GLBU PROMOTES DIVERSITY

Cal Poly's Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United hosted its third annual Same Sex Handholding march during UU Hour on Thursday.

The march started on Dexter Lawn and continued through campus to the University Union.

Animal science senior Melissa Ramsey and Cuesta College student Ninji Martin share a moment after the march on campus.

The March featured couples of all sexual orientations walking hand-in-hand to remind people that there are students in same sex relationships on campus. It also aims to promote respect for diversity.

"This sends the message that these are students on campus and you can't deny their existence even if you're uncomfortable with the situation," said Maya Andilig, coordinator of gender and sexuality programs.

Bonanza rolls into Paso Robles

By Brian Koser

Cal Poly's two-day Western Bonanza livestock show opened Friday afternoon in the San Luis Obispo County fairgrounds.

The show, which will feature more than 700 livestock and 21,000 exhibitors, is expected to bring in $140,000 in gate receipts.

By Andy Fahey

A single-vehicle motorcycle accident claimed the life of a Cal Poly student Thursday afternoon.

Mechanical engineering transfer student Matthew McDonald, 24, was doing a wheelie on his new motorcycle when he lost control of the bike and collided with a pick-up truck parked in front of a house on the 200 block of Hathaway Avenue, according to a news report from the San Luis Obispo Police Department. He was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at SLO County Regional Medical Center, according to a news release from the SLOPD.

His friend Shawii Morris was inside the house with other friends and heard the crash.

"You could imagine what the noise sounded like," Morris said.

Police officers arrived shortly after the accident and found McDonald's motorcycle lodged beneath the truck. Police closed Hathaway Avenue to traffic between the Bond and Carpenter streets and taped off the area immediately surrounding the scene during investigations.

Blood, clothing and debris from the motorcycle were among the carnage.

Police officials refused to comment at the scene of the accident.

A native of San Ramon, McDonald was in his first quarter at Cal Poly after transferring from Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill.

"He just bought his bike (and he came) to show it to us," said Chris York, the owner of the 1994 red Chevy Silverado that McDonald ran into.

While police were cleaning up the scene, friends of McDonald placed candles in front of his house in remembrance of him.

"He was a good dude, man," said Mercury Mans, another friend of McDonald's who heard the accident.

McDonald is the fourth Cal Poly student to die in an automobile accident this academic year.

Poly hosts rare fruit grafting

By Jake Ashley

Cal Poly is teaming up with the California Rare Fruit Growers organization to sponsor its annual grafting event Saturday at the Crop Unit on Highland Drive at Mount Bishop Road.

The Grafting Party and Scion Exchange was brought to Cal Poly by professor emeritus Joe Sabol five years ago. The event is open to the public.

"We'll have guest grafters come and demonstrate different ways of putting grafts together," Sabol said.

Grafting is the agricultural term for connecting two plants. The farmer will cut off a branch from one tree and connect it to the rootstalk of another tree. This facilitates rapid fruit production and yields a variety of species.

Although organization is named for rare fruit, it is likely that most of the grafting will be with more common varieties.

"(Members) bring wood from our fruit trees from home that we call scion wood," Sabol said, "and we trade it with each other."

More than 100 attendees came to the event last year and more than 150 types of trees were created. Sabol said that the party is for the hipster as well as the enthusiast.

"(Grafting) is a lot of fun to do," Sabol said, adding, "I have an apple tree at home that has more than 60 different kinds of apples.

In addition to the four grafters who will give demonstrations on various techniques, guest speaker Todd Kennedy will speak on the knowledgeably in plant-related topics. Kennedy will speak on the knowledgeably in plant-related topics.

Sabol received a VIP Citation for significant contributions at the National FFA of America convention. He was nominated for the award by both the California and national chapters of the FFA. The FFA promotes agricultural education among young people nationwide.

The award is among the most prestigious offered by the FFA and is given to those who have been instrumental in supporting the program.

Sabol said 11 people across the country were honored at the ceremonies, and 42,000 FFA student participants were there as well.

