Poly plans for satellite in canyon

By Bryce Alderton
Mustang Daily

A state-of-the-art measuring device is set to sprout in Poly Canyon, and its cost is Cal Poly nothing.

A Global Positioning Satellite receiver will be built this summer, which will measure ground movement of less than one-quarter inch and help in campus mapping. The United States Geological Survey is funding the entire project.

Scientists will be able to see how quickly faults are moving, measure how much the ground has moved and hopefully predict the likelihood of future earthquakes.

Operations Manager for the Southern California Integrated GPS Network John Galetka said the GPS receiver will further education on the earth's movement.

“We want to understand how faults rupture and how they release strain to gain a better understanding of the earthquake process,” he said.

Galetka is impressed with the project.

“This network will be the most advanced of its kind at the cutting edge of science,” Galetka said. “The crust is slowly creeping and we want to be able to measure this.”

The five-legged steel device is 7 feet high and has an antenna on top that transmits signals to and from satellite orbits above the earth. The legs are stainless steel pipes made to sturdy to withstand Poly's plants and animals.

see SATELLITE, page 6

ASI sponsors celebration on Dexter Lawn

3rd annual Culture Fest brings 22 clubs, ethnic foods together

By Cathy Lee
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly students and San Luis Obispo community members can eat different ethnic foods while watching step dancing performances from Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma at Saturday's Culture Fest.

The third annual Culture Fest, "Celebrating the Culture Gap through Diversity," is sponsored by Associated Students Inc. It is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Dexter Lawn.

"This is a day to respect and learn about different cultures and to interact with different clubs on campus that do not have a chance to participate together," Veronica Estrada, co-director of Culture Fest, said.

Twenty-two cultural and ethnic clubs will participate in the event with information for students and community members. Besides eating, others with awareness of the clubs will also sell food, T-shirts and crafts.

There will be performances from Mamba No Amour, Indian Students Association (ISA), Filipino Cultural Exchange (FCE), Imagination, Estrasmo and Chinese Student Association (CSA). Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA) will provide a guest speaker. Music will be provided by Southern California's 92.1 FM DJ BEAT and feature master of ceremonies from the Central Coast's 99.7 KISS FM.

Rose Fafafa, ASI director for multicultural relations and Culture Fest co-director, said the goal of Culture Fest is to educate Cal Poly and the community about different cultures.

"Students and community members should expect to be entertained, eat great food and see what Cal Poly has to offer," she said. "We should recognize different cultures, not just Asian, Chicano and African-American." Culture Fest was created by the ASI Ethnic and Cultural Relations Committee in 1997. Fafafa said its purpose was to bring together cultures and celebrate their diversities.

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Aerial view: The United States Geological Service is bankrolling a global positioning satellite in Poly Canyon. The satellite can be used to help predict earthquakes.

Steve Schuessler
Mustang Daily

A visual tribute

Cartoon honors well-loved children's author Shel Silverstein

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Ready for football

Vikings hire minority coaches, including former Poly coach

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Cal Poly ecosystem

Biology students catalog the campus' plants and animals

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Biology students explore Poly's delicate species

Native habitats co-exist on Poly's 6,051-acre campus
By Joellen Smith
Mustang Daily

It sounds like every outdoor lover’s dream... to explore nature’s beauty as part of a senior project. About 25 biology students will be doing just that.

Roaming over Cal Poly’s hills and through its wetlands, these students will take an inventory of every single species of plant and animal life found on campus, said V.L. Holland, biology department chair.

“We are going to map the plant communities and wildlife habitats,” Holland said. “We are also going to identify sensitive species and map where they occur.”

The students’ exploration of the campus may find even more rare plant and animal species than are already known. At least a dozen sensitive plant and animal species can be found on campus, Holland estimated.

“These are species that might be listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California (Department of Fish and Game and California Native Plant Society),” Holland said.

The western pond turtle, classified as a California Species of Special Concern, resides in the on-campus Shephard Reservoir. Other sensitive species in this area include the steelhead trout and the red-legged frog.

The biology department also suspects other sensitive species, such as the California legless lizard, Pallid bat and sharp-shinned hawk, use the campus grasslands for hunting and foraging.

