon will open to bicyclists again within a week to 10 days, said Larry Rathbun, associate dean of the School of Agriculture.

"There's really no excuse for being late. We've been in the midst of budget cuts, and all I can say is that the squeaky wheel gets the grease," said Rathbun.

The reopening to mountain bikers comes as a result of work done by an ASI task force in conjunction with administrators. The groups agreed to make Poly Canyon accessible to riders over the summer, when ASI incorporated several conditions to the reopening.

In a letter to the ASI task force dated June 7, Douglas Gerard, then executive dean of Facilities Administration, agreed to the task force's suggested changes for Poly Canyon.

The changes are as follows:

• Signs prohibiting bicycles will be removed and substituted by four or five strategically placed signs designating trail rules. The rules include staying on trails, closing gates and not riding recklessly.

• Stiles, which are stair structures built over fences, will be erected at gates along the main road through the canyon so riders will have easy access.

• Students and administrators will meet sometime early in the quarter to make sure the rules are being followed, and to discuss other issues including restoring previous damage and monitoring activities in the canyon.

In addition, a group of about 60 bicyclists, most of them students, have volunteered to patrol the trails, educate riders and help with trail maintenance.

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By Debbie Aberle
Staff Writer

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Budget forces more cuts on Poly library services

By Jane Phillips
Staff Writer

The implementation of the recent state budget cuts has affected practically every area of education at Cal Poly, and library services are no exception.

Librarians are calling it the "worst" time they have been in. The cuts have affected most areas of the library, including the main library, reserve room and the book stacks.

The Saturday hours for the main library have been cut short due to the budget crunch.

Budget forces more cuts on Poly library services

By Steven Mueller
Staff Writer

Saturday weather:
Sunny after morning clouds
High: 60s-80s
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Students are responding to the decrease in library hours in a variety of ways. Diana Barboa, an agricultural sciences junior, was unhappily surprised. "We already sacrifice enough with increased fees and cuts in other services," Barboa said. "At least we should have a place to go."

Poly at play...

Photo essay captures the myriad sights of the school year's first Activity Hour.

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Spike it!

Women's volleyball improves to 9-5 with its fourth straight win.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Chevron Corp. has announced the reorganization of United States domestic operations, changes that include splitting Chevron USA into two new companies and the early retirement of the subsidiary’s top executive.

Kenneth Derr, chairman of the giant oil company, said Wednesday that the restructur­ing, most of it to take effect next year, fol­lows a course the company began two years ago.

“We have been deconstructing our opera­tions and establishing strategic business un­its, delegating authority to lower levels, eliminating layers of management and in­creasing our customer focus throughout our organization,” Kerr said.

Chevron USA will become two com­panies, one to handle exploration and produc­tion and the other handling refining and market­ing.

Man assaults drunk with cellular phone

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — It was a case of yuppie bashing at a sushi oar. A man ar­med with a cellular telephone reached out and thumped someone.

Richard SchafP ., 43, a Moorpark finan­cial analyst, was dining at the restaurant when he attempted to silence a boisterous, drunk patron. sergeant said.

United States (AP) — The Federal Com­munications Commission adopted strict new requirements Thursday designed to stem growing consumer discontent with some­times-pricey “900” area code phone lines.

The five-member panel adopted rules which had been proposed earlier this year.

The rules dictate that callers must be told the cost of the call and be given additional information to help them decide whether or not to stay on the line.

The FCC also will forbid phone customers from disconnecting customers who refuse to pay for calls made to 900 lines.

The new rules will “solve the problems without naming the industry,” said Commissi­oner James Quello.

“This is a great day for consumers,” said John P. McConnell of the Cellular Tele­phone Industry Association.

LV LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada officials may be readying to give gambling regula­tions a major overhaul.

This comes in light of the recent prolifera­tion of the industry, attendees at the World Gaming Congress and Expo have been told.

The move is brought about by the legalization of gaming on Indian reserva­tions, riverboats and historic towns in South Dakota and Colorado.

Bill Carrera is the chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission.

Carrera said the interest Nevada gamblers have shown in other jurisdictions “has re­quired us to evaluate” the state’s foreign gaming regulations.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Securi­ty Council has broadened a European arms embargo on warring Yugoslavia to a worldwide action, and the United States blamed Serbia and the sof­tened Yugoslav military for much of the bloodshed.

