Six-month update: SNAP delivering for city as promised

By Pamela Slaughter

Six-month update: SNAP delivering for city as promised. Patrols, the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) has proven its worth to the local police community, its members say.

Since taking to the streets in December, SNAP has handled 80 percent of the noise complaints in San Luis Obispo, freeing police officers for other tasks, according to the San Luis Obispo Police Department. In March alone, SNAP responded to 84 noise disturbance calls in the city. Only 15 of those calls required police to return, according to the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

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“I would like to see that number go down to 15 percent,” said political science senior and SNAP member Casey Nielsen.

When SNAP was first started in December, police were called back to settle noise complaints at the rate of 20 percent. A month later, the rate dropped to 17 percent — and has remained steady ever since.

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“We view the people that we’re not successful with as a failure (on our part),” Nielsen said.

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“The benefits far outweigh the cost,” he said.

By Chris Rombouts

First estimates put economic boost over $1 million mark

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**Fiery Japanese plane crash kills 259**

By David Thaler

NAGOYA, Japan — A Taiwanese jetliner crashed and burned while trying to land at an airport in central Japan on Tuesday night, killing at least 259 people and narrowly missing a nearby housing area.

The China Airlines A300-600R Airbus had 271 people on board. Airport officials said 10 were being treated in hospitals and two were unaccounted for.

Minutes before the crash, pilot Wang Lo-chi radioed that he would abandon his landing attempt and try again, the Transport Ministry said. The pilot did not give a reason or indicate any trouble.

In his last transmission, he simply said: "Going around." The plane, flying to Nagoya from Taipei, Taiwan, crashed several hundred yards to the right of the runway. Had it gone another 200 yards straight ahead, it would have hit houses.

It ended up just short of several hangars of an air force base at the airport, and the quick response by aircrews was credited with saving some lives.

A Transport Ministry official said the fire was put out about 40 minutes after the crash, the second worst in Japanese aviation history.

**OPEN HOUSE: Local businesses praise festival as educational, profitable**

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increase in sales during the weekend, compared to the same weekend last year.

"We were filled two months before the event — a good two-thirds of our customers were from the Open House," said Fran Christopher, manager for the Olive Tree Inn. Several local hotels said they were booked solid last weekend. A few, such as Best Western, La Cuesta Motor Suites could not accommodate the large numbers of enterprises that enjoyed an increase in sales revenues. Berner said a monetary value cannot be assigned to the public relations benefits that a positive event like the Open House has on the community.

"It's a real important part of Cal Poly," said Eva Young, a clerk at the Meridian downtown. "We are very dependent on tourists, and a lot are brought in by Cal Poly students.

But the Open House does more than just increase local shop's revenues. Berner said a monetary value cannot be assigned to the public relations benefits that a positive event like the Open House has on the community.

"I'm certainly happy that they're doing something that relates to what the school is about," said Ken Fremont, manager of Country Culture. "It's definitely good for business as long as we stay away from riots.

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KUNKEL: What gets SLO's biggest political pamphlet maker going? Student voters, the DMV, and the IRS, for starters

By Joy Nieman
Daily Assistant Managing Editor

An auto fire broke out in the R&B parking lot behind the North Mountain dorms Tuesday, gutting the dorm and causing damage to two others nearby.

Nutrition junior Lori Graham said she had just returned to her dorm campus dorm her Ford LTD when she saw smoke coming out of her air shroud.

Graham said she pulled out the ashtray, but the smoke seem­ingly had stopped. She went to her dorm room to call AAA Road Service, and then heard sirens.

“We were sitting in the room, and I'm, like, 'That's your car,'” said social education junior Nicole Taylor, Graham's neigh­bor.

San Luis Obispo Fire Capt. Todd Zahniser said the Fire Department received a call from Public Safety at 6:02 p.m. He said traffic was fully engulfed when fire engines arrived on the scene.

“We're kind of letting it cool off before we get in there and see what exactly happened,” said Fire Police said.

The cause of the fire was still being investigated late Tuesday. Zahniser said.

