Poly Canyon reopens to bikers next week

New rules made by administrators attempt to alleviate past problems

By Scott Abbott

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 scaring animals.

Nevertheless, the canyon will open to bicyclists again within a week or 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."

— Larry 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 Gradner, 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 40 bicyclists, most of them students, have volunteered to patrol the trails, educate riders and help with trail maintenance.

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Sewer construction hurts downtown SLO business

By Debbie Aberle

Merchants in downtown San Luis Obispo say their businesses have been hurt by the construction of a new sewer line that has been going on near their stores since early June.

The project, which cost $3.5 million, was undertaken when city officials discovered that raw sewage was seeping from the top of manholes and eventually ending up in nearby creeks.

The project covers 3.2 miles of city streets, including Higuera, Nipomo, Marsh and Chorro streets.

City Utilities Engineer Gary Eberle said the project is moving through downtown streets faster than expected, but several merchants say they are upset about the timing and the lack of adequate notification about the project.

"I had no idea about the construction until it was actually going on outside my window," said Paula Davidson, owner of Pampered Pets on Marsh Street.

She said she was told that construction workers would be off her street in a week, but instead they were there for six weeks.

"This street was closed off before Labor Day weekend and stayed closed all through WOW week, and business here dropped by at least 50 percent," Davidson said. "Combined with the overall recession, this really hurt us."

The manager of the Poster Market on Higuera Street, who declined to give his name, said that although he received a notice in the mail from the city, "I don't think it sunk in that this project was going to be quite as devastating (to business) as it was.

"Much of the Poster Market's business comes from new students in WOW tours, and the tours completely bypassed that.

"Studying time has also been cut short due to the budget crunch."

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Budget forces more cuts on Poly library services

By Jane Phillips

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

The reserve room hours have also been cut and will reflect the budget crunch.

The Saturday hours for the main library will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and will close at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

During finals week, the main library will be open one hour later, midnight and 1 a.m. respectively. Students are responding to the decrease in library hours in a variety of ways.

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Poly at play...

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

Spike it!

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

Saturday weather:

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Chevron reorganizes domestic operations

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Chevron Corp. has announced the reorganization of United States domestic operations, changes that include splitting Chevron U.S.A. 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 decentralizing 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 U.S.A. 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 bar. A man armed with a cellular telephone reached out and thumped someone.

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

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

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

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.

Nevada eases state gaming regulations

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada officials may begin easing gaming regulations.

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

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 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.

Minuses missing on summer grades

Carolyne Nielsen
Staff Writer

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.

Tim Zuer, manager of the Student Data Systems office, said that the minus character on the machine that imprints the grade cards was chipped so that it did not hit the paper hard enough to show up.

Zuer 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 mistake, but Zuer said they have received only a few calls.

He said he thinks most students have already realized the error on their own.

WOW, Rush coexist without past troubles

Organizers solve overlapping problems

By Holly Gilbert
Staff Writer

Panhellenic Rush and Week of Welcome (WOW) organizers said their events went smoothly this year compared to previous years when activities sometimes overlapped.

"There weren't many complaints this year from counselors," said Lisa Ransom, vice chair of the WOW Board.

"This year we had a list from Panhellenic of who was rushing," she said, "and this way they could do both."

"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.
Poly general education system needs restructuring

By Ted Holz

Can't get any classes? Sports about to receive the of brave-heir? 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 Agricultural Mechanics. Although a student may opt to take Introduction to Air Pollution "Harmonia" it is not required. In the face of the budget crisis, Cal Poly continues its quest but costly tradition of requiring students to take one of the technical classes listed in General Education Distribution Area F2. While students are resorting to pleas, threats and offers of their firstborn in order to coerce professors into signing add slips, the university pours money down the F2 rathole, providing classes such as Residential Household Equipment. Apparently, of all Senior project is worthless. Well, at least money is still being spent ensuring that every student takes a life-enriching class such as Agricultural Mechanics. Although a student may opt to take Introduction to Air Pollution "Harmonia" it is not required.