While Wednesday’s unanimous vote by the United States and the 14 other countries on the Security Council was legally binding upon the 166 U.N. member nations, but it did not spell out provisions to enforce the embargo.

There also was no call to dispatch a U.N. peacekeeping force to halt the fighting, which has claimed at least 500 lives since Croatia and Slovenia declared independence in June.
In the letter, Gerard was optimistic about the chances for resolving the problems in Poly Canyon. "It appears that we all have the best interests of the campus as our primary purpose," Gerard wrote, "and that multiple use of the Poly Canyon area can be achieved."

Rathbun said that meeting with students to make sure policies are being observed in the canyon is key to the success of the proposal. "I suggest (administrators) get together with ASI early this fall so the left hand knows what the right hand is doing," Rathbun said.

Rathbun estimated the cost of the new signs to be several hundred dollars. The funding will come from the campus fines and forfeitures account, which is primarily supported by parking tickets. It will draw from a subset of the account designed to encourage alternative transportation.

Brian Moco, a recreation administration senior who volunteered to patrol the trail, said that in order to keep the trails open, cyclists who know the rules will have to make an effort to educate others. "Riders need to follow the rules and tell everyone else the rules," Moco said. "If you're driving down the road and you see someone doing something wrong, you honk at them. This is the same type of situation."

Rathbun offered no excuses for the delay. "It's just one of those things that slipped through the cracks," Rathbun said. "There's really no excuse for being late. We've been in the midst of budget cuts, and all I can say is that the squawky wheel gets the grease."

David Outwater, ASI Administrative Commission chair, appointed the ASI task force last spring and is pleased that Poly Canyon will be reopened, but he is disappointed that the administration took more than a quarter to take action. "We (ASI) really put what the administration wanted to see in the proposal," Outwater said. "I'm surprised they haven't opened (Poly Canyon) up as soon as they said they would. Everyone was just waiting and waiting." Outwater said. "We would have appreciated a quicker response. Hopefully, the administration will get on it ASAP."

With the reopening of Poly Canyon, bikers will no longer be shut off from choice local riding trails.

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PANHELLENIC RUSH AND WEEK OF WELCOME ORGANIZERS SOLVE OVERLAPPING PROBLEMS

Two years ago, WOW ended on Thursday and Rush began on Friday, said Coordinator of Greek Affairs Walt Lambert. He said once WOW was extended through the weekend, organizers of both events decided to discuss how to conduct both events successfully.

By Holly Gilbert

"This year we had a list from Panhellenic of who was rushing," she said, which made both events easier.

"Panhellenic made sure the WOW Board knew which women were going through Rush," he said, "and this way they could do both."

The WOW Board tried to place the women who were rushing into specific groups to ensure they had the opportunity to take part in all the WOW activities.

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Ransom said that extra preparation by the WOW Board this summer made WOW run smoother. "Panhellenic made sure the WOW Board knew which women were going through Rush," he said, "and this way they could do both."

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By Holly Gilbert

STAFF WRITER

MINUSES MISSING ON SUMMER GRADES

Carolyn Nielsen

Some Cal Poly summer school students may be doing double-takes when they look at their report cards.

Last quarter's report cards were issued without minus grades because of a mechanical failure with the minus character on the Computer Center's printer.

Zuur said plus grades were printed and that grade-point calculations are correct on grade reports, students' records and department copies.

The Records Office is handling questions about the minus character.

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Poly general education system needs restructuring

By Ted Holz

Can't get any classes? Sports about to receive the ax? bravehe? Part-time lecturers being thrown out into the cold? Well, at least money is still being spent ensuring that every student takes a life-enriching class such as Residential Household Equipment. Apparently, of all the knowledge and philosophical theories developed over the centuries of man’s existence, the most important wisdom the university can impart is the operation of a blender.

I suppose it is impossible to be a well-rounded, educated and productive member of society without being well-versed in the basics of smelting techniques or the importance of the proper slopping of pigs. What employer really cares about a senior project? According to university officials in the record office, there are thousands of “graduates” who never finished their projects and never really graduated. Yet, they are making $30,000- plus per year in cushy jobs, smirking at ritzy cocktail parties that they never wasted their valuable time on a stupid senior project.

Maybe those responsible for the requirement thought they were doing students a favor. They could not imagine students would not have a consuming desire to learn the intricacies of Swine-waste Management.