Two vehicles next to the Ford, a Mitsubishi Eclipse and a Honda Accord, were damaged by the blaze.

Construction management freshman Jason DuPree, owner of the Honda, said her roommate was on the phone with the insurance company making an emergency breakthrough call and told her about the fire.

From page 1 sharply outline Kunkel's shortcomings. But Kunkel, of course, doesn't see it that way.

"The Vietnam experience is still the driving force in my life," he said. "Today I'm motivated by ideals, but... also you'd have to put me in the power group.

"There's a motivation - that can be true - to control," he added.

Settle and Blakely successfully defended themselves last summer against a lawsuit by Kunkel which stated they improperly used student votes to pay attorney fees for Settle and Blake­ley.

"I don't think it has to do with whether you're poor or rich," he said. Any citizen, Kunkel says, should have access to the courts.

Kunkel said the entire affair was ac­tually an effort to champion the rights of students. Settle and Blakely have anti­ student voting records, he said, and they duped students into naively voting for them when they saw their campaigns were winning.

But Kunkel, of course, doesn't see it that way.

Kunkel earned his bachelor's degree in me­chanical engineering from Cal Poly in 1981. He went on to teach here as a part­ time math and mechanical engineering lecturer in 1984. His last teaching job at Cal Poly ended in 1987.

Kunkel, of course, doesn't see it that way.

"I think (Kunkel) is on a collision course with reality," Settle said. "And that reality is that he is going to have to pay the cost. Now he is looking at the prospect of contempt of court.

"Kunkel, of course, doesn't see it that way.

"In awe of the individual power of government through such recourse as lawsuits and recall efforts, he feels he's living out a political form of the American dream.

Kunkel said he filed the election fraud suit not because he likes courtrooms, but because he felt the issue he addressed was important.

"I think it would be unethical to file any suit that was frivolous," he said.

Kunkel maintains his suit against Set­tle and Blakely, though dismissed, was grounded in truth. Based on the case of Judge Kenneth Andreen, he said, prevention from being fairly heard. But he said he's confident an appeals court will overturn the decision.

Andreen could not be reached for com­ment Monday.

Kunkel defended his filing of a suit from a position of virtually no financial assets that would allow him to pay the charges ordered.

But to Kunkel, Settle and Blakely are small-time. They're good for cutting his teeth on. The big accomplishments will come later.

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Open House: So this is why I came here!

By Joy Nieman

When I was a high school senior, I remember dreading November — the moment of truth when I could no longer procrastinate on my college applications. I was 17 years old, and I knew that by the time I got into college, I had no idea what I wanted to do. I only knew that I had to apply to somewhere so I wouldn’t have to sell lingerie in a department store for the rest of my life.

But what did I know about college? When I filled out my applications, I had no idea what college “life” would be like. I didn’t know if I would fit in — or if my major was really something I was interested in. I just closed my eyes, held my breath and jumped in.

I’m not really sure why I applied to Cal Poly. People told me it had a good reputation, but I knew very little about the school. Back then, I didn’t even realize how hard it is to get accepted to this school.

Basically, I came here because I was accepted, the area was nice and the people seemed friendly. I also had a friend who was really stoked on Cal Poly. Otherwise, I had no real idea what programs Cal Poly had to offer. There was no Polytrope or Open House the year I was accepted. If there had been, choosing Cal Poly would have been easy. I would have come to Cal Poly with a greater understanding of campus life and an increased appreciation of the school’s reputation. The fear of the unknown that comes with moving three hours away from home also might have been lessened.

On the Thursday before Open House, I could already feel the excitement on campus. On Friday, I walked around the campus and watched as booths were set up in preparation for the big event. I watched as the entire school came together under a common, uniting goal.

On Saturday, I was surprised to see people on campus at one time, all saying the same thing. Students showed up. Faculty showed up. Alumni, parents and incoming students packed in the family station wagon and drove the many hours it took to get here.

Even President Baker made an appearance.

And, despite the rain, many stayed until the festival was over.

