Dorm room burglarized during weekend

By Daily Staff Reporter

On Sunday, a Fremont Hall dorm-dweller reported more than $8,000 worth of personal items stolen from his room, according to Cal Poly Police. The case is currently under investigation.

University Police Sgt. Robert Schumacher said the burglary happened sometime during the weekend.

"The individual went home over the weekend and left his room unlocked, returned home and found that the door was closed but unlocked, and numerous items of personal property were gone," Schumacher said.

Among the items reported stolen from the second-floor dorm room were a laptop computer, CDs and a leather jacket, Schumacher said.

This case isn't typical of most reported campus thefts.

"This is burglary. Most of these cases are theft, where someone left a room unlocked and property was taken," Schumacher said.

University Police Investigator Mike Kennedy is in charge of the case. He would not reveal many details of the burglary, since it is being investigated.

"Over $8,000 is a significant loss, especially here at Cal Poly," Kennedy said.

The student who reported the burglary declined to comment on the case.

New modern languages major gets the go-ahead

By James Zaffutolet

The five-year process of getting approval for a new major came to a close this quarter with the addition of a modern languages major.

"The major is unique to the CSU," Academic Programs Analyst Mary Whiteford said. "Other CSUs have a specific language like Spanish or French. Cal Poly students will learn at least two languages.

"We are going to be an unusual modern languages major in that we are requiring students to concentrate on two languages instead of just one," Bianca Rosenthal, the new major's department head, said.

Students must declare Spanish as their first concentration and may choose from either German or French for the second one. All three languages will still be offered as minors, along with Italian and Japanese.

Students should be able to begin enrolling in the major next fall. The major was not approved in time to be an option for incoming students, but should be available at Fall 1999.

"We want anyone that wants to apply to drop by the department office and talk to us," Rosenthal said. "Then we may be able to answer any questions they might have.

Between 20 and 25 students will be accepted into the major next fall. Students wishing to apply for the major right now must be at least a sophomore, and no higher than a junior.

"It's most likely that the first year will be Cal Poly students who change majors," Whiteford said. "By Fall 1999 the program would be more visible to new freshmen or incoming transfer students." Rosenthal said she knew a lot of students are interested in the major, but is not sure how many students actually intend to apply.

Spanish professor William Martinez said, "I've had students come up and talk to me about it.

Stamp prices will rise to 33 cents in the future

By Lawrence L. Kranz

WASHINGTON — Stamps are going up a penny, to 33 cents, for the mil·lions of letters, birth·day cards and other first-class mail Americans send every day. Packages will cost more, too, but vacation postcards will stay at 20 cents.

The question now is when the new rates will take effect.

While it agreed to the increase in the basic first-class rate, the commission recommended cutting the cost of each extra ounce from 23 cents to 22 cents. That means the price of sending a 1-ounce letter would rise to 33 cents, a 2-cent increase, while sending a 3-ounce package would remain 55 cents and anything heavier would cost less than before.

The commission rejected a request to raise the price of post cards by a penny, keeping them at 20 cents.

On other rates, the commission recommended a 12.3 percent increase for parcel post, somewhat more than the 9.2 percent asked by the post office.

Overall, the commission cut the post office's $2.4 billion in requested increases by about 3 percent, that is, lowering what it is expected to collect by $70 million.

The penny increase for first-class mail is next to go.

See STAMPS page 3
Bike sale called off

Public Safety has called off its annual Bike Sale due to forecasts of rain. The sale has been tentatively rescheduled for May 26 and 27.

'99 HarborFest poster contest announced

The 18th annual Morro Bay Harbor Festival, planned for October 1999, needs a poster to promote the event. Judges are looking for a maritime design that commemorates the fishing village character and harbor environs of Morro Bay.

The creator of the winning design can win up to $1,000. Deadline for entries is June 30, 1998. The judge's panel consists of the seven Morro Bay Harbor Festival directors and advisors from the graphic arts and commercial fishing industries. The winner will be determined on or before July 25.

Be aware: May is Multiple Sclerosis Month

Gov. Pete Wilson declared May 1998 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month. This proclamation was made to help create understanding and support for those with MS. The MS Association of America originated this program and provides patient care to MS sufferers across the country.

MS is the leading neurological disorder of young adults, affecting as many as 500,000 Americans. Its symptoms can range from blindness to partial or complete paralysis. At present, there is no known cause, cure or prevention for MS. For more information call 1-800-LEARNMS.

Be a mentor

The Teen Academic Parenting Program (TAPP) Mentor Project, sponsored by E.O.C. Health Services, is looking for volunteer mentors to work with pregnant and/or parenting teens. The project is designed to help teens continue their education and establish long- and short-term goals. Call 544-4555, ext. 316 for more information.