But please: ax the requirement. Or, if you have taken Industrial Wood Processes, skill saw the requirement.

The rationale for general education requirements in the first place is that all students need to be exposed to certain disciplines such as math, English and history. The necessity of these at the college level cannot be learned, especially since U.S. high schools routinely force lower on standardized tests than comestible orangutans.

But does a university have a vital interest in ensuring that the students it graduates have in-depth knowledge of Poultry Propagation? (Let’s hope “learn by doing” does not apply in that class.)

The consensus is that, in order to be considered educated, a student should have at least a rudimentary grasp of a subject. But in the F2 technical requirement, there is no one unifying theme, one subject deemed esential for a quality education. It is actually a conglomerate of narrow-focus classes linked only by one truth — they are worthless, or at least non-essential, in the lives of graduates.

How will a course on this list significantly improve a student’s life? What will the average graduate gain from having been forced to take Irrigation Water Management? “Always be sure to move the sprinkler to cover the whole yard?”

Ted Holz is a journalism junior. This is his second quarter reporting for Mustang Daily.
Hundreds of students turned out in the University Union for the first U.U. Hour of the year. Clockwise, from top left; Jennifer Berry sings for the band Half-way Home; Pam Cekola (left) and John Prince take in the sun; masses of students look on; and members of the Foot Juggling Club juggle away.

Photos by Jon K. Rogers, Steven J. Mueller and Kali Blomstrom.
Architecture department creates unique electronic design studio
Class develops lab so undergraduates can ‘learn by doing’ the high-tech way

By Jackie Jones
Staff Writer

It started with just one personal computer, but now the architecture department has a unique undergraduate electronic design studio.

In 1985, architecture and environmental design professor Joseph Amanzio brought his personal computer into his Architecture Design class (for fourth year architecture students) to show the advantages of using computers in the early, creative stages of design.

The idea caught on, and soon the class needed another computer.

The class of 16 students decided to pitch in to purchase the second computer.

One of the student’s parents offered to pay half the cost of the computer if the student would be allowed to keep the computer at the end of the year.

The remaining 15 students agreed and paid the balance of the computer.

Soon more computers were needed. The class went to the architecture department to show a need for more computers and to ask for support.

"Demonstrate an application, demonstrate a need, and then there is evidence for supporting that need," Amanzio said.

After the class presented its request for the lab to the architecture and environmental design department, the department made a request to the state for the funds.

The class received a state grant of $37,000 from the University Lottery Fund.

The class purchased six Macintosh II computers from Apple Computers Inc. Apple donated two additional computers and an image scanner.

What makes this lab so unique is that it makes technology available to undergraduates and it integrates all parts of the design process, Amanzio said.

"Before the computers, students used pen and paper," Amanzio said. "Now they can actually see, in three-dimension, separate floors of a building and infinite different views."

— Joseph Amanzio, architecture and environmental design

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plus have time to rush.

“Our goal is to be here for the new student and do what it takes to make that student comfortable,” explained Ransom.

Ransom also said there were WOW counselors who took part in Rush and “we supported those counselors.”

At the end of each Rush day, Rush counselors were instructed to take the women to their WOW counselors, said WOW Board Member Erik Mindermann.

“We’re both here for the students. That’s our focus,” he said.

Next year, Rush might have to be changed and extended because of a new sorority, Lambert said. But for now, they plan to keep it how it is.

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The purpose of this process is not to save the student time when doing architecture design projects, but rather it allows students to do additional work that without the computers would have taken too much time, Amann said.

The studio enables students to take a deeper look into what they are doing. They can be more thorough and comprehensive with their work, he said: "We are fortunate because we are using technology that is part of the future and is beginning to be used in the field," said architect senior Kathryn Shea. Shea used the hands-on studio last year in Amann’s Architectural Design class.

From her practice and experience with the high-tech architectural design system, Shea was able to take new knowledge with her to her summer internship.

Some firms don’t have a system like ours," Shea said. "They don’t have the time or the knowledge. We can take our education and teach them.

"We need the university’s support, though, to be able to make this system available to other students rather than just seniors," Shea said.

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Ed Wilk, interim head of Library Collections Development and chair of the Serials Review Committee, said tentative lists of titles slated for cancellation were sent to each department head and returned with comments. The SRC reviewed the list one last time and issued its recommended, revised list to Walch on Sept. 24. Walch said the list will be sent again to the department heads for a final inspection and opportunity to state opposition to any particular cuts. Responses to the proposed list are due by late October. "Once the lists are returned, cuts will be immediately implemented," Walch said.

