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Campus parking: A continuous nightmare



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Lead Public Safety Officer Warren Owusu directing traffic on a Friday morning to help relieve back-up from the I-10 off-ramp to Kellogg Drive.

By KELCIE HARTLEY
Staff Writer

Students of Cal Poly Pomona: Start your engines because parking on campus is a continuing nightmare. According to the CPP official website, there are over 26,000 students and over 2,000

faculty and staff, meaning there is not enough parking to accommodate even half of the population on campus.

“There are over 14,000 parking spaces at CPP,” Police Chief Dario Robinson said. “Approximately 9,000 general student parking, 1,400 residential student parking,

1,700 faculty/staff parking and the remainder are all dedicated to such things as ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act], state vehicles, visitor, electric cars, etc.”

Despite these numbers, there are not enough parking spaces to meet the growing demands of the more than 26,000 students

attending CPP. Many students are often late to class because of these issues.

Rand Uniack, a third-year business student, was late to class recently due to parking. “So far [I’ve been late] every day,” Uniack said. “It’s pretty bad. I have to leave way earlier

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AI text bot now chatting



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Billy Chat not only answers student questions through a text message, it also sends important dates and deadlines for students to be aware of.

By MICHELLE QUINTERO
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A new text-messaging robot has been created to answer questions and reach first-years and incoming transfers where they spend most of their free time — on their phones.

Billy Chat, an artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot, launched in mid-May. It was available to first-year and transfer students a few weeks after students submitted their enrollment confirmation deposit by May 1 and committed to attending Cal Poly Pomona.

Billy reaches out to students in the form of a text message, designed to inform them of important dates and deadlines and answer questions 24/7. If Billy doesn’t know the answer to a question, the chatbot will have a CPP Billy Chat representative to help answer.

Zoe Lance, communications specialist for the Office of Student Success, monitors the chatbot daily and helps answer questions that Billy is not capable of answering.

“It didn’t happen overnight,” Lance said. “It took about six to

eight months just to get the robot set up, all of the information in his brain, working on the initial campaigns of what we are going to use this for and training.”

Eighty percent of the time Billy is able to give an answer, Lance said. Although Billy is still learning, the more students ask questions and interact with the chatbot, the more the technology is able to refine itself, Lance stated.

Cecilia Santiago-Gonzalez, director of strategic initiatives for student success, also helps answer questions that Billy

doesn’t know how to answer.

“The challenge is just making sure that we always stay in tune with what students need,” Santiago-Gonzalez said. “As we look to expand into [the] second year just managing to different cohorts, [we’re] thinking about what second-year transfer students are going to need versus our first-year students.”

Lance, Gomez, some staff students and a Bronco advising counselor are able to monitor questions students send and respond directly to those that

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Free pads and tampons now available in BSC

By JOANNE GUINTU
Staff Writer

Associated Student Inc. (ASI) has started its pilot project, which offers free menstrual products including pads and tampons to female students in the Bronco Student Center (BSC) women’s restrooms.

With the collective efforts from Cal Poly Pomona Student Health and Wellbeing, ASI student government leaders and professional staff, this pilot project first showcased at the start of the fall semester.

The goal for this project is to support student life, well-being and health.

“To make this possible, our ASI Poly Pantry, which is part of the CPP Integrated Care Network, has partnered with Sowing Seeds for Life to supply us with the menstrual products at no cost to students,” said Liz Roosa Millar, associate vice president for Student Health and Wellbeing.

Sowing Seeds for Life is a nonprofit organization that works to educate the community in nutrition and health.

The Sowing Seeds for Life menstrual dispensers are placed in the women’s restroom in a bright red box.

Women’s restrooms are located on the first and second floor of the BSC. The quote on the red box dispenser states, “Changing the world one cycle at a time.”

The pads and tampons offered in the free BSC dispensers are stated to be 100 percent natural cotton, biodegradable, Food and Drug Administration approved with no synthetic chemicals and dyes added in.

Last academic year, the closest location to purchase feminine products was at the Bronco Express. The price for the products ranged from \$3.39 to \$5.69 based on the choice of the product, the quantity and size.

The BSC also previously provided a pad and tampon dispenser for the price of 25 cents.

The Student Health and Wellness Services and the Women’s Resource Center have always provided free pads and tampons and continue to do so.

The BSC location is easier for students to access because the building stands near the center of campus.

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PARKING: New student lot opened off campus to help relieve parking congestion

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than I used to. Parking has always been bad, but now it seems a lot worse.”

Students usually see campus police around the parking lots and streets of CPP, but may not be aware of how they handle parking problems.

“We focus on vehicular and pedestrian safety,” Chief Robinson said.

Campus PD often have officers out between the busy hours of 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., directing traffic and counting parking spaces from each lot and structure.

These spaces are counted to inform campus police how many spaces are still available, which allows them to direct the traffic flow toward open parking.

A common student complaint is about how officers are blocking off entrances to parking lots.

Campus PD blocks off the filled lot entrances to help save time for students looking for a parking spot. Parking lots will only be blocked off if they are completely full.

Chief Robinson advises students to “save time and gas by going directly to available parking rather than circling busy lots.”

“UPD Parking and Transportation staff will direct you to available parking,” he said.

If the parking lots are full, parking structures 1 and 2 are the best options for parking because parking structure 1 contains over 2,200 parking spaces and parking structure 2 has over 1,600 parking spaces.

Due to the parking congestion and higher than average number of newly admitted students at CPP, there is a new temporary parking lot located on Corporate Center Drive and is operational Monday through Thursday with approximately 360 parking spaces for students.

The long distance from the new parking lot to campus is too far of a walk for students, so there is a dedicated shuttle service, the E Shuttle, available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. that connects to the Student Services Building.

According to cpp.edu/~parking/index.shtml, the worst times to travel on campus are Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

These traffic hours aren’t just for students; faculty and staff are affected by parking troubles as well.

Mariano Baez, adjunct faculty member in the economics department, noticed how parking has affected the students in his classes.

“Sometimes students show up 30-40 minutes [late] during class because it took them an hour to find parking,” Baez said.

“It can be somewhat disruptive to class. There can be a few students who come in late, but they are very respectful about it.”

Nicole Garabedian, first-year nutrition student, believes parking can add stress to students because of the possible repercussions of tardiness in their classes.

“I feel some professors aren’t lenient about being late to class, [and] that will affect studies and grades going down just because students couldn’t find parking,” Garabedian said.

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Parking structure 1 is the first go-to parking for students, which leaves it more than halfway full in the morning.



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Campus police assists students with all student vehicle and parking issues, like Lead Public Safety Officer Warren Owusu opening a car door for a student who was locked out.

BSC: Pads and tampons 100% cotton, 100% free



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With the considerable number of students on campus, it’s encouraged to only take what is needed.



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Based on the success of the dispenser in the BSC, more may be popping up on campus in the future.

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“I am honestly really happy because this is much more convenient for me,” said Alexandra Principe, a third-year liberal arts student. “I live in the village so it would be less of a trip for me to go back home.”

Female students have stressed the need for free and convenient locations to obtain menstrual products on campus because pads and tampons are a necessity with regards to women’s health and sanitary needs.

“We will also share our findings from the pilot with university officials responsible for the other facilities across campus,” Miller said.

This new addition is inspiring new projects regarding free menstrual products on campus. Facilities Planning and Management has future plans for this pilot project to extend to be feasible to all ASI-operated facilities, such as the Bronco Recreational and Intramural Complex.

“This is a pilot project in only one bathroom, so our hope is that we understand the demand for free products, track the utilization, and identify the resources needed to expand the program to more restrooms across campus,” said Alyssa Christiansen, ASI care coordinator.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Hit & run property damage - notified

11:02 a.m., Aug. 26
Parking Lot F4, Beat 2,
Kellogg Drive, Pomona
Disposition: Information only

DUI - alcohol/drugs

5:43 p.m., Aug. 26
Building #211A & B - Agriscapes,
4102 University Drive, Pomona
Disposition: Information only

DUI alcohol - 0.08 percent

Building #211A & B - Agriscapes,
4102 University Drive, Pomona
Disposition: Information only

Grand theft - other +\$950

Reported Aug. 26, 8:40 p.m.
Mail Room, 3801 West
Temple Ave., Pomona

Disposition: Inactive/
Suspended

Grand theft - other +\$950

3:30 p.m., Aug. 26
Parking Lot B - Beat 4,
Kellogg Drive, Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Hit & run - damage only, no suspect info

8:00 a.m., Aug. 27
Parking Lot M - 3801 West
Temple Ave., Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Use of another ID to obtain credit/etc.