The parents I talked to on Saturday were impressed by the overall presentation. Open House gave parents a chance to see firsthand what their “college student” will be doing next year. The displays, projects and presentations showcased the uniqueness of every department on campus.

For me, the best part about the weekend was learning what each department and club on campus has to offer. Until Saturday, I had very little knowledge of other departments on campus other than my own. My roommate, who is an art major, gave me a personal tour of the campus galleries. I explored the landscape architecture department and saw the student projects on display. I even stopped by to see the Ornamental Horticulture flower show.

The weekend also provided great exposure for many campus clubs. Booths were scattered everywhere around campus with signs advertising clubs I didn’t even know existed. And they were selling everything from T-shirts to egg rolls to trip-tips. But the biggest thing I learned was that the Cal Poly Penguins are not a group of imported Antarctic birds. (For those who want to know what they really do, I’ll let you ask them yourself.)

Starting Open House at Cal Poly was probably one of the best things that could have happened. This year’s event puts the university back in the limelight. I feel like I have an increased appreciation of this school now and the education I am getting. And I bet my bachelor’s will be as good as the last few incoming freshmen choose Cal Poly over someplace else.

• Joy Nieman is an assistant managing editor at the

LETTERS

What did the non-voters vote for?

Re: "Students: Stop whining and let Bake lead," Mustang Daily, April 25

Christopher Tracy’s commentary was no less “slanted and critical” than Tony Peterson’s. *When does 87 percent equal nothing?* (Mustang Daily, April 18).

In fact, the 1991 economics alumni assures Peterson of distorting the truth, and then readily uses propagandize himself.

Tracy is correct when he sights that only 17.8 percent of the entire student body cared enough to vote in favor of retaining the current quarter system. But Tracy overestimates his insight by reasoning that the remaining 12,000 students didn’t vote "because either they don’t support the quarter system or they are willing to at least try moving to semesters.”

The fact is that less than 430 students cared enough to vote at all. Tracy’s evidence seems to be on the semester system. Those 430 votes equal less than 5 percent of the student body. There is absolutely no possible way to determine what the remaining 12,000 students actually want. So the conclusion offered by Tracy that the rest of the students “obviously support and welcome a change to the semester system” is not only a bad conclusion — it is a false one.

The only halfway decent (but in no way absolutely true) conclusion that a person, and hopefully President Baker, will come to is that the referendum is indicative of the attitudes and opinions of the entire student body. That is to say, the student body of Cal Poly overwhelmingly endorses the quarter system.

Of course, President Baker is not required to even look at the results of any survey, referendum or poll to make his decision. But he should. He should listen to the voices of the students not because it will gain him publicity and popularity but simply because the students of Cal Poly are affected as well.

It is true, however, that Cal Poly as an institution will feel the effects of a quarter or semester system long after I have left. But it was my understanding that the university is here for my benefit — that the CSU system was developed to educate students.

I am sorry if the president is under great pressure because of the quarter system, or if there is a lot of paperwork and bureaucracy in governing a quarter sys-

Remember, President Baker: You are here for me. I am not here for you.

Alejandra L. Gomez
Electronic engineering freshman
SNAP: Unit has new toys, growing reputation

KUNKEL: Agitator says his goal is to educate

SET YOURSELF APART...
BANNON: Mustangs' junior third baseman leads her team with a .402 batting average, 16 stolen bases and 27 RBIs

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The body attached to the hand lies in its bed sound asleep, oblivious to the scene just played out — until . . . buzz! The alarm sounds again.

The scene plays out in much the same way as before, stopping the noise quickly.

BANNON: Mustangs' junior third baseman Kelley Bannon. Bannon leads her team in many categories. Her hitting is tops with a .402 average and she has stolen 16 bases to lead the team. Currently she is tied with Cynthia Barnett for top RBI honors with 27.

Bannon first started playing organized softball at eight when she joined a city league. But since she is the only female in a family of four children, she says she has really been playing all her life with her dad and brothers.

Bannon says her father, the men's baseball coach for Moorpark College, has just enough time to grab her a couple of hours. Rounding out their workout, the team lifts weights to cool.

