Students left without Safe Ride

Liz Soteros-McNamara

Students are scrambling for options now that Safe Ride has closed its doors in San Luis Obispo. The April 19 closure sparked concern from law enforcement and the university. The weekend avoided major incidents, however a long-term solution to the loss of Safe Ride has yet to take shape.

By the NUMBERS

25% Safe Ride users reported to be Cal Poly students.

17 taxis operating in San Luis Obispo.

9 p.m. the time that all buses cease to run in San Luis Obispo.

We are disappointed with the cancellation of the Safe Ride program because it was a safe alternative to get home," said Capt. Dan Stice, a fruit science senior, president of the Sustainable Agriculture Club and chair of the ASME Cal Poly Student Section.

Without Safe Ride, students have limited options to avoid driving while intoxicated.

"It's mainly competitive so there's not a lot of sharing between universities," said Andrew Tranovich, a mechanical engineering junior and member of the Cal Poly team's first rider, was one of the unfortunate initial wipers.

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"A lot of them are practical. You can carry groceries in them," see Vehicles, page 2

Poly Clubs celebrate Earth Day, sustainability

Amy Dierdorff

Representatives of the organic farm and numerous Cal Poly clubs were on hand at the event to recruit new members, raise money and inform attendees about what they are doing to make the campus and community more sustainable.

Hollywood remembers Sept. 11 in new film

Carol Erickson talks about the success of Cal Poly women's tennis

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Universities meet at Poly for innovative human powered vehicle competition

Lauren Zahner

The Human Powered Vehicle West Coast Competition, hosted this year by Cal Poly, ran its course Saturday.

Carol Erickson talks about the success of Cal Poly women's tennis

Matthew Scott, a mechanical engineering senior, cored one of the many human powered vehicles in this weekend's West Coast competition.

Clustered together, participants cheered riders by as they completed each of the 40 laps of the endurance race.

HPVs began to fall as riders attempted to make the "hairpin," a 360-degree turn. Karin Hanzi, a mechanical engineering senior and the Cal Poly team's first rider, was one of the unfortunate initial wipers.

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We want to bring about awareness that we live on a beautiful planet and we have a responsibility to look after it.

—Kyle Stice, sustainable agriculture club president.
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Blake, with the San Luis Obispo Police Department, said people will have to make an effort to plan ahead for designated drivers or sober people who can come pick them up when the night is over. He said that walking home could be a worse option, because people could then be cited for a drunk in public violation.

"It comes down to people being responsible," Blake said. All buses in the city cease running by 9 p.m., with some routes to Cal Poly ending before 7 p.m.

One taxi service runs in San Luis Obispo with a total of 17 cars in the city limits. San Luis Obispo Taxi owner Jeff Goldenberg has seen "a little spike in business," over the last two weeks. He has plans to start a shuttle service between Cal Poly and downtown running Thursday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m.

"I think as long as we don't have the same issues to keep people safe on the way, it is a good idea," ASI presidential candidate Todd Maki said. He cited reports of fighting on the buses, although in his experience with the service, he has not actually seen anything like the reported incidents.

"Sometimes they forget to pick you up and passed you by," ASI presidential candidate AnnGuapapa said. She had that transportation issues were one of the primary reasons she has chosen to run in the ASI election.

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interest in sustainability," Stice said. "We wanted to have an event together and see what each other are doing and see how much we can really collaborate.

He said it's important for the community to see how many people are contributing to an environmental zone and how successful it can be when supporters in politics, farming and agriculture work together.

"It takes professionals in all of these different areas to make the whole system operate. You can have sustainable agriculture, but without the proper fuel you can't drive the tractors. It's all interconnected," Stice said. ASI President Tyler Middelstad said that ASI is also working with the coalition to make campus more sustainable and to get the message out to Cal Poly students.

"We're trying to support the sustainability community on campus and create a space where people in the community and students all interacted in the same thing can come together, celebrate Earth Day and each other, and hopefully, the process of making change on campus," Middelstad said.