“Our campus is very unique in that we have a lot of native habitats right on the campus that students can use for study,” Holland said.

The environmental inventory begins at full force next year, but the planning for the three-to-five-year study has already begun. The students who will be participating in this inventory are still to be decided.

Biology students frequently use campus sites, like Poly Canyon, Stenner Canyon, Shephard Reservoir and Smith Reservoir as outdoor study areas.

Holland said he expects students to be most interested in the wildlife on campus.

One biology student, however, said plants can be equally fascinating.

“If you have a deeper understanding of (nature), you can really appreciate what bushes offer as far as a habitat,” said Erik Frendel, an ecology and systematic biology sophomore.

“Everything has a story here.”

Frendel’s love for nature earned him second place in an undergraduate conference two weeks ago at Cal Poly. Colleges throughout California and Colorado competed. Frendel gave an oral presentation on the Elfin Forest in Los Osos.

Areas around San Luis Obispo County, especially Poly Canyon, make excellent living laboratories, Frendel said.

“You can go up to Poly Canyon and pretty much get a good slice of all the vegetation in San Luis Obispo County,” he said.

Besides studying plants and wildlife, students will also work on restoring areas that have been affected by human activity. Holland said.

“There are sections of Brindletop Creek that flow through the campus and have been highly disturbed in the past,” Holland said.

To repair this damage, some structures near the creek may eventually be relocated and replaced with native vegetation.

Holland said he hopes the environmental inventory becomes an ongoing part of Cal Poly.

Inventory may help planners design campus construction projects
By Joellen Smith
Mustang Daily

A delicate balance exists between Cal Poly’s future expansion and the natural habitats that lie in the outdoors of the university.

According to V.L. Holland, biology department chair, a full-scale environmental inventory of Cal Poly could affect future construction at the university.

“If there is a rare or sensitive habitat or species that occurs within the impact zone, then we will first of all work toward moving (the construction) so the area is not impacted,” Holland said.

The second option is to transplant the sensitive species to a location similar to the one in which it was living.

In 1997, a small-scale environmental study focused on areas near the construction of the Sports Complex, Holland said.

That study determined that no sensitive or rare plants grew near that area, he said.

There were concerns, however, about how noise, lighting and increased human activity would affect the wildlife in nearby Smith and Shephard Reservoirs.

“The issue here was (to offer) adequate buffers for these rich wildlife habitats,” said Steven Marx, English professor and environmentalist.

Another concern was that the outdoor laboratories these reserves offer to students would be at risk.

Work will be done to restore what will be lost as a result of the Sports Complex, Holland said.

“The campus needs to take advantage of these native habitats and protect them and make sure they are not impacted by the future growth of the university,” Holland said.

Marx agreed with Holland’s view.

“The university has made a very strong verbal commitment to try to bring Cal Poly forward and actually become a green university,” Marx said.

Marx caused quite a stir in 1996 when he stepped in front of a moving bulldozer that was advancing toward 300-year-old oak trees in Stenner Canyon. The construction was for the California Department of Water Resources’ state water pipeline.

“As I found out more information, I was horrified by the plans of the state water project to run its pipeline through there,” Marx said.

President Warren Baker negotiated with the department to work around a stand of oak trees instead of bulldozing them.

“(The pipeline) really has not done much environmental damage,” Marx said. “So that had a happy ending.”
Go ahead and smile: it connects people

Community event seeks to break down barriers between people by sharing smiles

By April Charlton

The Healthy Communities Project and the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program want you to give and get as many smiles as you can on Friday.

The second annual Give a Smile, Get a Smile Day is designed to give community members an everyday way to help people feel more connected with their community.

The goal of the project is to use giving and getting smiles as the first step in the development of a respectful, courteous and helpful society. The concept is simple: Give as many smiles as you can, and people will feel a greater sense of connection to the community in which they live.

Smiles show that a "perception of connectedness" breaks down isolation barriers within communities, as well as helping people make healthy choices in their lives. Preschool behavior may actually reduce the number of risky choices a person makes, which in turn reduces the amount of violent acts in the community.