Reported Aug. 27, 5:39 p.m.
Bronco Commons, Eucalyptus
Lane/University Drive, Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Unauthorized use of personal ID to obtain credit

Reported Aug. 28, 10:39 a.m.
Building #26 - Union Plaza,
Camphor Lane, Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Hit & run property damage

3:30 p.m., Aug. 28
Building #3, 3801 West
Temple Ave., Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Grand theft - other +\$950

Building #94, 3801 West
Temple Ave., Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/
Suspended

Vandalism - \$400 or more damage

Reported Aug. 28, 7:07 p.m.
Building #107 - Parking
Structure, Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Hit & run - damage only no suspect info

10:00 a.m., Aug. 28
Building #107 - Parking
Structure, Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Sodomy

8:30 p.m., Aug. 28
Parking Lot A - Beat 1,
Mansion Lane, Pomona
Disposition: Cleared by arrest

Sexual battery - felony

8:30 p.m., Aug. 28
Parking Lot A - Beat 1,
Mansion Lane, Pomona
Disposition: Cleared by arrest

Violation of parole - felony

8:30 p.m., Aug. 28

Parking Lot A - Beat 1,
Mansion Lane, Pomona
Disposition: Cleared by arrest

Possess forged notes/etc.

Reported Aug. 28, 3:31 p.m.
Building #55 - Foundation
Office, Kellogg Drive/
Eucalyptus Lane, Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Burglary - residential

Reported Aug. 29, 6:56 p.m.
University Village - Beat 4,
3400 Poly Vista, Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Hit & run - damage only no suspect info

8:00 a.m., Aug. 28
Parking Lot M - Beat 1, University
Drive/Camphor Lane, Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Hit & run - damage only no suspect info

3:00 p.m., Aug. 26
Building #107, 3801 West
Temple Ave., Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Petty theft - other

10:00 a.m., Sept. 1
Building #70 - Los
Olivos, University Drive/
Sycamore Lane, Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended

Deface with paint/etc.

10:38 a.m., Sept. 2
Building #193 - Chilled Water
Pl, University Drive, Pomona
Disposition: Inactive/Suspended



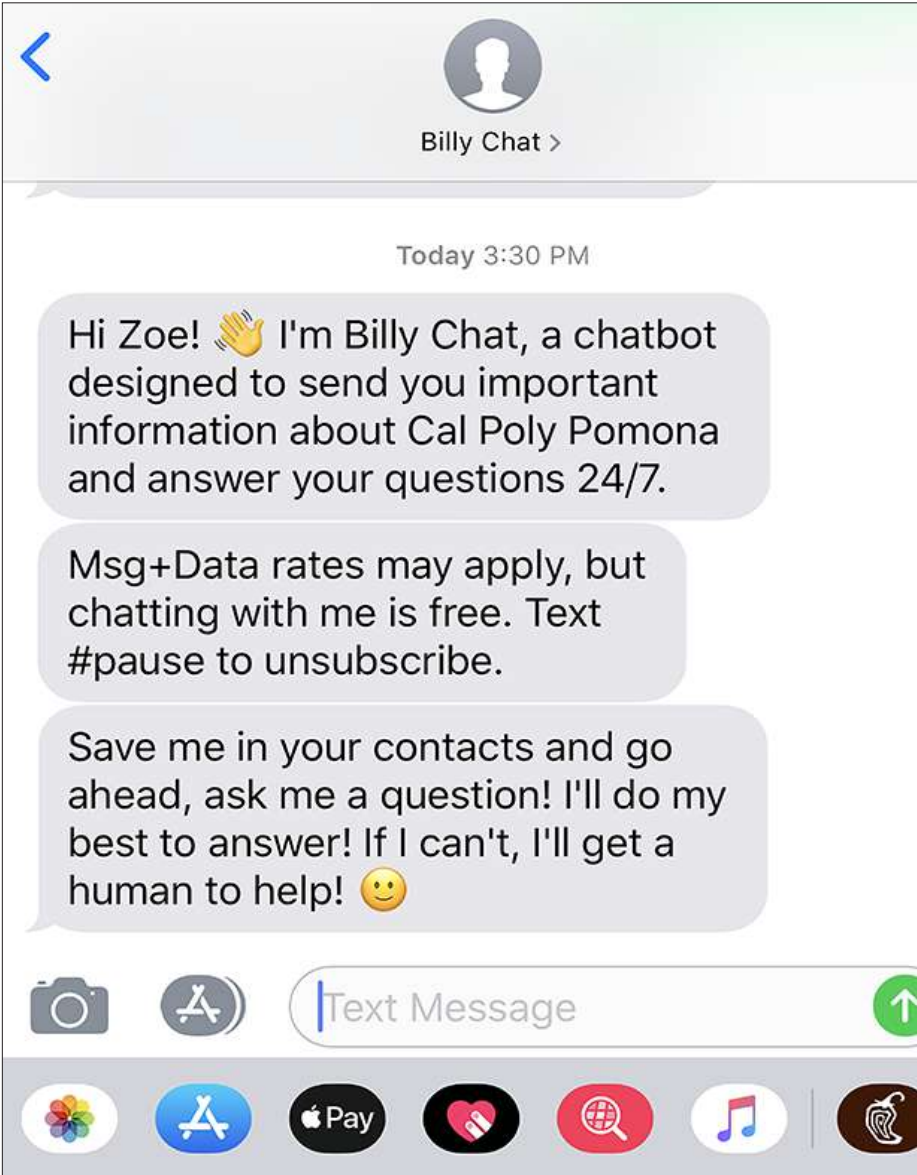
CSU bans single-use plastics throughout campuses



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All straws on campus have been switched to either paper or compostable material.

BILLY CHAT: CPP is now the second CSU school to establish an AI chat bot



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Billy Chat will send an introductory text with the option to opt out of the messages.

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get escalated. Student questions and identities are being collected and saved, officials said.
Aside from sending out general information to all incoming students about deadlines and important dates, the chatbot will also be used for targeted campaigns for groups of students who need to turn in important documents or need to take placement tests and more.
Billy Chat is supported by the platform AdmitHub, a higher education company specializing in artificial intelligence and mobile messaging.
CPP is part of six California State Universities (CSU) — Channel Islands, East Bay, Humboldt, Northridge, San Marcos and Sonoma — that are working with AdmitHub and received the Irvine Foundation grant in March 2019 to invest in their own versions of the chatbot.
This first year of Billy Chat was paid for by student success funds while the Irvine Foundation grant will cover the three years after.
“Most of the other campuses who are using [chatbot] are only using it with freshmen,” Gomez said.
“I know transfers need help to adjust to the school, they just need different help than freshmen. So I wanted to

make sure we paid to have freshmen using it and transfer students.”
CPP is the second CSU school to launch the chatbot and is currently the only CSU school using the chatbot for both first-year and transfer students.
Compared to other chatbots with an average of 20 percent student engagement, Billy Chat has a successful rate of 80 percent.
Students are able to opt out and mute Billy. Since May, only 0.2% have opted out from the chatbot.
Recent data shows that Billy has a total of 1,360 understandings available, meaning the amount of single questions which are still being added each week, and a total of 242 things learned since the launch date.
Data also shows that there have been over 1,313 hours of staff time saved, meaning that now staff have more time to focus on complex questions students have.
The team is working to expand Billy Chat in hopes of making it accessible to second-year students next academic year and to all students on campus by the 2021 academic year.
For further questions regarding Billy Chat, students can email askbilly@cpp.edu.