Corrections

In yesterday's diversity art exhibit story, photographer Thi Hoang's name was misspelled. Also, in Friday's story about the Kennedy Library art exhibit, photographer Keith Selke's name was misspelled. Mustang Daily regrets the errors.
Davis shows big gains in California race

By Barry Schwid
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A sec-
ond independent poll is show-
ing a big gain for Lt. Gov. Gray Davis and a decline in support for Rep.
Jane Harman in the race for the
Democrat at-large gubernatorial
nomination for

The Public
Policy Institute of California reported
Davis’ support increasing from 12 percent of likely voters in April to 23 percent in May, while businesswoman Al
Cheech’s support remained unchanged at 19 percent and Harman’s declined from 18 per-
cent to 8 percent.

Attorney General Dan
Lungren, the only major can-
didate for the Republican nomi-
ination, also was favored by 23 per-
cent of the likely voters in the
May 1-6 poll, unchanged from April.

Since the poll of 600 likely vot-
ers has a margin of error of plus
or minus 3 percent, the difference
between Davis and Cheech is sta-
tistically insignificant. But Davis’ 11-point gain and Harman’s 10-
point decline are beyond the m ar-
gin of error.

Those shifts parallel results of
the latest Field Poll, Field report-
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late March to 19 percent in late April, while Lungren dropped from 15 to
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In the U.S. Senate race, the
Field Poll had Sen. Dianne Fein-
stein leading incumbent Barbara Boxer leading all candidates with 39 per-
cent, while Boxer was favored by 34 per-
cent of the likely voters.

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Flaggin’ you down

For the last week or so I have watched articles regarding the confederate flag, which occupied an entire page of the Daily with poor writing and even grammar mistakes.

Between the first article and the day where they tried to distribute at all of the red-neck rebel flag-waving” Nor Cal Giants, who aren’t even located. They haven’t even tried to bring their flag to places where they aren’t “really” Southerners to the response of students who think the flag might have more meaning than chewing tobacco and wearing a wife-beater, we’ve seen it all.

I hope to clarify some very key points regarding the flag so that the meaning it has for the majority of people who wave it. Historically, or ever since our Union’s Civil War, the flag has stood as a testament of the States’ Rights movement. It was meant to remember the sacrifice and the soldiers who lost their lives in the struggle to protect the Constitution.

This precept is one that rests upon the North and South and the Constitution. Specifically the Constitution of the United States declares, in the Tenth Amendment that powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. That’s why you have it, with the end of the Civil War it seemed that nationalization of legislation became a given, when in fact it is not. Making the states into uniform bodies with similar if not precisely the same laws and state constitutions, was never the intent of our founding fathers but rather a tribute to state’s rights. Let me explain.

I remember back to the Civil War, namely the conflict between the North and the South. It was the South’s struggle that was ignored. Rather we chose to go smoke marijuana and do their homework rather than going out to war. Everyday they were more and more like hippies. They talk about impossible things like saving the environment and world peace. Their physical environment images mean little to them now. Some won’t brush their hair or take a shower for a day or two. The most ridiculous thing is that they buy their food at health food stores now. If they were truly worried about their health they wouldn’t put toxins into their lungs.

Hipsters are always ranting and raving that hemp (marijuana) should be legal. They think marijuana will save our world’s environmental issues. Someone was trying to convince me that one acre of hemp (marijuana) can produce 4 times more fibers than an acre of trees, and that hemp can be used to make paint, wood, fabric, paper, and even tarps, and can replace coal, oil and natural gases. Isn’t that ludicrous? They also say that using hemp to create these materials would be more economical as well as environmental. How could they actually believe this crap? Is it the drug that makes them so delusional? I tell them that if hemp is so amazing then why isn’t it legal? They say it was propaganda and lies brought from huge businesses that made it illegal, and that money makes more decisions in our government than what we think. I told them that we have the best government in the world and it deserves more credit than that. Our government is not always perfect, but the freedoms we have are amazing. Legalized marijuana would hurt many respected industries like alcohol, cigarette, gasoline, lumber and others, is the environment worth fixing if it causes American companies to go out of business?

I’ve been told that marijuana has never killed anyone. My friends ask me if I’ve ever heard about a death, an accident or an act of violence caused by marijuana. How would I know? I don’t watch the news all day long, and I don’t need to watch TV to see that marijuana is infecting the good people around me! Why can’t they just go back to drinking Alcohol? Alcohol is much safer and less illegal.

Trent Nahas

I am worried about the future of our generation. I am more specifically worried about the rising use of the drug, marijuana. Many of my friends now use marijuana regularly, and I can see changes in their attitude and behavior. They tell me that it is safe and that it is worth trying, but I won’t give in. I won’t let a drug ruin my life.