Bannon picks up her steam in the afternoons and evenings when she is through with classes and can begin the fun.

One of the highlights of her week is Wednesday, when she visits the children at Los Ranchos Elementary School as part of a program called the Mustang Reading Challenge, in which the children choose prizes for reading a certain length of time.

She and a group of fellow Mustangs play with the children during the kids' lunch hour and watch them change for volleyball.

They also sponsor a reading contest called the Mustang Reading Challenge, in which the children choose prizes for reading a certain length of time.

Bannon says she has made a point of excelling at baseball coach for Moorpark College, has a big part of her success as a softball player and a great role model.

When her father was young he consumed spinal meningitis and was told he might not be able to walk again. But after team, he overcame the disease and started playing baseball. He played high school and college and went on to play for the Minnesota Twins in the major leagues.

Bannon's father wasn't the only one who had to overcome physical hardships. At the end of last year's season, Bannon seriously strained her elbow and wasn't allowed to pick up a ball or bat.

She spent the whole summer recuperating and going through physical therapy. But by the end of the summer, it hadn't helped and her arm was still in pain. As a result, Bannon had to go through the Mustangs' fall practices without throwing or hitting.

"It was hard to see my teammates able to slide and dive for line drives. But during winter break, her father and her coaching staff worked with Bannon and taught her how to throw a new way. She hasn't always played just softball, though. She also played baseball while in high school. It was my most memorable moment as an athlete came while playing the sport she excels in at Cal Poly.

Her senior year at Carmel High School, she was named to the Scholar Athlete All-Santa Barbara County and Buena High School of Ventura for the CIF and Community Together which does volunteer work for the community.

Beside wanting to be on the best on the field, Bannon has other things in mind for the future.

Originally a history major, she is now studying political science with a concentration in pre-law. She plans to go to law school once she graduates from Cal Poly.

Bannon says she would graduate in one more year but she'd rather take a year to

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An alarm set to wake its owner at 6 a.m. starts to buzz. A frantic hand appears from beneath the covers of a double bed as if it has a mind of its own. Almost knocking over the items in its path, the hand gropes towards the annoying buzzing sound. Finally reaching its destination, the hand violently hits at the noise maker as if to say, "How dare you wake me this early!"

With the disturbance ended, the hand retreats to where it came from as if it had never left.

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**Track and Field's National Qualifying and Best Marks**

1. 800M - Coley Candaele 1:50.81
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5. 5,000M - Ryan Winn 14:34.7
   Angela Orelice 17:00.62
6. Pole Vault - Bret Whitford 17'00.75"
   Chris Thorson 16'10.75"
   Dwayne Dawson 16'10.75"
7. High Jump - Diane Korbel 5'04.25"
8. Discus - Jennifer Peters 168'11"
9. 3,000M - Kelly Flathers 9:53.82
   Angela Orelice 9:56.4
10. 15,000M - Dan Held 3:49.23
    Coley Candaele 3:49.60
11. Triple Jump - Andrew Hill 50'01.25"
12. 400M Hurdles - Justin Helmann 53.25

**Heart condition forces Holyfield out of the ring**

**Atlanta** — Evander Holyfield, diagnosed with a congenital heart condition, announced his retirement from boxing today, four days after losing the world heavyweight title to Michael Moorer.

Holyfield's personal physician, Dr. Ronald Stephens, said the condition was diagnosed after Holyfield lost to Moorer on Friday night in Las Vegas. It was not life threatening, he said.

"Mr. Holyfield fought this fight in heart failure, and it's an absolute miracle he could fight this fight for 12 rounds in this condition," the doctor said. "It's hard enough to fight in perfect condition."

In a conference call, Stephens said Holyfield could live a normal, active life, but he could no longer box. Stephens said the condition, diagnosed as a non-compliant left ventricle, prevented sufficient oxygen from being pumped toHolyfield's muscles and tissues.

"The left ventricle squeezes blood out of the heart normally but does not fill up normally," Stephens said.

Holyfield made the decision to quit the ring as soon as he knew the results of tests taken Monday.