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By 2023, single-use plastics will be a thing of the past as the Cal State University (CSU) system has initiated a ban targeting specific plastics throughout all 23 state campuses.
Focusing on a more sustainable future, the four single-use categories included in the ban are plastic straws, plastic carry-out bags, plastic water bottles and Styrofoam.
The CSU maintains a strong commitment to sustainable practices as it collectively holds the largest student population for a public university.
As the state of California is still working to reduce plastic waste, it provided a sense of leadership for the CSU to align with, stated Tamara Wallace, sustainability programs manager in the CSU Chancellor’s office.
Wallace said, “We are not the first but we are still at the forefront of this, and we champion the intentions of the policy which is to minimize our impact overall on the environment.”
Jan. 1 was the first deadline enforced by the CSU, which eliminated plastic straws and carryout bags by that date.
While each campus is given flexibility in the alternatives they provide, all campuses must be compliant given their specific means.
To gain awareness of what was to come, Cal Poly Pomona began showcasing its “skip the straw” signage throughout various dining areas to encourage students to get on board with ditching single-use plastic.
At the start of the current fall semester, all plastic straws on campus were changed to either paper or compostable straws.
This past summer, there was a community effort with staff and students sampling various products, stated Arielle Torrez, marketing development coordinator for CPP Foundation Dining Services.
Torrez said the CSU system has been helpful in aiding this transition.
“Their communicative efforts to us are definitely very focused on the idea of what we can do as a CSU [school] overall to better the environment and to just do our part as far as making our campus a better place overall.”
According to Torrez, students can

purchase metal straws at all convenience stores, such as Saddles Cafe, for \$1.50.
“I think that a lot of people are willing to pay a small amount extra to do something that they know is better for the environment,” Sustainability Coordinator Monika Kamboures said.
Metal straws are available to purchase at non-branded stores on campus, such as Saddles Cafe and International Grounds.
However, straws are not the only plastic item that CPP has already begun to phase out.
In 2016, Styrofoam for food services was eliminated, which placed CPP a little ahead of the CSU changes.
More recently, CPP Dining Services began getting rid of 20-fluid-ounce water bottles at Poly Fresh in the Bronco Student Center and are looking into adding more water refill stations.
Reusable containers are also a new effort at the residential dining halls, such as Los Olivos, aiming to cut back on plastic carry-out food containers.
With the new dining hall opening in 2020, Torrez stated they are making sure reusable containers are available to purchase for \$5.
Once the container has been purchased, students are able to drop off the container to get washed and receive a new one.
In addition, plastic bags at dining services have been eliminated, and reusable totes are available at the Vista Market, according to Torrez.
Cal State Los Angeles is one of the many CSU campuses that has also taken strong initiatives to comply with the system-wide ban.
Outreach and education are vital in ensuring a smooth transition, stated Brad Haydel, energy and sustainability manager at Cal State L.A.
“With other bans across the state, I think it is helpful for the students to understand how important the issue is,” Haydel said.
Everyone seems to agree that a strong component to this transition has been the communal efforts within the CSU.
“The whole community needs to be involved,” Wallace said. “Every opportunity to raise awareness is critical to making sure the policy is successful.”

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Rocket team soars to first place

By ZUVANNY MACIAS
Staff Writer

Over the summer, the Undergraduate Missiles, Ballistics, and Rocketry Association (UMBRA) took first place in the Friends of Amateur Rocketry (FAR) 1030 Rocketry Competition.

The team of around 25 students competed against more than 10 other schools from across the country. The competition took place in the Mojave Desert on Jun. 24.

The UMBRA rocket soared an impressive 24,000 feet in the air, setting a Cal Poly Pomona record, and landed safely.

The University of Central Florida came in second place with its rocket reaching 21,350 feet.

The 14-foot rocket had most of its structural components manufactured on campus and at the makerspace located at Mt. San Antonio College, which was also used to create the rocket.

According to a press release on inlandempire.us, “The 14-foot-tall Bronco rocket, with student-designed and manufactured motors, weighed close to 130 pounds at liftoff and carried a small rover.

It was constructed mostly out of convolute-wound carbon fiber, with the motor casing and fin assembly almost exclusively made out of aluminum.”

Teamwork is necessary when it comes to building a rocket;



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The 14-foot rocket reached an impressive height of 24,000 feet, winning the team the first-place prize.

because of this UMBRA often divides each major section of the rocket and the project manager appoints a lead for that section.

The different teams include the systems lead, structure lead, propulsion, avionics and payload lead. Within these teams, members are divided based on skillset or desire and placed into one of the team categories.

There were a few major challenges that the UMBRA

team had to overcome before making it to the competition. They had to fix parts such as the fin can, rocket motor and nose cone, which are important structural components for the rocket.

As Dimitrios Jarvis, fourth-year aerospace engineer and president of UMBRA said, “Like a salvaged car, we went to the boneyard and got pieces of all kinds of rockets.”

The challenge after that was getting all the components to

fit together, but the team made it work.

UMBRA is working on at least two projects this academic year: the FAR 1030 competition again and the NASA University Student Launch Initiative.

The team and its different projects are funded by a variety of sponsors like the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI), the aerospace department, and the team’s own design, build and flight fund.

The team has access to

resources such as an Airwolf 3D printer that was paid for by the aerospace department. They use this printer to make parts that can be very hard to get a hold of, and the printer plastic is strong enough to design and manufacture their own parts.

UMBRA also promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) through its outreach program.

Over the summer, the team held Aerospace Day where they helped middle school students learn about general aerospace concepts by building bottle rockets with them.

While dominated by engineering students, the club is open to any major and is open to teaching those who know nothing about aerospace and want to learn.

UMBRA meets during U-hour every Thursday in the Bronco Bookstore, Building 66, room 202.

“Well, it’s hands-on experience for designing and manufacturing of most of the components,” said Jessie Portillo, a fifth-year aerospace engineer student and UMBRA member. “Usually if you don’t know a skill you can pick it up or if you don’t know how to do a certain thing you can get better at it by joining in these projects.”

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Steps toward a low-impact campus

By LAUREN BRUNO
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Concrete recycling bins, Big Belly receptacles, trash cans – there are many spots around campus to dispose of waste, but it can be difficult to categorize which items should and shouldn’t be recycled.

As it is becoming increasingly important to be environmentally conscious, it can be daunting to keep up with the ever-changing standards of sustainability.

At Cal Poly Pomona, the Office of Sustainability is working to make the process more streamlined with the campus community.

Toward the end of 2018, Sustainability Coordinator Monika Kamboures worked with former Associated Students, Inc. President Jenny Greenberg to increase recycling and the number of receptacles throughout campus. They started by conducting an audit to determine how many recycling bins were located on campus.

“We had 13 [recycling bins] when we started the audit,” Kamboures said.

Today, the school boasts around 80 concrete recycling bins as well as Big Belly recycling bins, which can be

found all around campus. They also implemented pairing recycling bins with trash bins so they are easier to locate.

According to Facilities Planning and Management’s Commingled Recycling Program, recycling bins on campus are designated for items such as paper, cardboard, empty plastic and glass bottles, empty aluminum cans, magazines, newspapers, catalogs, books and shredded paper that has been bagged.

Items that should not be recycled in these bins are Styrofoam, food items, wet trash, broken glass, used napkins and restroom trash.

Krista Anderson, a third-year business student, expressed concern about the prevalence of this information when she encountered a recent dilemma.

“The other day, I had a glass bottle [to throw away] and I didn’t know where to put it.”

The Office of Sustainability is taking steps to resolve concerns such as Anderson’s by adding signage to the recycling bins to show what can be discarded in them.

Many of the Big Belly recycling bins on campus currently have these

depictions.

“Our focus is standardizing recycling and making it easier for students to know what’s recyclable,” Kamboures said.

While CPP is working toward becoming a more sustainable campus and promoting recycling, there are still areas that could be improved upon.

Fifth-year biology student Tiffany Bowles said, “[The school] could definitely advertise that we have specific recycling bins we can use that shouldn’t be contaminated with other trash. It’s really important in the environment that we’re living in that we recycle as much as we can.”

CPP will also be participating in the removal of single-use plastics in compliance with a recent initiative implemented by the California State University (CSU) system.

In 2018, the CSU system announced the objective, which includes the elimination of plastic bags and straws in 2019, Styrofoam in 2021 and plastic water bottles in 2023 across each of the 23 state universities.

According to the CSU website, all campuses shall “replace single-use plastic items with materials that are

reusable, locally compostable and/or recyclable.”

Kamboures confirmed that CPP is implementing these new standards.

According to a recent announcement from CPP Foundation Inc. and the office of Aaron Neilson, director of Foundation Dining Services, “Cal Poly Pomona Foundation Dining Services has eliminated the use of plastic straws on campus.”

As an alternative, dining locations will offer plant-based straws, and metal reusable straws will be available for purchase in campus convenience stores.

According to CPP’s website, “We’ve increased our landfill diversion rate from 19 percent in 2002 to 67 percent in 2015. Our new goal is to increase CPP’s rate of waste diverted from landfill to 75 percent.”

For recycling facts and tips on how to reduce waste, visit <https://www.cpp.edu/~fpm/fm/logistics/index.shtml>.