Each department will be losing approximately 15 percent, in dollar value, of its current periodicals to meet the 15 percent overall total costs, Walch said. But that totals less than 10 percent of the periodicals for the whole library, he said.
The streaking Cal Poly spikers have won four straight games to improve their record to 9-5. The Mustangs' volleyball team have relied on tough defense throughout the season, like this block.

Perlstrom leads the team in kills with 251 and also has 23 solo blocks. Kaai has racked up 197 digs and also leads the team in assists.

"We're not a big team," Cummings said. "We have to rely on defense to help us compete with bigger teams and being (nationally) ranked in digs shows we're doing our job."

The Mustangs' volleyball team have been ranked in the top three in the country for most of the season in digs and in saves off spikes or blocks of spikes. Poly averages 22 digs a game. UCLA, the top-ranked team in the country, averages 24 digs each game.

Cummings said the team is playing more consistently and is more focused than it was at the beginning of the season.

Junior Joy Osborne echoed that feeling. "We're coming together better as a team."

Freshman Eileen Bermundo, who Cummings said was instrumental in Poly's victory Friday, said she has the ability to play better than she has so far this season.

Poly's next match is against the 7-4 Pepperdine Waves on Oct. 1 in Malibu. Then, the Cal Poly Mustangs travel to Cal State Fullerton for the Comfort Suites Classic from Oct. 4-5.
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block of Higuera this year," he said.

Maria and Fritz Burden, co­managers of Patrick James Clothiers, said they were not as upset by the construction.

"The city inspector got a lot of heat and irrational demands," Maria Burden said. "The merchants in the area became a little too hot and heavy about this whole thing."

The construction workers have been working under difficult and sometimes dangerous conditions. They said the soil is marshy and sandy, and often caves in when workers are twenty feet down.

"Yet they finished the downtown area in about half the time they were allotted," Fritz Burden said.

The construction has affected their store.

"Yes, it did kill my business, but what would have been a better time to take care of this?" Maria Burden said. "It's like your toilet overflowing — it's never a good time."

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Cal Poly university, or Cal Poly market?

By Jane Phillips
Staff Writer

Changes are under way, many people have already discovered the variety of food made by Cal Poly agriculture students that are for sale in the Campus Store. Poly's reputation as a university with a strong agriculture department with hands-on experience is on display everyday in the Campus Store. Products such as milk, cheese, ice cream, ground beef, vegetables, salsa, barbeque sauces, jams and honey are all produced by Cal Poly students.

Larry Ratchun, associate dean and farm manager of the School of Agriculture, said the school has been growing, preparing and selling fruits since 1974.

"Joseph Montecalvo, head of the food science and nutrition department, said products are made mostly by agriculture students. Students in any major, however, can participate. Students utilize different methods in the production of agricultural products. One method used in formal laboratories which allow students to make substantial amounts of product, up to 1,000 pounds. Montecalvo referred to this method as "scaling up.""

The dairy teaching lab is run as a commercial operation which normally employs 20 to 25 students. See POLY PRODUCTS, page 12.

Cal Poly students line up at the Wild Mustang BBQ Sauce labeler. This is just one of many products that Cal Poly produces, distributes and sells at the Campus Store and at local William Bros. markets.
Dairy products technology gives the students firsthand experience in merchandising, distribution and return of creamery products, said plant supervisor Dennis Hill.

"Dairy products must be made on a continual basis because cows do not stop producing milk. In the end, there are so many products made that the goods are sold in local Williams Bros. stores and on campus for efficient distribution."

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By producing these large quantities of products, the food science department produces a number of foods including salsa, Wild Mustang BBQ Sauce, orange marmalade jam and apple sauce.

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The nutrition department makes "Baby Cakes" muffins. "The students get a more realistic, hands-on learning experience than they would in a program with smaller classes," Montecalvo said.

The Food Science Club's blueberry jam enterprise project makes approximately 8,000 to 9,000 jars a year. The jam sells for $2.89 a jar in the Campus Store, Montecalvo said.

"The club makes a ton of money," Langley said.

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"The experience of working in a manufacturing operation for profit is valuable in a comprehensive way," he said.

"It's valuable no matter what their career choice, be it managerial, quality control, research and development or state sanitation inspectors."