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In addition, moving off campus poses a logistical problem for transporting food and equipment.

Evensen said she hopes to negotiate a contract with the psychology and human development department for future use of the preschool lab.

Berrio said: “We’re very sympathetic with their dilemma.” She added that her department has had to sacrifice its own programs to accommodate Poly Trekkers in the past.

However, the educational needs of the department have changed, she said. Human development has added three technology courses (HD 309, 310 and 311) to its curriculum. Also, more students are working on group projects.

As a result, the students need rooms 125 and 127 for group work, specifically computer projects. Department Head Linden Martinez said that the department’s computers have the video and CD-ROM equipment the students need.

During fall, winter and spring quarters, Cal Poly students work on projects. During the summer, the students need.

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By J.R. Bass

NBA to name Bird Coach of the Year

INDIANAPOLIS—Larry Bird, whose minimalist approach to coaching turned around the Indiana Pacers, will be named the NBA’s Coach of the Year on Tuesday, The Associated Press has learned.

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The Indiana Pacers will hold a news conference Tuesday for a "major announcement" regarding the team and the NBA.

Pacers spokesman David Bevern said. He and league spokesman Brian McIntyre declined to discuss the nature of the announcement.

But the NBA had planned to announce its IBM Coach of the Year award on Tuesday, and Bird has been considered a frontrunner.

When Bird took over the Pacers’ helm last year, there were doubts that the superstar player would have the patience to coach players with ordinary skills in a league whose flashy style differs greatly from the blue-collar game that Bird was famous for.

"I'm not asking for that,” Bird said after he was named to coach the Eastern Conference squad in this season’s All-Star game. "All I want is hard work in practice and for about 25 minutes in a game... If a guy can’t give that, he doesn’t belong in the NBA.”

In his first year, Bird took a Pacers team that missed the playoffs for the first time in eight years to its best winning percentage in franchise history. The team’s 58 wins were second-best in the NBA's Eastern Conference.

"Who in their right mind wouldn't listen to what Larry Bird tells them?” Pacers Reggie Miller once said. "He knows what it takes to be a successful player, and he's letting us do the things to have the success.”

Bird had already cemented his future as a Hall of Famer before taking over the Pacers last year after coach Larry Brown moved to the Philadelphia 76ers. The 17-time All-Star was the league’s MVP three times and took the playoff MVP award in 1984 and 1986. He also was named the MVP of the 1982 All-Star game.

Bird just-pass fellow Celtic great Tom Heinsohn as the only two people to win both the rookie and coach of the year awards. In 1986, Bird was named Rookie of the Year after leading the Celtics to a league-best 61-21 record, a 32-game improvement over the previous season. Heinsohn won the rookie award in 1957 and the coaching award in 1973.

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Morro from page 8
said SuSond Walker, executive manager of Morro Bay’s Chamber of Commerce.
Walker said many in the city saw a need for major improvements and the issue was successfully brought to the Council. The Chamber’s Economic Vitality Committee decided to call in a R/UDAT team.
The R/UDAT was designed to come to Morro Bay for four days and, with the help of the community and its leaders, create an improvement plan for the city. "Old Town has never received as much attention as the Embarracaders," Walker said. "It needed to be renewed and rejuvenated." Allan Cooper, Cal Poly architecture professor, played a major part in the R/UDAT process. Cooper teaches a part-time graduate class for a group of Cal Poly students living in the Bay Area. Cooper said these students are in the middle of their second year of study and pursuing a master’s degree at the same time. Most are professionals and hold an employment position.
Cooper said once the R/UDAT was underway the team held two workshops, one with the community leaders to define the problem the city was having and one with the community to focus on the revitalization of Old Town itself.
After the workshops, the team, along with community members, took a day to walk through the town and take note of what people liked and disliked about the city. "We were in town for four days and our studio doors were always open to anyone who wanted to talk to us," Cooper said. "We did a lot of listening; 96 percent of our effort went into listening to the people of Morro Bay." Cooper said the four-day R/UDAT project ended with a presentation put on by the team to give their best suggestions based on the needs of the community and the city. The team came up with short-range plans called "quick wins" and long-range plans called "the next step." As a whole this is what the team proposed:
- Better use of Old Town’s alleys and areas behind stores and between buildings that would be good for "park pockets" and parking.
- Redevelopment of the Centennial Stairway linking the Embarcaders with the ocean end of Morro Bay Boulevard.
- Adding an outdoor amphitheater.
- A pedestrian promenade and an open-air market.
- A roundabout, common in Europe, at the junction of Morro Bay Boulevard, Quintana Road and Highway 1, that would be attractively landscaped and have directional signs.
- "A temporary park" in front of the Morro Bay Mud Flats edge.
- Planter boxes and trees lit with lights, banners along the buildings, more pedestrian-oriented street lamps and kiosks with directional and shopping information.
- A large parking area in the mid­dle of the valley with Morro Bay Boulevard, Main, Harbor and Monterey streets.
- A 28-mile drive route that would circle the chain of volcanic peaks along Highway 1, and continue on South Bay Boulevard and Los Osos Valley Road. This would connect Morro Bay with Los Osos and San Luis Obispo.
- Simple fixes like planter boxes, benches and awnings.
-Walker says funding for these improvements has come from donations made by the community and a loan has been given to the Chamber the city wasn’t using.
- We are picking off one or two projects at a time," Walker said. "We haven’t started any major construction at this time."
-April Ford, a graduate of Cal Poly’s architecture department and part of Cooper’s part-time master’s program, worked on R/UDAT as a team member and a Morro Bay resident.
-"This was a great experience for me," Ford said. "The community had a chance to make an active plan. It is a living document that is moving ahead and the city is very serious about making it happen." Ford said she had this much enthusiasm and immediate action taken by the city.
-"Council members and the planning commission are jumping on the plan to make it happen," Ford said. "They are really taking the bull by the horns, and I’m pretty sure they have part of the funding." Ford said she recently received the Community Coaching of Morro Bay, which has enabled her to keep working with the project.
-"Being a resident of Morro Bay and having the knowledge of the R/UDAT is really a benefit," Ford said. "Now I am sort of the connection between the city, Cal Poly and the local chapter of the AIA (American Institute of Architects)." Cooper said he has a lot of hope for the future of Morro Bay.
-"The wonderful thing about Morro Bay is that it’s not going to put this project on the shelf like so many cities do," Cooper said. "Every week the people of Morro Bay are reading the rec­ommendations made and what the strides are being taken to implement them. Revisiting the issue and dialogue is what will keep this project going."
Beach Development