The question is not whether these programs are valuable, but whether these individual classes are so vital to the overall education of students in other majors as to justify spending money on them at the expense of major classes. Another question is why students in agriculture, architecture and environmental design, engineering, home economics and industrial technology are exempt from the requirement, while students in, say, history, 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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senior project is worthless

As my years at this university wind to a close, like many Cal Poly students I find myself faced with Cal Poly's infamous senior project requirement. I am concerned with a number of flaws in the university's senior project tradition. The most basic one is that, when my roommate completed his Natural Resources Management senior project in no more than eight days — from conception to completion. As a business major, I will be required to follow around some stagnant business for six months, suggesting ways to run a successful business as well as researching and writing a 40-page case analysis. These circumstances suggest grave inconsistencies in departmental policies regarding senior projects.

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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 Cokola (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 Architectural 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.

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— Joseph Amanzio, architecture and environmental design

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."

The lab enhances students' visualization and spatial perception skills. "It helps students experience the inside of a building," Amanzio said.

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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.
"We are fortunate because we are using technology that is part of the future and is beginning to be used in the field."

— Kathryn Shea

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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 recent 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 in order 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. Kaaiai has racked up 197 digs and also leads the team in assists.

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

The Burdens said 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 Burdens, however, 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

Chances are, 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, barbecue sauce, jams and honey are all produced by Cal Poly students.

Larry Ratcliff, associate dean and farm manager of the School of Agriculture, said the school has been growing, preparing and selling foods since 1938. 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.”

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POLY PRODUCTS

Dairy products technology gives the students firsthand experience in merchandising, distribution and return of creamery products, Gillis said.

The creamery uses an average of 17,000 gallons of raw milk per month and produces whatever products are needed, said plant supervisor Dennis Hill.

erin linden, a dairy product technology senior, said, "It’s a good experience and it helps you understand the material from your classes."

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 earned by the sales.

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

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 conditons," Montecalvo said.

The Food Science Club’s blackberry jam enterprise project makes approximately 8,000 to 9,000 jars of jam a year. The jam sells for $2.99 a jar in the Campus Store, Montecalvo said.

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

The club keeps two-thirds of the profits made from selling the jam to send students to national meetings and to host programs on campus.

Last year, the club sent students to a national meeting held by the Institute of Food Technologists, a group which accredits Cal Poly's food science department.

The other one-third of the profits is used to pay expenses such as utilities and to cover costs of other enterprise projects that lose money.

Kathy Sullivan, a Campus Store employee, said blackberry jam is one of the favorite Cal Poly-made products. However, the majority of Cal Poly product sales comes from milk and other dairy products, she said.

Montecalvo said the products contain no chemicals or preservatives. For instance, he said the blackberry jam contains only fruit, sugar, pectin and citric acid.

"Usually the Campus Store wants all of the food science products, so there is no need to market them to local grocery stores," Montecalvo said.

Poly milk, butter, cheese and ice cream which are sold both on campus and in local Williams Bros. stores are produced by the dairy products and technology department.

George Gowgani, head of the crop science department, said students are in charge of marketing, growing and distributing products. The crop science department grows and sells all kinds of fruits, vegetables and field crops.

"Projects are used as learning tools," Gowgani said. For example, the avocados crop last year earned the students approximately $30,000, and after expenses were paid to the Cal Poly Foundation, the students who worked on the project were paid the remaining $20,000.

The produce is sold at the Campus Store, local farmers' markets, occasionally to local Williams Bros. stores and to the California Men's Colony. Crop science and crop production students help the produce, Gowgani said.

Crop science also makes apple cider and bottled Cal Poly Honey, which sells for $1.25 per quart and $3.30 per half gallon.

Crop science senior Robert Muller said, "People may not be able to buy honey, but they haven't been out there to see what we actually grow on the campus."

"Enterprise projects teach a lot of people," Muller works in plant protection for pest control of the crop science enterprise projects.

Cal Poly Meats produce ground beef and, as enterprise projects, students prepare liver jerky, linguica sausage and summer sausage, said Bob Delmore, meat laboratory manager.

During summer quarter, the formal laboratory students help with the enterprise projects, which take the place of the labs that are not used for enrollment and smaller class sizes, Delmore said.

"Williams Bros has expressed interest in Cal Poly meat products, but the primary function of this program is teaching," the students, said.

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