Richard Wagner, an employee of Cal Poly's Facilities Services who works with the organic farm and a guest speaker at the event, said that an organization named Innovative Waste Management is going to donate two Earth Tubs to Cal Poly to be placed outside the organic farm. The containers will be used for the disposal of food waste from campus dining facilities, reducing the amount dumped into landfills.

"Composting generates so much tonnage of food that goes to the landfill, so we're trying to create compost out of that food waste," Wagner said.

Organizers of the Earth Day Celebration set up trash, recycle and compost bins throughout the organic farm in an effort to produce as little waste as possible. All of the cups and plates used to serve food were either recyclable or biodegradable.

"I would hope that students and community members are more aware of the movements on campus and that they'll be inspired to join up with one of the clubs and to make a change in the community," Stice said.

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"I think anything that doesn't require gas is going to be good," Cal Poly rider John Hygelund said. He was recruited for the team based on his experience racing regular bikes.

By 11 a.m., the sun had made its appearance. Traniwski and his volunteers had been there since 2:30 a.m. preparing for the course at the corner of California Boulevard and Highland Drive.

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CSU Employees Union members march for better pay and more respect.

Tanya Tran
The Pioneer @ CSU State East Bay

California State University Employees Union members, representatives and university faculty marched through campus Wednesday to voice their complaints over lack of raises and better working conditions.

Members said the purpose of the rally was to support the team involved in collective bargaining with the CSU Chancellor's Office and Board of Trustees in hopes of coming to a contract agreement. The current CSU E contract expires June 30.

A bulletin was passed around at the march while CSUEU President Patrick Gantand others spoke in defense of service workers on CSU campuses.

"We're fighting for raises, rights and respect," said Joseph Corica, library assistant and union chapter president. "We're pissed."

Claudia Keith, assistant vice chancellor of CSU Public Affairs, said that the Board of Trustees adopted a year-year plan that is continuing to deal with salary inequities given the budget that the state provides.

"We do recognize that it can be a long process," Keith said.

Rally attendees were armed with whistles and given black T-shirts with the inscription "Rises, Rights and Respect" to wear during the rally and march that left from Agora Stage, went around Warren Hall and ultimately ended up at the Bellis Room in the University Library, where negotiations had been taking place that day.

Javier Del RIn, supervising painter on campus, said that while the workload is increasing, the number of workers is diminishing.

"Our managers, campus president and Board of Trustees continually forget how much we contribute to the success of the CSU," Corica said.

Robert Bruer, executive assistant to President Norma Rees, said that the president is not involved in the bargaining process and had no comment.

University Police Department Officer Omar Makhall made sure that things were smooth but was also supportive of the cause.

"Whatever these people ask for, I think they deserve it," he said. "They're good workers."

Professor Tom McCoy, president of the California Faculty Association Hayward Chapter, was present in support of service employees. McCoy said he would like to see a fair contract bargained within a reasonable amount of time. The CFA itself has been at the bargaining table for more than 12 months.

"They’re negotiating with a recalcitrant Chancellor’s Office," McCoy said, who told the crowd that they’re "in this for the long haul."

The union is concerned with the contrast in salary increases between management and service employees. Management was given a 4.9 percent pay increase over the course of five years while service employees received one 4.07 percent raise in the last three years, Corica said.

He added that a proposed raise in parking fees would counter the raise they received.

"A raise in parking fees means a reduction in salary, making it a loss for employees," he said.

Grant was concerned as well that the student fee increase is hurting the CSU system, as enrollment is declining.

"It isn't fair to tax students and their families," he said.

CSUEU representatives present were from units 2, 5, 7 and 9.

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"United 93" commemorates lost lives

Ryan Churtrand

I could have done without "United 93." I could have continued to live my life pushing the thought of terrorism and the infamy that took place on Sept. 11, 2001 to the far corners of my mind. But I chose to remember; to experience and to take an emotional beating that no filmmaker has ever been able to give to me. But at what cost? Must we, as innocent moviegoers, carry the burden of these images? If you care to relive one of the most horrifying and heroic stories ever told, "United 93" is waiting to tear your heart apart and leave you gasping for air. But it's just a movie, right? To put it all into perspective, "Passion of the Christ" has nothing on "United 93." Never has a film managed to handle me both physically and emotionally with such an unbearable force, the moment the credits hide, tears could be heard hitting the ground while both men and women let out all emotion in the back of the theater. It was as if everyone had come together to remember and mourn for these brave individuals one more time. I'm far from the "emo" type and I can admit I never dropped a tear on the morning of Sept. 11. But "United 93" can take anyone, no matter how tough, and make them feel what the passengers felt. The most pure form of fear and adrenalin that shouldn't be transferrable by a projector and a screen.