For more information about what CPP is doing to promote environmental sustainability, visit <https://www.cpp.edu/~sustainability/mission-and-vision/index.shtml>.

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Grubhub app replaces Tapingo

By JANNETT DIAZ
Staff Writer

Leaving behind Tapingo this new academic year, there’s a new dining app available on campus, Grubhub.

This is a known online ordering company that delivers food from local restaurants or prepares for pickup.

This well-known app is now available for use here on campus for students.

Foundation Dining Services employee Betsy De La Hoya confirms Grubhub bought Tapingo, which is the reason why Cal Poly Pomona made the switch.

Both apps made ordering food easier by allowing students to order ahead of time and

remove the stress of waiting in line.

However, Tapingo was designed only for college campuses, making it exclusive to other dining applications. As for Grubhub, it’s for all local restaurants near a user’s destination.

Combining both applications makes it easier for the user to order while on or off campus.

Fourth-year sociology student Melissa Jaime stated how convenient it’s been to order food without having to stand in line. Just a tap on the phone and the order will be placed. One less issue for the fast pace of college life.

“I get to sit and catch

up on homework while my food is getting ready,” Jaime said. “Once I reach the counter my name is ready on top of my order.”

Students will get waiting times for dining spots across campus when placing an order, then receive separate notifications when the order has been placed and once it’s ready for pickup. Each restaurant has a pickup zone with the Grubhub sign hanging above.

Grubhub is especially useful when it’s U-hour on campus and every dining area’s line is long. Downloading the app will give students \$2 off the first order.

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Grubhub recently bought Tapingo, making the switch university-wide.

CPP students take on L.A. County Fair

By **LAUREN BRUNO**
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As expected, the opening week at the Los Angeles County Fair was a big hit.

Upon entering the event, it's hard not to take notice of the giant illuminated Ferris wheel and the sound of screams as fairgoers twist through the air on adrenaline-rushing rides.

Game-winners tote around their oversized stuffed animals like badges of honor, and smells of smoky barbecue and sweet cotton candy waft through the air as adults, teens and toddlers alike roam the fairgrounds, taking in all the spectacle has to offer. It's clear the L.A. County Fair is a place for all ages to enjoy.

This year's theme, "L.A. County Fair Goes Pop," is a love song to Los Angeles County, highlighting its hand in iconic pop culture through the decades. While the concept might not be very prevalent throughout the fair, there are designated areas where the nostalgic theme is clear.

Katelin Melendez, a third-year Spanish student, attended the fair over opening weekend. "I thought the pop culture theme was pretty cool, but I felt like it wasn't as



The Bronco Cheer Team makes its way down the parade, representing school pride and spirit.

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integrated into the fair as it could have been," Melendez said. "The POP Architecture area was fun to look at but it could have been bigger since that was the whole theme."

The Hill at the fair features the L.A. POP Architecture area. This space spotlights pop art interpretations of some of the most recognizable locations in the Greater

Los Angeles area, such as Santa Monica, the San Gabriel Mission, Randy's Donuts, Los Angeles City Hall, the Hollywood sign, Chinatown and many more. The photo opportunities here are abundant.

Another Instagram-worthy area is the Flower & Garden Pavilion, "Pops of Color," where fairgoers are greeted by vibrant Andy Warhol-inspired

art installations and playful sceneries that pay tribute to film favorites such as "Jurassic Park" and "Jumanji," as well as classic shows like "Gilligan's Island" and "Bonanza." The Pavilion also contains beautiful floral displays with props that were used on floats from this year's Tournament of Roses Parade.

The quirky fair food

is another feature that draws in the crowds year after year. Pablo Pirir, an upper-division physics/astrophysics student, took advantage of the smorgasbord.

"[At the fair] I ate a lot of barbecue, bacon-wrapped mushrooms stuffed with gouda [cheese] and chicken and waffles on a stick. As for sweets, I tried a cotton candy ice cream sandwich," Pirir

said. These are only a few choices out of the huge variety of eats the fair offers.

Keeping tradition alive, Cal Poly Pomona contributed to the fair in several ways. The Bronco Pep Band performed at the CPP Day Parade on Sept. 6, and the Huntley College of Agriculture provided animals for the fair's petting farm.

According to CPP's Twitter, "200+ sheep, goats, cows [and] pigs" were delivered to the fair ahead of opening weekend.

Fair attendees flocked to the petting farm at The Big Red Barn to feed and interact with the herds of goats and sheep, clearly making this one of the most popular attractions.

Shane Castellanos, fourth-year psychology student enjoyed this aspect of the festivities.

"I got a chance to go with my nephew and my mom," Castellanos said. "They thought it was cool that most of the animals actually come from CPP."

All of this and more can be enjoyed at Pomona's local annual fair. The fair is open Wednesdays through Sundays until Sept. 22, so there is still plenty of time to join in on all the fun.

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Furry friends waiting to be visited and petted at the L.A County Fair.



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Views of the fair starting to light up at sundown on a warm summer day.



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The L.A County Fair has a wide selection of savory and sweet fried food.



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Riding bumper cars is a classic way for fun on a day at the fair.

Latinx theater pays homage to its heritage



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Teatro Liberado’s goal is to continue to bring more stories from marginalized communities to the stage.

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Karina Lopez kneels on a stage runway rifling through a suitcase. She is spotlit as a Spanish guitar softly strums through the silence. Behind her are colorful seats where women sit frozen in a scene of “café con comrades” (coffee with friends). Lopez pulls out a sequined dress, saying “My mother ... My mother is gold!” The music picks up and the woman springs to life with laughter. After graduating from Cal Poly Pomona, Larry Mayorquin and Yané Garcia found it difficult to land representational work in theater. Instead of accepting

the prospects, the two felt inspired to create their own space. In fall 2018, they co-founded the Pomona-based Teatro Liberado, a Latinx theater group made up of Cal Poly actors with a mission in social justice. “Teatro Liberado means family. It is a safe space where we encourage each other to know our roots and celebrate our roots,” Garcia said. The group’s first project, “Caminos: A Mother’s Journey,” was a year-long collaborative project. Its soft public debut on Sept. 1 was in the CPP Second Stage series. This show hits close

to the heart as all members interviewed their mother figures to retell their stories. The production outlines the struggles their mothers and grandmothers faced when immigrating and raising families in the U.S. Former theater student Eluzai Salmeron joined as a Spanish script supervisor as well as a hair and makeup specialist. She felt motivated to shed light on these narratives in the current political climate. Detention camps continue to hold those caught fleeing across the southern U.S. border. With each passing

day, public concern about the inhumanity of such actions continues to increase. “I grew up thinking it wasn’t right [to be an immigrant],” Salmeron said. “But getting so much positive feedback really broke me. “It was nice to see that there are people out there that support you. It felt nice to be understood and heard. I think that is what we are about. Personally, it’s healing.” Sam ‘Mita’ Avila leapt at the opportunity to join Teatro Liberado and fills the role of actress as well as social justice coordinator. The group sees the effect representation and affirmation have

on its community and wants to see more. “Knowledge is power,” Avila said. “Using your privileges to assist undocumented folks can make a big difference. We want people to be inspired to use their voice.” These stories are raw and powerful, true-life events. For many, it is a peek into a world they would have never known. For others, it is all too familiar. After the final bow, the house lights came on revealing tears flowing freely down many of the audience’s faces. Many of the women who shared themselves sat front row for the opening.

Estrella Q. Ramirez was among them. Her daughter Rebeca Ramirez co-wrote the play and supervised the Spanish script. Estrella is from Guadalajara, Jalisco in Mexico and her character, Flor, is performed by Blanca Léanos. She said in Spanish, “It’s important for the next generation to understand what it cost the women in their families to come [to the U.S.]. They come from strong mothers and families. Whatever happens happens, and we always support each other.” The future is bright for Teatro Liberado. Larry explained that its goal is to continue to bring more stories from marginalized communities to the stage. They are working to publish “Caminos” so that it can be performed anywhere the stage is set. This, he hopes, could be a way to pass them on to future generations. If you can’t catch the show, don’t stress. The full-length performance will be on Nov. 9-10 at the dA Center for the Arts in downtown Pomona. Be sure to bring a box of tissues! For more information, Teatro Liberado can be found on Instagram @teatroliberado.