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MEXICALI — Mexicans who worked in the United States during and after World War II intensified efforts to collect unpaid retire­ment funds, meeting Thursday with Mexico's interior secretary about millions owed. Mexico overcompensated and never paid back. Claims by the workers have gained momentum since President Bush pro­posed similar savings accounts as part of a temporary program for new migrants. The money for the old program disappeared somewhere between U.S. and Mexican banks. Mexican migrants, known as "braceros," worked in the United States between 1942 and the mid-1960s under a garden variety of programs that required a portion of their earnings be deducted for retirement in Mexico.

BELIING — American-born panda Hua Mei came to China on Thursday, the first of the rare creatures born overseas to return to its ancestral homeland.

The 4-month-old, whose name means "China America," landed at Beijing airport after a 15-hour flight from her former home in San Diego. Hua Mei traveled on the "Wolfgang Franz Panda Protection Center in southeastern China on Friday. After one month of quarantine, she'll join the population of about 50 pandas, including her father Shi Shi, who returned last January.

VIENNA, Austria — U.N. inspectors sitting through Iran's nuclear files have found some evidence of high-tech equipment that can be used to make weapons-grade uranium — a new link to the black market headed­by the father of Pakistan's atomic bomb, diplomats said Thursday.

Beyond adding another piece to the puzzle of who provided what in the clandestine supply chain, headed by Abdul Qadeer Khan, the revelations cast doubts on Iran's commitment to dispelling suspicions it is trying to make an atomic bomb. Iran has denied the charges.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The top U.S. commander in the Middle East came under a bold attack Thursday by gunmen in the turbulent Iraqi city of Fallujah. No Americans were hurt, but a local police official said two Iraqis were killed in the shooting.

Also Thursday, a U.N. envoy told Iran's leading Shiite cleric the world was 100 percent behind his demand for national elections, but there was no sign of agreement on when a vote would be held.

In Fallujah, residents said Iraqis died as U.S. troops sprayed the area with gunfire after insurgents ambushed Gen. John Abadiah's convoy as it pulled into the headquarters of the Iraqi Civil Defence Corps in the Sunni Triangle 50 miles west of Baghdad.

LONDON — A much-disrupted British Airways flight from London to Washington, D.C. has been canceled again over security fears, the airline said Thursday.

British Airways said Flight 223 from Heathrow to Washington's Dulles Airport would not fly Sunday. Monday's Flight 263 from London to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia also was scrapped.

The airline said the decision "follows government advice to cancel those flights for security reasons." The 184 people booked on the Washington flight and 135 passengers will be rebooked on other flights or given a refund, the airline said.

BA said the return flights to London will operate as scheduled.

— Associated Press

More than 160 immigrants, some saying they hadn't eaten in three days, were found Wednesday packed into an upscale home along a golf course near the Phoenix-Scottsdale border, authorities said.

"They were sitting shoulder to shoulder, back to back. You could not see the car," said Russell L. Ault, a spokesman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Authorities said none of the three bathrooms in the 2,400-square-foot home were working and there was no furniture and no food other than canned goods brought by immigrants. About 60 of the men, women and juveniles were found locked in bedrooms with deadbolts.

HELENA, Mont. — A landmark used by the Lewis and Clark expedi­tion 200 years ago moved closer to becoming a state park Thursday, when the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission approved a change of ownership.

The commission unanimously authorized the department to accept the 1,400-acre property from the state Transportation Department.

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WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. — In Montana, the thought of slowing bison that can carry brucellosis near cattle prompts calls for action, often lethal: Bison entering the state from Yellowstone National Park can be shipped to slaughter.

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WASHINGTON — Senate backers of a massive and politically potent highway and transit spending bill withstood challenges Thursday from conservatives opposing the $318 billion cost over the next six years.

The legislation headed toward Senate passage but then faced another big challenge — a White House threat that President Bush would strike it down with the first veto of his presidency.

The bill would provide states with billions of dollars in new money for roads, bridges and public transportation and create at least 1 million new jobs.

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“I thought about going downtown with a lawn chair and a bucket of mud,” mechanical engineering senior Cutter Crowell said. “Every time a cute couple walked by, I’d grab a glob of mud and throw it at them.”

Although Crowell’s comment encompasses how many singles feel about this day, there are more fun and less hostile ways to fill the festivities.

This annual affair is earmarked for those desiring to express the love they have for another. Well, for singles, it seems the perfect opportunity for friends to express how much they mean to each other. In staying true to the idea of giving, one must remember that it’s simply the thought that counts. This ideology works well for the college student on a budget.