"Acts of compassion, help develop social competencies, positive values and a sense of purpose in life," according to a statement released from the San Luis Obispo Health Communities Project.

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Our differences are what make us all beautiful

If you mix a drop of yellow and blue paint you get the color green. Behind every drop of paint is a simple lesson of harmony. When the colors meet they engulf each other in it. The brilliance and sharpness of yellow mixing with the boldness of blue, produces nature's color of green.

Take a rainbow with its reds, violets, blues and greens. The colors all melt together, with blends of color inside each other. There is no separation between the tiehl over the same piece of food, but they're here other things that contribute to their personality.

Some nippy some straight; some curly, some fair. Have you ever wondered why people act the way they do? Like the leaves on a tree, people have experienced certain things that contribute to their personality.

Aren't you surprised when you see two individuals in a relationship, certain harmony with each other. While the fish see watching humans interact in our world. (Fish do see you to keep clean, and loads of laundry to wash.)

You can't help out with their family because they have to. A lot of them have a hole in the middle of it, but still not as strong as it because it allows the uncommon to go through it. Some leaves have experienced the heavy rains and storms and some still hold on to life.

Differences in people are beautiful mysteries waiting to be searched. Beauty lies in every culture, color and hair. Some nappy some straight; some curly, some fair. Have you ever wondered why people act the way they do? Like the leaves on a tree, people have experienced certain things that contribute to their personality.

Here's n't the reason why she is so much more because the father of the baby left, and she is the only one there to support the child. When the game comes, she has two months to feed, an apartment to keep clean, and loads of laundry to wash.

Or what about the person, whose father or mother died; his home he has two mouths to feed, an apartment to keep clean, and loads of laundry to wash. Someone like that with exams and get them back to you on the poster once again (if you can still find one) and see if there is any parallel between Kreb's evil doings and the activity of the two women in the film. I was under the impression that the sexu­

There is no connection between fliers and Krebs Editor:

It's not true, especially when your argument has very little support to warrant it. When you two judge each other, and start making assumptions, as you have done, keep in mind that you are subject to that exact kind of judgment, and will be measured by the very measurement you have provided. Your comment about the members of GLBU for having a "dead conscience" was as under­

I'm one to favor to ask of you: Please refrain from justifying your personal discretion toward the homosexuals in the homes of slain victims of rape and violence, which are synonymous to the words love and sex, like Crawford and Neuhouser.

Leila Aguilar is an animal science senior.

There are more than two choices at our voting booths Editor:

The May 6th column about the "Loser of two evils" myth of the American elec­

...if I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my toys you break, so I don't have to share them."
Insults are unnecessary

Editor:

Every day I enjoy reading the opinion section of the Mustang Daily, but once in a while I read something that really disappoints me — people who personally attack those who don’t share their views. Disagreeing with someone’s opinion is one thing, but insulting them personally is uncalled for and a bit immature.

If you really have something to say, your argument should stand on its own and not have to rely on personal insults. Comparing Andrea Parker to the Taliban, and calling Joe Nicholy ug hybrid is more than a bit immature.

We are in college, folks. This is the time of our lives when we will probably tease the mind of some random guy. We have recently found out what women dress the way they do for two reasons: The first is that it’s what’s in, and second, women want to get noticed. I may be wrong about this because I am not a woman, but I don’t see any reason to be revealing but to get attention.

Dress how you want, “girls.” I am sure you will turn some heads. You will probably tease the mind of some random guy. I have recently found out what women mean to some women (specifically my girlfriend), and I have realized that some women want a specific reaction from guys. And a little advice for all guys: If you have a lady, listen to her. When she tells you what she wants and needs, give it to her — she isn’t kidding.

Justin Alamares is a civil engineering freshman.

The revealing clothes are only used to get attention

Editor:

I couldn’t believe the article that Andrea Parker wrote in the May 5 edition of the Mustang Daily. “Ladies help the men by covering up.” Personally, I don’t believe women can cover enough to get attention from the guys. Only because her guy friends have a hard time talking to girls that wear sundresses doesn’t mean that all guys feel this way.