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CPP BroncoSpace aims for the sky, literally

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Cal Poly Pomona’s College of Engineering gained a new group over summer 2019 dedicated to the construction of CubeSats, miniature cube-shaped satellites for space research to be launched into outer space. This new group named BroncoSpace officially launched over this past summer, fulfilling plans for an on-campus dedicated space club that had been formed as early as January 2019. Their ultimate goal is to launch a CubeSat into outer space, which would achieve the first space launch in CPP’s history. BroncoSpace is CPP’s dedicated space program birthed from the College of Engineering. Its president is second-year aerospace engineering student Michael Pham, and its vice president is fourth-year aerospace engineering student Jacob Harbuck.

The goal of the BroncoSpace club is to achieve successful launches into outer space. For the near future, the club is focusing on launching weather balloons into the atmosphere, which would get its foot in the door to official launches. The group hopes to have a weather balloon launch in January 2020. The long-term goal is



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BroncoSpace meets and discusses future projects and possibilities for the new club.

to have a CubeSat built from commercial off-the-shelf components for its circuitry and casing built within two years, and to develop the necessary infrastructure to build even more to be launched. However, since BroncoSpace is a relatively new club, the goal with highest priority is to

gain more members. Its official website, www.broncospace.org, currently counts its members at only eight. Also, the site states the club is currently in search of a webmaster. BroncoSpace is currently engaged in the Balloon Launch Assessment Directive for Engineers program

(BLADE). The goal is, in the BroncoSpace official website’s own terms, “to generate interest in the CubeSat design process for prospective members of the club, which will be achieved by hosting a 1U CubeSat design competition starting at the beginning of each fall semester.” Check out: <https://>

broncospace.org/portfolio/blade/. CPP’s space program currently has no launches created or achieved, but there are plans to change that as early as next January. However, sister campus Cal Poly San Luis Obispo currently has 11 CubeSat launches recorded, nine of which success-

fully broke out of Earth’s atmosphere and reached outer space as planned. According to vice president Harbuck, BroncoSpace hopes to contribute to the union and cooperation of CPP and Cal Poly SLO. In addition to this, they are also considering doing cooperative missions with University of California, Los Angeles and Texas State. First-year mechanical engineering student William McKinney is overseeing the construction of BroncoSpace’s weather balloons and CubeSats. BroncoSpace is likely to make him the lead of these projects. The club is officially listed under the College of Engineering, giving it official sanction as a campus club. “Our goal is to bring a space vehicle to Cal Poly Pomona,” president Pham said. BroncoSpace currently has no definite physical headquarters on campus, though the group is sponsored by the College of Engineering. Its main website is www.broncospace.org, and the club can be contacted by email at contact@broncospace.org or through the contact form that can be found on the site.

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Review: ‘Steven Universe: The Movie’ comes to screen for the last time

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After 225 days of waiting, “Steven Universe: The Movie,” directed by Rebecca Sugar, premiered on Cartoon Network Monday, Sept. 6, closing out the six-year story of the titular Steven Universe.

The musical film stars Zach Callison, Estelle, Deedee Magno Hall, Michaela Dietz, Sarah Stiles and others, with music composed by Rebecca Sugar, Chance the Rapper, Estelle and more.

The story picks up two years following the show’s finale, showing the audience a now-16-year-old Steven (Zach Callison) leaving Homeworld.

A doting musical number from White Diamond (Christine Ebersole), Blue Diamond (Lisa Hannigan) and Yellow Diamond (Patti LuPone) tries to convince Steven to stay.

Steven returns to Earth with his own musical number about how happy he’s become over the last two years.

He meets up with his family and friends, who also provide their own verse about the peace Steven has brought to the universe.

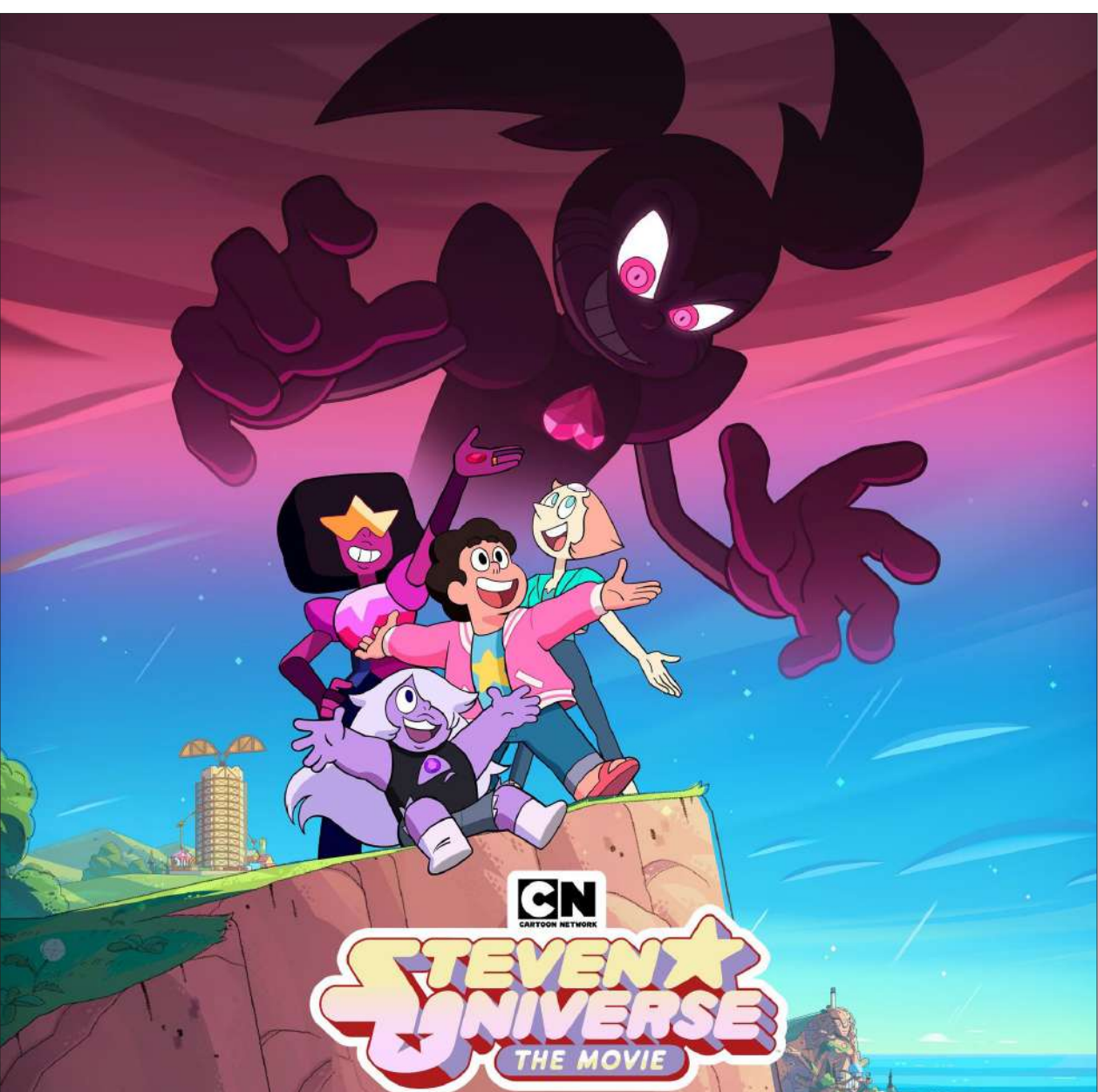
Steven and the Crystal Gems are relaxing on a hillside when the sky becomes a dark magenta. They see a harrowing ship above them and a figure atop it.

The ship crashes into the earth, digging into the hilltop and injecting a poison into the ground, ruining the happiness that Steven has cultivated.

The figure is revealed to be Spinel (Stiles), a “friend” the three diamonds created for Steven’s mom, Pink Diamond.

Spinel sings a daunting number about Pink Diamond abandoning her, and now she wants to take revenge by hurting Steven.

Spinel uses a weapon called a “Rejuvenator” to revert the Crystal Gems to their original forms, wiping their memories clean. Steven then uses this weapon on Spinel



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“Steven Universe” closed out after six years of Steven’s universe and is a fun adventure to embark on. herself, reverting her to her original form as well.

The rest of the movie follows Steven as he tries to help the Crystal Gems and Spinel regain their memories so they can work together to stop the ship from injecting its poison into the earth.

“Steven Universe: The Movie” features the same pink-tinted hues as the television show contrasted against new, dark themes. While the show explored living up to a parent’s legacy, the movie explores abandonment issues.

Spinel’s hatred toward

Pink Diamond for leaving her alone for 6,000 years reflects against Steven’s distrust of Pink Diamond for leaving him a legacy of imperialism and war.