Obviously, the movie's subject matter alone is enough to make it one of the most avoidable films of the year. Its story and constant ability to captivate its viewers, however, make it unfortunately attractive even to us, the generation that will never forget. "United 93" is daring enough to invite the audience to step into the minds of the valiant passengers and crew aboard the fourth plane to crash on Sept. 11, the nervous yet proud hijackers and the powerless flight controllers on the ground whose jaws couldn't be lifted off the floor.

Writer and director Paul Greengrass ("The Bourne Identity") seems to know how to make a movie. Nearly every camera is handheld and filmed using a lens that makes every scene look, all too real. Greengrass was very wise in choosing to have an entire cast of non-name actors. There's no better way to create a sense of realism than with a group of talented actors that you've never seen act in any other role. It's also surprising to see a few members of the cast playing themselves, such as a Newark International Airport tower controller.

Aside from the feeling that you are attending a memorial, "United 93" offers somewhat of a documentary-like, behind-the-scenes retelling that many will find both informative and depressing. Most angry, however, that what all Americans really need is a plain documentary, not a film that asks its audience, "How do you make the list phone call of your life?"

From the moment the terrorists first take over the plane to the gut-wrenching climax when the passen­gers unite and courageously try to win back their lives, "United 93" is a masterfully crafted film that I wish wasn't so painful and terrifying to watch. There is no entertainment in watching what no man, woman or child should ever experience. Nor is there any joy in feeling the hatred emanating from the hijackers eyes. However, there is great value in remembering and commemorating the brave and united individuals aboard "United 93." I could have done without "United 93," but as difficult and unsettling as it was to watch, the events that we have tried to forget for five years mean so much more to me now. So must we carry the bur­den of these images? I say yes, for it is our gift to them, the passengers aboard United 93, to remember.

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POLITICS HAVE NO RELATION TO MORALES

THE SOAPBOX DIARIES
Jack Ingram

So where does an evil, heathen secularist such as myself look for knowledge of "right" and "wrong," short of becoming a bible-thumping, Jesus freak? Perhaps I should just look to those who occupy the seat of our secular government officials, like the office of the president, for Pres. Bush has demonstrated that he is no mere secularist. Hell, he even speaks with Jesus (I'm guessing that he is similar to the God that I grew up with [Satan]). Surely, Bush must possess knowledge of moral virtue if he can converse with Him so regularly.

How else would Bush have been "elected" president in the first place if he couldn't tell the difference between "right" and "wrong"? Is the Supreme Court not like the Supreme Court overreached its authority in 2000 by determining the outcome of the Florida election, real or just a fiasco that was the result of a ridiculous event to occur, a man with as much moral fortitude as Pres. Bush would have turned his back to the idea of attaining power in such an immoral manner, and chosen instead to do the "right" thing — the democratic thing — rather than give in to the hope of being judged right.

Federal officials are hard working, incredibly happy (the signs have giant smiles) and ultimately have your best interests in mind. In fact, I was amazed to see that both the Cal Poly College Republicans and the Cal Poly Democrats were both supporting the same candidate for president. While both clubs have many of their members running for positions within ASI, they are supportive of each other. The most amazing sign of cooperation is the Facebook profile of the president of the Cal Poly Democrats — a candidate for the ASI Board of Directors, who is recommending the president of Cal Poly College Republicans for the ASI Board of Directors. If only our real political leaders were willing to compromise to this extent, we might actually have tremendous progress in our nation.