Two of the most popular beach spots on the Central Coast, Morro Bay and Pismo Beach, are getting a face-lift.

Pismo Beach plans to add boardwalk

By Jeremy Roe
Daily Staff Writer

Construction on a wooden boardwalk at Pismo Beach is scheduled to begin right after Labor Day weekend. The structure will connect crucial parking and popular tourist spots to the beach.

The East Coast-style plank boardwalk will span from Hind Avenue next to the Pismo Pier toward the south to the Stimpson Street cul-de-sac. Business owners and city officials think the boardwalk will attract visitors to the downtown area and provide a safe, off-street area for people to walk.

‘Old Town’ Morro Bay gets a facelift

By Christine Lawler
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Morro Bay’s ‘Old Town’ needed a new look, and a project run by Cal Poly students has helped bring both the vision and the reality.

Construction hasn’t yet begun, but new additions such as an outdoor amphitheater, a pedestrian promenade and an open-air market are just a few of the projects expected to revitalize the look of Old Town Morro Bay. The seaside Embarcadero part of town has, up until now, been the focus of Morro Bay’s tourist industry.

Now town leaders want to bring Old Town up to speed.

Last August Morro Bay underwent an analysis by a mini-RUDAT (‘pre-design’), or Regional Urban Design Assistance Team. This RUDAT team was made up of primarily Cal Poly students – 50 volunteers, professional architects, construction managers, engineers, commission planners and facility managers.

“We’re making the town a better place for business and more attractive for customers,” Brown said.

The estimated cost of the boardwalk is $630,000, which includes everything from the planning and design stage to the construction of the walkway, according to Deloet. Building the structure will take about four months to complete, he said, so the boardwalk should be done by January 1999.

“We have very few (lateral) boardwalks on the West Coast,” he said. “I think it’ll put Pismo on the map.”

A lateral boardwalk spans from one end of a beach to the other. Another type of boardwalk is the pier, which extends out into the ocean from the beach. Piers are more common on the West Coast, according to Deloet.

The boardwalk will be funded primarily through grants. Brown said the state has money set aside for attracting people to the coast, including areas like Pismo Beach.

The city shouldered $860,000 of the cost of building the structure.

Original plans called for a curved walkway, but were changed to a straight line with diamond-shaped turnouts along the way where people can stop and take in the view. The Pismo Beach City Council approved the final design.

“The first phase is paid for,” Brown said. “We just have to get it built.”

Long-term plans may include a single-span foot bridge like the one at the Amtrak station in San Luis Obispo, which would incorporate Pismo Creek into the boardwalk’s pathway. Brown said this will pro-

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Fifty volunteer including Cal Poly students met to brainstorm and collate ideas to renovate the look of Old Town Morro Bay. The next time you visit you may notice some new additions including an outdoor amphitheater, a pedestrian promenade and an open-air market.

Morro Bay Additions

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