The best way to approach this is to pull out that assorted colored construction paper from high school that was, for some reason, packed in the “going to college with me” box. All this project requires is some cut-out hearts and shapes, markers and some specific memories to write in each card. If at any time there is doubt about artistic ability, please defer to any preschool in the San Luis Obispo area that celebrates Christmas, but is designed for Cupid’s forgotten folks. It breaking out the scissors and paper isn’t enticing, another popular choice this year is singles’ parties. Will a perfectly good Saturday night be wasted because it’s deemed for duos? Of course not! There are always a few singles’ parties to be found. If hosting, the way it works is simple: Allow only singles through the door. This way, all party participants have a fair chance at anyone else in the room. It’s the best way to assure that the surroundings are chalk-full of potential dates.

If the singles’ party isn’t enough, spice it up with a twist. The only way to get through the door of this party is to bring a defaced photograph of an ex-boyfriend or girlfriend. A mustache, horns or any other creative supplement will do, as long as it encompasses the true feelings the single has. During the party, singles showcase their artwork, tell embarrassing and immoral stories about their ex and laugh at other singles’ stories. This provides a consoling environment, almost like therapy!

Who says that singles can’t enjoy underwear, chocolate and surprises on Valentine’s Day simply because they’re not attached? This activity mimics the Secret Santa motto of giving, one must remember that it’s simply the thought that counts. This ideology works well for the college student on a budget.

Although many people enjoy giving underwear to their significant other, there are other options. The plan that yields the least pre-planning effort is being with the people you love,” environmental engineering senior Andrea Ramirez said. “People in romantic relationships usually spend it with their significant other. But it is also a great reason to have a good time with your close friends.”

Sometimes couples can be so... nauseating. Who needs commitment when there are fun singles’ activities that don’t require emotional baggage. So forget about love and focus on fun.
**Valentine's on a budget: Kiss me I'm cheap**

By Tarrah Graves

The lights are low and flickering candles mix with the sweet smell of a dozen long-stemmed roses waiting to be placed on a table-formosa at a romantic restaurant. A tiny blue Tiffany & Co. box with a white ribbon sits on a plate waiting to be opened.

"Don't sound familiar?"

Perhaps that is because the vast majority of students don't have cash to blow on a single night, even if it is Valentine’s Day.

However, we are still hopeful for all of those men out there. There are plenty of ways to be both romantic and original, while still sticking to a budget that won't require running down one of the many book stores on the corner of Higuera and Santa Rosa streets.

Many guys say that all women want on Valentine's Day is an expensive dinner and an even more expensive gift. Despite the fact that no woman I know would ever turn down jewelry, all of the typical Valentine's Day booties can still become a bit cliché.

While Eric Peterson, an agricultural sophomore, said, he asked his friends about what to do on Valentine’s Day with his sweetheart, others have ideas of their own.

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Terror first date ... not traumatic

By John M. Pierson

One of the biggest obstacles for college singles is the amount of money it costs to take someone out on a nice date. Don't worry — a good date doesn't have to be expensive, and a cheap date doesn't have to be short, boring or bad.

If you're thinking some Splashes Café, the Pittos dunes, some blankets, the stars and a bonfire — then you're too small Sparks. Creating a date for less than $30, makes for some serious fun...

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Should college students be available or attached?

I'm Mr. One Please

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I'm not at a stage where I'm ready to hang out with just one. Plus, I possess all the qualities which keep single people single for so long. I'm selfish. I'm cheap, I'm scared, I procrastinate, I can't make up my mind, I'm not committed and I like to surf. I have nothing against relationships; I just know that I am not equipped to begin a healthy relationship. This isn't my fault. I've explained myself, led me back to the question why I don't have a girlfriend and why I'd rather be unattached while in college. The main reason I value being single is because of the time I have to myself. Time is something I value because there are so many things I still want to do. Having a girlfriend would hinder a lot of trips and adventures because most of my time would be spent with her. Being unattached allows me to concentrate on things I enjoy.