As college students, it's important for us to take an active role in the society that we live in. Unfortunately, we students live very busy lives and are often too busy to find the time to research the political issues. In fact, much of our current political information is limited by our sources, such as our professors and television, both of which are heavily biased and often uninformative. To balance these sources of information and get full value for your ASI fee, I encourage you to vote in the ASI election and to listen to political speakers who come to Cal Poly, such as conservative speaker Peter Schweizer coming Monday, May 8.

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neering sophomore and a Mustang Daily columnist.

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Opinion/Editorial

COMMUNITY

On Monday, large groups of people nationwide were expected to work and protest in support of illegal immigrants. Many of those who are protesting, including union organi­zer Jorge Rodriguez of Los Angeles, want full amnesty for any immigrant who is here ilegally. In Los Angeles alone, upward of 3 million people may protest. However, not all Mexicans or others that are in favor of illegal immigrant rights support this action. For instance, some Mexican radio stations have asked that demonstrations occur only after working hours, and Cardinal Mahoney, an outspoken supporter of immigration rights, has opposed a work and school walkout.

However, our sensitive and compassionate Democratic state legislature decided have support a walkout by canceling work for three days cut out the week back to work still receive pay, so the Democrats want us to leave work but still receive pay, so the Democrats want us to leave work on Monday and will not lose their $49 per day paycheck. By checking in the Democratic, secure three days worth of salary, since spending more than three days out of session would have hurt them, they would have been gone Saturday, Sunday and then Monday. On the other hand, Republican law­makers will be working, but unfortunately won't be able to hold any votes, since they lack the necessary numbers to force a legislative event. I guess those Democrats feel entitled to their pay regardless of actually doing a good job, but after all, I can't think of any other Democrat who is better at wasting tax dollars than the ones in our state.

As college students, it seems beyond our power to correct the grindlock and ineffectiveness that part of our California government has been afflicted with. However, we do have the ability to make a small differ­ence now while midterm elections are not until this fall. There happens to be an ASI election this Thursday and Friday that I expect everyone to be voting in. Fortunately for Cal Poly, it appears based on reading the mass letters to the editor of state legislature have decided to support this action. For instance, many of those who are protesting, including union organizer Jorge Rodriguez of Los Angeles, want full amnesty for any immigrant who is here illegally. In Los Angeles alone, upward of 3 million people may protest. However, not all Mexicans or others that are in favor of illegal immigrant rights support this action. For instance, some Mexican radio stations have asked that demonstrations occur only after working hours, and Cardinal Mahoney, an outspoken supporter of immigration rights, has opposed a walkout.

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Also competing at the Stanford Cardinal Invite was former Cal Poly starer Bruce. The Cal Poly 5000 record-holder was second in the men's race at a personal best 8:32:68.

Several athletes will compete at the Modesto Relay this weekend in a last-minute effort to hit conference and national qualifying times. The rest of the team will rest up and travel to Cal State Northridge for the Big West Championships on April 12-13.

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**The SPORTS BACK BAG**

*A Duke University committee recommended Monday that the school's lacrosse team receive play next season, but said the team needed strict monitoring because of a history of problems tied to alcohol.*

"Although the pattern of misconduct in recent years by the lacrosse team is alarming, the evidence reviewed ... does not warrant suspension of the sport," a communion of seven faculty members wrote in a report.

- Southern California coach Pete Carroll said emphatically Monday he doesn't believe the Trojans will have to forfeit games or lose a national championship.

"With the little bits I have, not I'm not concerned about that one bit," Carroll told The Associated Press. "I'm more concerned with helping the process and making sure everything comes to the front."

-The Associated Press
A short-handed Cal Poly men’s and women’s track and field squad lost dual meets to Central Coast rival UC Santa Barbara on Saturday.

However, warm weather and a competitive atmosphere contributed to several top-notch performances.

Three Mustang men, including Chris White (shot put), Joe Gatel (1500) and Luke Llamas (1500) qualified for the NCAA Regionals held in Fresno, Utah, May 26-27 due to strong performances, while Willamea Cisco narrowly missed a qualifying time in 100 handles.

White, also a defensive tackle on the Mustang’s football team, shattered his personal best throw by nearly four inches as he won the shot put event with a final throw of 55-9. His old mark was 51-11.75. White’s career best throw is the ninth best in Mustang history, right above teammate Leighton Keuper who is restructuring in 2006.