The movie aims to wrap up loose ends from the television show, possibly leaving it to the audience to decide if Steven’s work in championing his mother’s mistakes is done.

The musical movie features a soundtrack with both upbeat and somber tracks. None of the songs from the album were released before the

film’s premiere.

One song, a calm melody sung by Garnet (Estelle) and Steven, is “True Kinda Love.” The song plays while Garnet is dodging a newly memory-recovered attack by Spinel.

The soft song heavily contrasts the disastrous combat scene on screen. The song prompts Steven to go through his own change, allowing him access to his full range of abilities.

Another song, Spinel’s upbeat revenge tune “Other Friends,” lends to her old-school Mickey

Mouse look. The song has a bouncy sound and lends itself to the confusing and bouncy fight scene.

For fans of the show, “Steven Universe,” old and new, is a fun adventure to watch Steven embark on.

The film is rated TV-PG and is available to stream on Cartoon Network’s app. The Soundtrack is available on Spotify or iTunes.

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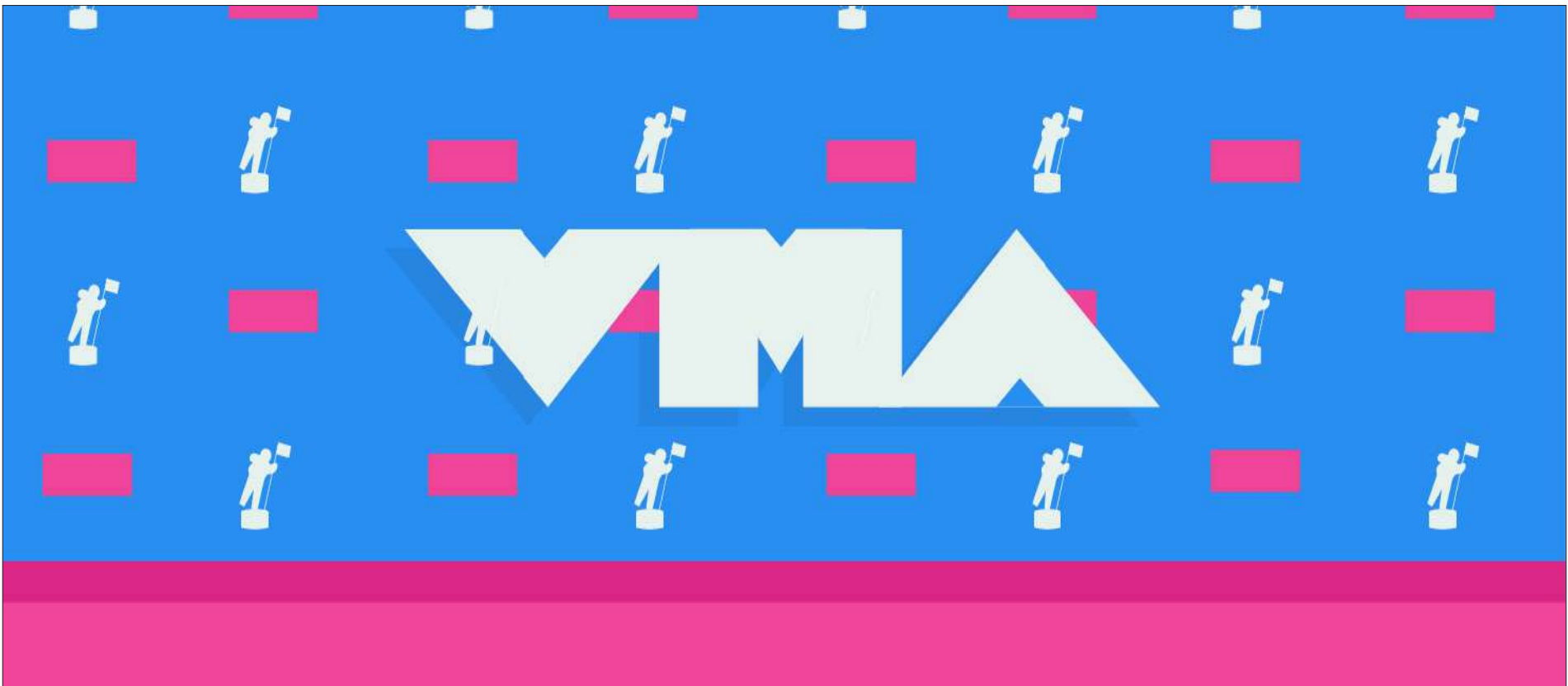
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This year’s MTV Video Music Awards were held to a new standard and are receiving an abundance of praise by both media and viewers since.

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2019 MTV Video Music Awards makes history

By **NOUK KEOVYPHONE**
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The 2019 MTV Video Music Awards were a force to be reckoned with. The rich and famous were ready to showcase their striking looks on the red carpet. However, the event wasn’t all about the glitz and glamour. The occasion highlighted different groups, such as the LGBTQ and dance communities.

Not only were the celebrities ready to take on the night, this year’s award show became diverse in various aspects.

Genelle Nkwochk, a third-year bio-tech major, said, “The VMAs were very interesting this year compared to other years, that’s for

sure.”

Key highlights consisted of Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello’s big win for Best Collaboration for “Señorita,” leading into their lustful performance of their award-winning song. Another key highlight was Lil Nas X scoring “Song of the Year” for his song, “Old Town Road,” that took over the Billboard charts.

Aside from the victories and performances, the most monumental victories went to Taylor Swift and Missy Elliot. The “Video of the Year” moon man award went to Taylor Swift’s “You Need to Calm Down.”

As Swift thanked her team and fans, she mentioned at the end of her video there was a petition for the Senate

to support the Equality Act. The signatures on the petition bypassed the amount that was needed for action and she signaled that time is ticking. Her time ticking signal was referring to the pending action that the Senate has yet to change. Swift wanted to make it clear that we all deserved to be treated equally through her video that also included infamous LGBTQ icons.

Anne Solorzano, a first-year criminology major, said, “I feel like it was very good for her to use her platform because a lot of people that I know listen to her music and look up to her for a lot of things and really enjoy her videos and her songs. So, using that as a plat-

form like could help spread a lot of awareness that either don’t know about the community or have turned a blind eye to it.”

Missy Elliott accepted the biggest honor of the night and took home the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award. Proclaimed artists with the highest musical accomplishments are recognized with this righteous award.

Missy Elliott’s rise to fame started in the early to mid-1990s and left a trademark in the music industry. Her music videos showcased forms of art, such as visual production and dance. After 17 years, Alyson Stoner, dancer and Disney actress, made a guest appearance on

the stage with Elliott that led the audience to jump to its feet. She [Missy Elliott] ended her speech with dedicating this award to the dance community from all around the world. Elliott said, “Ya’ll are not props, ya’ll are the icing on the cake, ya’ll are the beat to the heart.”

“What she said about dancers is extremely motivating as a dancer,” said Matt Nyguen, a fourth-year political science major.

“Not only motivating in a sense of wanting to perform for a big artist or wanting to even make a big name for myself, but motivating in a way that gives the act of dancing a little bit more appreciation.” Throughout Elliot’s

career, her respect is known for the dance community. She dedicated the award to them to make sure everyone knows how grateful and humble she is about their hard work.

Overall, the MTV VMAs left a mark in history. This year’s award show wasn’t only about the awards and performances, but also about the people. Viewers vote for their favorite artists in hopes that they’ll take home a silver moon man. The artists catered to the viewers and especially their fans. MTV’s platform received the utmost praise by not only the media, but the viewers as well.

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Review: Everyone’s In Love with Taylor Swift’s ‘Lover’

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Taylor Swift drifts further away from country with her new pop album “Lover.”

Her latest album varies in many different sounds, from the soothing and whimsical sounds of the song “It’s Nice to Have A Friend” to her hit song “ME!” featuring Brendon Urie of Panic! At the Disco.

Although most songs have a different impression than her past work, few songs on “Lover” have similar sounds to her earlier albums.

The song “Soon You’ll Get Better” features the country music group Dixie Chicks. This slow, country song brings fans back to her 2010 “Speak Now” album where her country music was at its strongest. “Soon You’ll Get Better” shows she has not left her roots completely, but simply adding on pop as a part of herself.

The album “Lover” is a continuation of her finding her sound as a pop artist as well as diversifying her songs as a musician. And the jury is still out to determine if this change is good or not.