Women don’t wear “tight shorts and low cut tops” to get the attention from the guys, but I think they wear them because the weather is warm and they do want to feel cool. You don’t expect them to wear Natalieocks, or do you? I don’t believe women are going to stop wearing summer clothes only because some guys don’t know how to control themselves. We are not in the era where women have to dress from head to toe all year around. If you don’t feel comfortable wearing sundresses, don’t wear them. And if you don’t like it when women dress appropriately for the sunny weather, that’s your problem, not the women’s.

Jeanne M. Garcia is a liberal studies sophomore.

Less skin and more soul

Cal Poly is closed-minded

Editor:

I am writing in response to Carlos Aguila’s article titled “Don’t make the ladies over up” published on Friday, May 7th. I, unlike Aguila, completely agreed with Andrea Parker, and I, unlike Aguila, will not resort to insulting those who oppose my view. Aguila stated that ladies should help “real men” by not covering up at all, and Snyder look forward to this season — so to see the world’s greatest creature (woman), .at least, on the surface. First of all, ladies do not think all men have such aspirations for the spring season. Granted, I am as attracted to women as the next man is, but I have much more respect for a woman who can “cover more of her body and reveal more of her soul,” in the words of Parker. Aguila’s generalization about guys is anti-sandaled, and simply untrue.

A woman’s lack of clothing is indeed distracting for guys. It creates a physical sex-object, in the mind of a guy, and distorts the truth (of a living, breathing, human being with needs, thoughts, ideas, and emotions) that lies behind the female epidermis. Physical appearance is extremely insignificant in the scheme of things, and there is no need to emphasize it. And if the definition of a “real,” “mature” man is one who com fortably talks with any nude woman just as easily as one with clothes, then there are few such men in the world. For one, I am not one of them, and I know I am not alone. By dressing less, women are not “help ing” us, rather, they are making it more difficult for us to relate with and feel comfortable with them.

I am not writing to enforce a dress code, but to suggest that if women want men to get to know them and care for them as real people, dressing modestly would help. If, on the other hand, they want guys to remember them most for their physical appearance, wearing revealing attire will accomplish exactly what I, prefer the former, and imagine that most women do, too.

Christopher Brennan is a computer science junior.

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**PATTERSON**

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coordinator Ray Sherman and quar- terbacks coach Alex Wood, Green's two most recent hires. To Patterson, who joined the staff before the 1998 season, it is an opportunity. Success and maybe you change the minds of NFL executives, much like Thompson did with college presidents a long time ago. Win and crash through the glass ceiling that has limited head coaching opportunities for minorities.

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Mustang defense returns with eight starters

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After last season's less than spectacular results, the Cal Poly football team looks to do better starting this season. Returning eight of 11 starters from last year's squad, the defense has the experience and the skill to boost the Mustangs' 5-8-1994 record.

The key losses on the defensive side of the ball include linebacker Kevin Faust, who left for the NFL, cornerback John Stockton, who became a graduate assistant, and three starting defensive linemen.

Senior Oshodi Odunlowo has come around these parts, career with the Los Angeles Lakers may be nearing an end. West, who turns 31 later this month, told NBC Sunday he wouldn't be holding his job of executive vice president with the Lakers much longer.

In a rare interview session, West said Tuesday he didn't know if he would complete the four-year contract he signed last September, a deal that runs through the 2002-2003 season and reportedly is worth $3.5 million annually.

"This has been an incredible love for me. To even think about walking away from it, that's very painful," West said. "I have made some promises to my family to me. The most important thing is to have enthusiasm for this job."

I will have a conversation with Jerry (Lakers owner Jerry Buss) at the end of the season and talk about what's best for the Lakers and what's best for me."

O'Neal, who signed a six-year contract with the Lakers in 1996 and is finishing his third season with the team, could exercise a clause allowing him to become a free agent this summer.

"I told him I'd be here," West said. "He made a commitment and we really want to see him in a championship with him here. I really believe he's going to return as an LA player."

O'Neal said Monday there was "a 97 percent chance I'll be back here next year. But I'm not even thinking about that."