Gatel, who won the three-time Big West champion cross-country team, shaved nine seconds off his personal best time in the 1500-meter, winning the event in a time of 3:46.92. Llamas came in right behind Gatel in the 1,500, clocking in at 3:47.49.

Phil Reid also had a strong race in the 1,500, clocking a 3:48, a personal best. Reid, who won the 2005 season due to a stress fracture in his femur, combined with Gatel and Llamas for the top three times in the Big West this year.

Llamas moved down to the 1500 from his normal event, the 3,000 steeplechase, where his best time (8:54.34) ranks him second in the West Region, seven seconds behind Josh McAdams of BYU. McAdams is currently ranked No. 2 in the nation while Llamas sits at No. 5.

Two-time Big West women’s 100-meter hurdles champion, Cisco, had a strong day at Santa Barbara, blazing across the track in a meet best time of 13.96, just shy of the regional qualifying time of 13.92.

Cisco will have one meet left to hit her regional qualifying mark. The senior has struggled with injuries this season, but expects to hit the standard at the Big West Championships on May 12-13.

Casie Atkinson also had a strong performance for Cal Poly in the women’s 800-meter as the sophomore and ran a season best time of 2:11.75, giving her the second best time in the Big West in the event this year.

Tony Swier was the lone Mustang running at the Stanford Cardinal Invite. The northmorner clocked a 14:15.74 in the 5,000-meter, just off of the regional qualifying standard of 14:10. Swier qualified for regional competition in the event a year ago.

Despite a dual league loss to Central Coast rival UC Santa Barbara, the Mustangs managed a good showing with several runners posting personal best times.

POLY PLAYERS
WITH CAROL ERICKSON

Kendra Deutsch

Carol Erickson has helped pull the Cal Poly women’s tennis team to an 11-9 record overall this season, with a 5-2 Big West record. She has a 19-8 individual record.

Erickson, a business junior, consistently helps lead the team to victory.

This season, Erickson was acknowledged for her play at the Northwest Regional Championships, where she advanced to the round of 32.

"Last year, I had the biggest win individually by beating the No. 60 ranked player at USC," she said. She finished a team-best 22 singles with a 16-8 record that season.

During her freshman year, Erickson played a crucial role in a match against the highly-ranked University of San Diego.

"The entire dual match came down to my match ... and I came back from being down 3-0 in the third set and won," Erickson said. "This was Cal Poly’s women’s biggest win."

Erickson earned All-Big West honorable mention honors for her doubles play during that season alongside partner Sheila Lewis as the pair finished 12-5. She led the team with 40 victories and 16 losses.

"I feel very excited about these highights," Erickson said. "I felt like I was on the court a lot of the time, and I could have not achieved any of this without the help of the coach, my teammates and the constant support from my family.

Erickson also enjoys the Big West Conference championships every year and spending time with the team, she said.

"My teammates and I are extremely close, and they definitely are my biggest highlights," she said.

Although tennis has always been important to the Erickson family, because both her parents played professionally, Erickson did not start playing until age 10 — relatively late for the sport.

"The reason I started to play tennis was due to a trip to go see Wimbledon when I was 10 years old," Erickson said. "I fell in love with the game there and knew I wanted to play."

"The first match I saw at Wimbledon lasted six hours, and I did not flinch from my seat one time."

She said her parents never pressured her to play, but helped her considerably when she first become interested in the game.

"I am also a very competitive person and love the challenge that tennis presents me with," she said. "Balancing tennis and school can prove quite challenging, though Erickson does not mind juggling both."

"It is very difficult to balance school and tennis, especially when we are traveling so much," Erickson said. "But then again, I could not imagine not having both ... at the same time. It helps me manage my time better and keeps me busy."

Additionally, Erickson teaches children tennis.

Erickson played four years of varsity tennis at Torrey Pines High School in San Diego, where she and her team won four CIF championships. During her junior and senior years, Erickson was a finalist in the Individual CIF championships. She was player of the year for the Falcons in 2001 and 2002. 

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