But, while finding her new self, it’s also nice to hear some of her old self present in her newest album.

She challenges herself not only with the quality of the songs, but the quantity as well.

With 18 songs on the album, this is Swift’s largest album (previous had 16 songs) and has four different versions of the album.

These versions do not have different songs, but rather four different editions and pictures featuring the singer.

The multiple versions of Swift’s album are a new concept for the pop singer.

She opens herself even further to her fans with personal journal entries dating back to her earliest years in her career.

Swift shows a side of herself rarely seen to the public through these versions.

Although Taylor Swift is continuously achieving success, the Cal Poly Pomona student community is not fully in support of her new album.

“I think it’s too poppy,” said Damar Blanchet, a fourth-year kinesiology student. “I think that if she stayed with her original music she would have thrived more.”

Moreover, students are not happy with what she has done in the past musically and what inspires the music.

“She needs to stop focusing her world around men,” said Gerardo Flores, a fourth-year liberal arts student, referring to her use of past relationships to inspire her songs.

But in the album “Lover,” her songs



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Taylor Swift’s “Lover” made a strong comeback for her career and her new sound.

diversify in her personal experiences from childhood memories to present romances.

However, regardless of what Cal Poly Pomona students think, Swift thrives through this album.

The album debuted at

No. 1 on the Billboard 200 album chart with about 679,000 albums sold and 226 million streams, according to USA Today.

Also, her music video for the song “You Need To Calm Down” has over 130 million views

in the past two months and just won a VMA for Video of the Year.

No matter what some people think, Swift will continue her climb to new heights in her career.

If people sat down and listened to “Lover,”

there will be at least one song they will love despite their previous opinions of Taylor Swift.

Swift is revolutionizing her music in the right direction.

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Saving money is easier than students think

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Being a college student is a challenge with deadlines or tending to off-campus life. While going to school teaches students to multi-task, nothing trains them to manage finances.

The financial struggles of a college student are well known. The struggle is inescapable, but many overlook simple ways of saving money. At the most basic level, it can be as simple as setting up a budget for yourself and sticking to it.



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Refraining from overspending or staying within your limits is a practice that surpasses financial benefit. Of course, this is mastered over the consistency of a long period of time and there are easier ways to get a head start.

Using apps such as Mint can help control over-spending as well as track expenses and take note of bills to pay each month.

Staying within that budget can be made easy with other apps such as GasBuddy, which lists lower gas rates around

you. Simple changes can also provide significant money savings over time, such as investing in a coffeemaker at home instead of purchasing a cup every day.

Learn to cook ready-made meals for school and work instead of eating out. If you do eat out, take advantage of happy hour or special deals available.

Get into the habit of using student discounts and always keep your Bronco ID card handy. Museums and cinemas often offer discounted prices and places like

Chipotle and Chick-fil-A offer free drinks. Why not take advantage of the perks of pursuing an education?

Do not underestimate coupons. Assume every service or product has a coupon and search online before purchasing. Seriously, there are free online coupons for oil changes and birth control.

Groupon is perfect for inexpensive outings and entertainment experiences with large groups. RetailMeNot finds deals for everyday expenses and offers

cash back when buying specific items, much like the Ibotta app that pays the user money to shop for items she or he already needed to purchase.

Signing up for loyalty or rewards programs for places you visit often can give access to exclusive discounts or even free items after time. CashAlarm offers real money for time spent playing specific games. Playing can earn you up to a dollar a day, which adds up at the end of the month.

Adopting side hustles

like selling unused items on Poshmark and Craigslist can earn extra money for things unneeded. Access your inner entrepreneur and sell services online or on campus. Sell your time by becoming a tutor in a subject you’ve mastered, or charge for every paper you proofread. Apps like Fivver pay for small tasks or skills offered, and Esty can be used to sell unique handmade crafts.

More intense side hustles like Uber and Lyft are time-consuming but offer a higher payoff. There are also apps like

UberEats if you are uncomfortable with strangers in your car. The best perk to these apps is the flexibility in work hours, which is much needed as a college student. Money-saving resources are available on campus and are incredibly overlooked. Activities can be found in the Games Room Etc., where exclusive student discounts are offered for places like Disneyland.

An entire monthly bill can be avoided by using the gym on campus instead of maintaining a gym membership. Medical check-ups, tests and vaccinations are free or available at a highly discounted price at the Student Health Services with little to no wait time.

Find ways to exercise the biggest bang for your buck on campus. Whether it be cutting costs or spending more efficiently, saving money is a matter of discipline and consistency. It is not a college doom to struggle for money. Be smart this year and save up.

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Students need nap rooms on campus

By ELIZABETH AQUINO
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The clock reads 2 p.m. You’re sitting in a packed lecture hall with your hand holding up your face to prevent your heavy head from crashing onto your desk.

You’re tempted to close your eyes for a second, but you know that doing so will only lead you into a deep sleep.

If only you could have gotten a few extra hours of sleep last night or snuck in a quick power nap before this class.

Unfortunately, finding a place to nap in between classes, other than in the “comfort” of your sweltering, hot car, is nearly impossible.

The lack of private and quiet napping spaces is an issue among students, especially for commuters who don’t have the luxury of spending their gaps in an on-campus dorm. However, establishing designated nap rooms on campus could resolve this issue.

According to sleepjunkie.org, U.S. students are one of the most sleep-deprived groups in the world.

With the responsibilities of balancing school, jobs, extracurriculars and heavy

workloads, while still keeping up with family time and a social life, it’s not a huge mystery why college students struggle with maintaining a healthy sleep schedule.

But not getting enough sleep can create even bigger problems than just feeling tired during the day.

Forbes has reported that lack of sleep not only causes you to be less productive and sluggish, but it can also lead you to develop serious health problems, like a higher risk of type 2 diabetes, depression and more.

Though sleeping a full eight hours every night is the most effective way to feel energized and productive, not every student has the luxury of sleeping that long, which is why establishing a private and comfortable nap room for students is important.

Most students at CPP spend a majority of their day on campus and could benefit from a quick power nap to help them feel more alert and refreshed.

It can be difficult though, because napping in public areas like the library or BSC can feel uncomfortable and somewhat intrusive.

By creating a private nap room, students can feel more secure

and safe about napping and getting the quick rest they need.

Having a nap room on campus also isn’t a far-fetched or unrealistic idea.

Many universities have already established them on their campuses.

For example, the University of Michigan has nap stations in its library, allowing students to rest in a private cot for up to 30 minutes.

Nap rooms are even becoming increasingly popular in the working world.

Well-known companies like Google and Salesforce have set up nap pods in their offices, to keep tired workers on track.

CPP has been making noticeable strides to enhance student well-being, through programs like Broncos Care Basic Needs Program and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), but sleep deprivation has always been a topic that is overlooked.

Establishing a nap room on campus can help students feel more focused and awake in their classes, as well as make tough days at school more relaxing and manageable.

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Men’s soccer kicks off season in Canada

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The men’s soccer team headed to Canada last week to compete in two preseason matchups at Terry Fox Field in Burnaby, British Columbia.

On Friday, the Broncos faced some familiar competition, No. 13 Simon Fraser, who they competed against twice last season.

Despite an impressive goal by senior midfielder Jimmie Villalobos minutes before the half, the Broncos were unable to get past the Clan, falling 3-1.

The game remained scoreless for the first half hour, until the Clans’ junior forward Matteo Polisi got past the Broncos’ junior goalkeeper Jordan Aldama, taking a 1-0 lead.

Only a couple minutes later, the Clans’ senior forward William Raphael retrieved a ball that ricocheted off the crossbar and bicycle-kicked it into the net for their second goal of the half.

Two minutes before halftime, Villalobos blasted a shot from 20 yards out to give the Broncos their first and only goal of the evening.

“I opened up my hips, it got in the right pocket,



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Jordan Jackmon kicks off his final year with the Broncos, with one goal and four shots on goal against Montana State Billings.

and I put it to my right,” Villalobos said. “I had a good shot and luckily it went in. It was good motivation for us to keep going.”

In the second half, the Clan increased its

lead when Christian Hanche-Olsen scored in the 59th minute, ending the match with a 3-1 advantage.

“I thought we did OK. We had a lot of right moments and stuck to

what our coach asked us to do. The results just didn’t show,” Aldama said. “We had a lot of opportunities. We had a lot of corner kicks, but we just didn’t finish our chances.”