I am on my own schedule. I can take off whenever I want and drive up the coast to go hiking or surfing all day and I don't need to call my girlfriend to get permission. Another great thing about being single is that I don't have to schedule nights with my friends in advance. It baffles me, I can just go. For example:

Me: "Hey Mark, Meier and I are going to that Sherwood concert tonight. You want to go?"
Friend in a relationship: "No, I can't, I promised I'd watch Friends with my girlfriend tonight.
Me: "I'm so sorry to hear that. Well, have fun, but the concert is going to rock.
Friend: "I hate you."

A relationship would not only make me miss out on things I want to do, but would also affect my grades. Simple things such as my studying habits, which already need help, wouldn't have a chance competing against a girlfriend. A relationship would only take my interests further away from school, and if it was one to one, I would likely fail most of my courses. School work would definitely be put off, and this would then make the order of importance in my life: God, girlfriend, surfing, guitar, food, sleep, "Seinfeld." Corwin O'Brien, boredom, school. That would be bad.

A relationship would also add more stress to the load that school already provides. In a relationship, the couple must share issues with each other... including stresses and struggles. This is one thing I'm glad I don't have to deal with right now. I couldn't handle her during her stress during exams in addition to my worries. Another major bonus about being single is that I have money. I don't have to.
Sports

Tennis pounds UCSB

• The No. 56 women’s tennis team pounds the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos 6-1

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

At least one Cal Poly team can take care of business. The No. 56-ranked Cal Poly women’s tennis team posted a dominating 6-1 victory over rival and Big West opponent UCS Santa Barbara Thursday afternoon at the Mustang courts.

The Mustangs had to regroup early in doubles play as the Gauchos applied pressure on all three courts.

With the Gauchos leading 5-2 at No. 1 doubles, Mustangs Shella Lewis and Carol Erickson rallied a six-game streak to win the match 5-3 against Chelsea Diller and Amy Vynhis. At No. 2 doubles, Noelle Lee and Chelsy Thompson also had to battle back into the match as the Gauchos led 4-3 in the pro set, which goes to eight points.

"The Mustangs' duo came from behind, securing the doubles point with an 8-4 win over Andrea Pintar and Jen Kuhle," said Mustang No. 1 Woller scored a solid win over Gruenig, 4-6, 6-3, 10-4. After struggling early in the singles action, No. 1 Woller defeated the Gauchos in the last 20 years. Cal Poly’s No. 1 pair Samantha Baker and Kristine Gruenig had won seven straight games since an injury in her left foot and were much-improved team.

The Gauchos have won five straight and 22 lifetime matches against the Gauchos. The Mustangs will take care of the rival Gauchos.

The Mustangs return to action at home on Feb. 21 against No. 75 UC Irvine at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.

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Freshman Carol Erickson won her singles and doubles match for the Mustangs tennis team.

No. 2 Thompson out-rallied and outplayed her opponent Pintar to win the match, 6-1, 6-1. No. 1 Grady clinched the match for the Mustangs with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-0 win over Damion.

Brian Kent/Mustang Daily

Paterson plays through pain

By Kendra Hodges

After a year and half off the court due to an injury, one of Cal Poly women’s top players is back on the court and doing better than ever.

Kay Paterson is currently the leading offensive scorer on the team with 10.6 points per game.

The Canadian native came to Cal Poly in 2000 as a power forward before an injury in her left foot took her out of the game from January 2002 to August 2003.

"I kept playing until the point I could barely walk," Paterson said.

Doctors found Paterson had plantar fasciitis, an inflammation in the heel that left her redshirt-season. Paterson’s offense has helped the team already match last season’s win total in seven fewer games. Currently they have a 502 winning percentage, compared to last season’s mark of .370.

"It is great to be back," Paterson said.

"It was a long season from me last year. It was hard setting and just watching not being able to do anything," Paterson’s good footwork brought her back as a center.

"I am not a natural center, but I am doing better this year than when I was a power forward," Paterson said.

The 5-foot-11-inch center is scoring almost a point a game more and grabbing almost two more rebounds.

"My goals are to improve my outside shot, rebound a lot harder and be more consistent in scoring high double figures," coach Faith Mimmsugh was the determining factor in Paterson's decision to come to Cal Poly.

"She just seemed very trustworthy and honest and that was a big deal to me," Paterson said. "It helped that the school was in California too."

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