This was the first official match the Broncos competed in with not only their new head coach, Matt O’ Sullivan, but also some new players. “We’ve added some

new important pieces to the group, but I feel like the team is engaged and motivated,” Villalobos said.

“Our recruits never missed a day [of practice],

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Broncos go 2-1 in Concordia Volleyball Classic

By **CARLOS OLIVARES**
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The volleyball team kicked off its preseason last weekend, competing in the Concordia Volleyball Classic, which was a three-day road series in Portland, Oregon.

On Friday, the Broncos opened their first game of the classic with a bang.

They took a commanding three-set sweep (25-21, 25-13, 25-23) over Western Oregon, causing the Wolves to fall to 0-2.

However, the Broncos fell short in their second game.

But they managed to turn things around in their final game to finish with a winning record.

In the Broncos’ first game, junior middle blocker Ally Wilder, junior outside hitter Aofiaolela Faa’agi and freshman outside hitter Jazminn Parrish combined for 31 kills and were heavily assisted by All-American setter Kira Zimmerman with 35 assists.

The Broncos averaged a .322 hitting percentage with a total of 42 kills and 14 errors in 87 attacks.

On the defensive end, sophomore outside hitter Sarah Clausen led with 12 digs and senior opposite-side hitter Karah Griffiths led with four blocks.

“I think our chemistry really came through in that game, which was



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Junior middle blocker Ally Wilder made a total of 11 kills and one block against Western Oregon University.

nice to see,” Coach Dahl said.

“It was a fun match and it was nice for the girls to pull off a three-set win.”

The Broncos’ tables turned in their second game as they were swept (25-22, 25-15, 25-21) by Metropolitan State University on Saturday.

The Broncos fought hard, both offensively and defensively, leading in kills (35) and digs (27).

However, the Roadrunners led in assists (31), rotation points (47) and the largest factor being nine aces compared to the Broncos’ three.

The new additions to the team, Parrish and Faa’agi, are meeting their high expectations, responding with a total of 23 kills.

The Broncos showed resilience in their final game on the road,

playing just five hours after their second game.

They faced off against Concordia University, which went to the wire on the fifth set.

While both teams gave tremendous effort, Parrish brought it all and put the nail in the coffin with the last play being a kill to end the game.

“I saw the opportunity and took it,” Parrish said. “I hit the ball to win, so I tried my best to find an

open spot on the court and expose them.”

The Broncos played exceptionally well defensively, totaling 12 blocks and 80 digs.

Parrish was given a big role and proved her skill, totaling 49 kills while hitting at an average of .445% across three games.

Zimmerman was also a great factor on the court, setting out a total of 102 assists and hustling all

over the court, collecting stats in every category.

“Every single person on our team is really important to our success. And it’s really true because we can’t get anywhere without everyone on our team, improving us every day,” Zimmerman said.

Coach Dahl and the Broncos began the preseason strong going 2-1, which is especially difficult due to the transition of 10 new teammates: Daisy Duke, Dionne Zhao, Taylor Bachmann, Mikayla Diamond, Brynn Sherbert, Jane Woodward, Kylie Brandt, Kaitlan Tucker, Faa’agi and Parrish.

“All of our incoming players have done a really good job of just acclimating and putting themselves into our system,” coach Dahl said.

“Our line is really young and it’s exciting.”

Despite having many newcomers, the Broncos contributed across the board to wrap up the Concordia Volleyball Classic on a high note.

The Broncos now head back home to play four games across three days, beginning with Seattle Pacific at 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 12.

The Broncos will then face off against last year’s national runner-up and No. 2-ranked Western Washington at 8 p.m. the same day.

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Women’s soccer splits over the weekend

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Women’s soccer kicked off its season Sept. 5 with a win, as the Broncos defeated Point Loma Nazarene University 2-0 in San Diego.

The Broncos shot a total of 13 shots in the entire match, seven of which were on target.

Senior midfielder/forward Amanda Duran and senior forward Ambria Pogue were keys to the Broncos’ success, as they each scored one goal.

As soon as the referee blew the whistle, the Broncos attacked and showed their hunger to win with shots on the Sea Lions’ goal.

Minutes later, their efforts were rewarded as Duran got the Broncos on the board.

“I believe I did OK overall. I think everyone showed a lot of composure and everyone played great,” Duran said.

“The goal, I feel, was key for me and gave me more confidence to lead my team to keep on going

in the match. I think it’s really important to start the season with a goal. It helps me push not only myself but others as well to start scoring. And ultimately, it helps build my confidence to continue scoring and push other people.”

After scoring, the Broncos showed their experience and grit as they fought hard early in the second half when the Sea Lions attempted to make a comeback. Sophomore goalkeeper Sydney Williams chipped in with a pair of saves.

“One of our goals before the game was to make sure we defend and attack as a complete unit,” head coach Jay Mason said. “And today I thought the girls supported each other well, worked extremely hard to make it difficult for Point Loma, who is one of the better teams in the region.

“Today I was extremely proud of our back line and the complete group worked their tails off to defend and [I’m] obviously happy for Sydney to start the season with a clean



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Amanda Duran ended the match on Thursday with one goal and three shots, two of which were on goal.

sheet,” Mason said.

“I think it’s important for teams to find confidence for when they can weather the storm in moments of the game because there are tons of momentum shifts that happened and they didn’t panic.”

As the match was coming to an end, Pogue sealed the Broncos’ first win with her first goal of the season on an assist by junior midfielder Jessica Llamas.

“I think I did all right tonight. Towards the

end of the game, when we needed a goal, I put it in. So that was good,” Pogue said.

“Overall, I think the team worked really hard and getting the result was a great confidence booster going into the rest of the season.”

On Saturday afternoon, the Broncos visited the Concordia-Irvine Eagles but came up short as they suffered their first loss of the season, falling 1-0.

The Broncos had five shots total in the game,

three of which were on goal.

For the first 45 minutes, both teams failed to get on the scoreboard with four shots each.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, the host Eagles scored the only goal of the match by Jadenn Carrillo.

The Broncos only had one shot in the entire second half after Pogue took a shot in the 65th minute, but it was unfortunate as it went wide of the goal.

The Eagles were on target and had an efficient day shooting a total of 10 shots, seven of which were on goal. The Broncos, on the other hand, struggled as they went 5-3.

After being away for the first two games, the Broncos will return home to Kellogg Stadium and face the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs’ Mountain Lions at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 13.

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SOCCER: Double over-time ends in a draw against Yellowjackets

Continued from Page 10 that is how committed they are. They are ready to learn and ready to win.”

The Broncos had one day to recover before facing off against another familiar face, Montana State Billings on Saturday morning.

After going into double overtime, the two teams ended in a 1-1 draw.

The Yellowjackets opened up the scoring in the 17th minute, after their junior forward Shantik Bedrosian got past the Broncos’ sophomore goalkeeper Miguel Bayma.

Not long after, the Broncos tied the game up when junior defender Garrett Jansen sent a perfect pass to senior forward Jordan Jackmon, who fired it into the back of the net.

That would wrap the scoring on both sides for the remainder of the regulation.

After two rounds of overtime, the game resulted in a tie.

The Broncos had many chances and dominated the game with 23 shots, 12 of which were on goal.

Bayma ended the game with a total of four saves.

“I think we performed very well in a lot of aspects,” O’Sullivan said.

“The team’s chemistry is one of our strongest points and we are in a great position right now to be really good. I have no doubt that we will be really good because of the relationship and chemistry that the senior guys have built with the new guys.

“We are in the process of building something special and sometimes

when you build something special it takes a little bit of time.”

The Broncos now have three preseason games remaining before conference begins on Sept. 26, when they will take on Cal State San Bernardino.

“We need to stay together. Sometimes you win some and sometimes you lose some,” Villalobos said.

“But I feel very confident going into conference with this team and I think we will make a huge impact this season.”

The preseason continues this week, as the Broncos face off against Azusa Pacific University at Cougar Soccer Field on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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Jordan Aldama makes his Bronco debut with one save against Simon Fraser.

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SEPTEMBER 15 11 AM VS METRO STATE	SEPTEMBER 19 7 PM VS CONCORDIA-IRVINE	SEPTEMBER 12 8 PM VS WESTERN WA.	SEPTEMBER 28 10 AM @ SACRAMENTO

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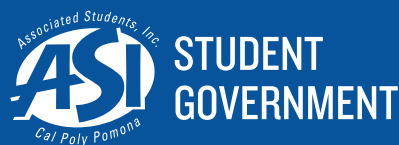
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