Morro station kicking

by BOB GRANATLAFEN

"A lot of people have been saying this operation has folded but that's only a rumor." This is the latest word about the status of radio station KBAL of Morro Bay from one of its staff members, Bill Pierce.

The radio station has been unable to begin broadcasting because of "red tape" surrounding Federal Communications Commission (FCC) action on KBAL's application for a construction permit. Pierce said a group called Morro Bay Broadcasters originally filed the permit application with the FCC and completed construction. After the radio station was 80 per cent complete, according to Pierce, a new group, Morro Bay Investment Corporation, bought out Morro Bay Broadcasters and completed construction. Both companies filed applications with the FCC to transfer the construction permit to the new owners. The applications have been pending since September, Pierce said, and are just now being acted upon.

Pierce said that Morro Bay Investment Corporation's attorney in Washington, D.C., has secured an approval of the applications by November 90. KBAL will broadcast from 6 a.m. to sunset with 500 watts of non-directional power. Pierce indicated he thought the station would reach as far north as San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles. On the south, he said, the station won't be heard much past San Luis Obispo.

KBAL has applied for an FM license too, but must compete for a place on the dial with another company, R & L Broadcasters. (continued on page 3)

Singers perform music of masters

Tombstone inscriptions were sung as musical rounds invented Union 2nd last Thursday, when the University Singers put on their hour-long presentation. The program was the last of the Fall 1974 Arts and Humanities Series. This select 41 member choir, under the direction of John Russell, performed with their customary professional vivacity for a crowded and receptive audience. Following the introductory rounds were motets by Mozart and Brahms.

The Chamber Singers, twelve singers chosen through intensive auditioning from the University Singers, then sang several 16th century madrigals. They were followed by Carol Russell and Clifton Swanson in a duet on the harpsichord and the double bass. Russell began in contact with the University Singers when he first came to this university in the Spring Quarter of 1969. He says of this year's group, "This is a very strong group. We have the strength to voice this year that we've ever had. Through hours of rehearsals and the dedication of these students, we really going to move."

Plans are already being made for the Spring Concert Tour in March, where all the northern California missions will be visited. There is also a tentative itinerary set for a tour of the churches and cathedrals in England and Scotland. The Wind Ensemble, members from the symphonic Band, will accompany the University Singers on this trip in June if the plans work out.

University Singers' president, Ted Easton, says, "We'll be looking for a lot of support next quarter from the student body and the community. We'll be giving performances and staging fund raising activities."
CSUC Trustees vote to approve salary raises for vice presidents

Despite objection from the California State Employees’ Association, the CSUC Trustees voted Wednesday to add the Legislature for an extra 1 percent salary increase for vice presidents and deans. The action, if approved by the Legislature, will permit a total increase of 1.5 percent for vice presidents and deans, whose annual salaries presently average $90,000 and $80,000, respectively.

CSSEA urged the Trustees’ Faculty and Staff Affairs Committee to defer action until an academic salary reform study is completed. “This action is premature,” said George Clark, CSSEA faculty representative. “We have no objection to attractive executive salaries, unless granted at the expense of other employees.”

Clark noted that legislators last year had attempted to reduce salary increases for full professors and above because of legitimate concern for the salaries paid to lower ranks. He predicted a similar reaction from the Legislature and faculty groups if the Trustees acted to increase salaries for vice presidents and deans “before all the facts are in.”

Newton reply from the top

Dear Reader:

After several recent letters appearing in the Mustang Daily concerning the upcoming Wayne Newton concert, I would like to offer my opinion. Newton, a Las Vegas showman, has been the popular music sensation for over two decades. His performances are known for their high-energy and charismatic presence, and his concerts are eagerly anticipated by fans worldwide.

Wayne Newton's concerts have been a significant source of revenue for the university, with proceeds utilized for programs and facilities that benefit all members of the campus community. This event is an opportunity to support the arts and entertain our students, faculty, and staff. The revenue generated from the concert will help fund various initiatives and projects that enhance the educational experience for all.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider attending the Wayne Newton concert. It promises to be an unforgettable experience and a testament to the university’s commitment to providing a diverse and enriching cultural program. I look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[Name]
Editor

Be a Mustang - don’t question

Editor:

In response to the Concerned Student’s letter of 18 November, I must say how delighted I am to think of Wayne Newton’s approaching campus performance. That star of his stature should wander as far as is possible. In addition, the fact of how campus facilities may be used, we are forbidden to forget that Administration policy is folly in itself.

Raymond Christians

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Energy crisis to affect university

Chilly, dark, uncomfortable days spent during the recent power failure have made life difficult for many students at Cal Poly. The current energy crisis is a very real one. The blackout that caused classes to be cancelled and dorms darkened in the dining hall by candlelight was not related to the present energy shortage. "It's kind of a preview of what life might be like in the years to come," said the housing director at Cal Poly.

"Californians are all too complacent, they think they'll get by," said Robert Bostrom, housing director at Cal Poly. "I think we'll get by but only if we learn to conserve the energy we have left."

Bostrom operates the resident halls, the housing office and attempts to solve any housing problems a student might have, both on and off campus.

Power failures are nothing new. In 1968 the possibility of emergency generators was studied but it was decided that the cost of installing them would be prohibitive. flooding got the underground lines wet in 1969 causing the electricity to be out for 24 hours. "My request for emergency generators then was denied because the cost was just too high," Bostrom said.

The recent blackout has caused the possibility of an auxiliary power system to be revived. "But I'm afraid the cost will once again be so high for the amount of use we use the system would receive," said Bostrom. As a result it has been suggested that students be directed to stand with flashlights in strategic positions such as halls and entrance ways. "It would be less effective but it would provide emergency lighting," Bostrom said.

The energy crisis has already affected the university. Bostrom was directed to conserve as much electricity as he could. In relation to this he took a tour of the resident halls to see where lighting and electricity could be more obviously be reduced. Thermostats have been lowered and in many of the main lobbies the lights have been reduced by at least one half.

Santa Lucia which traditionally lights each of its windows at Christmas time has been asked not to this year. Permitting for the use of Christmas lights, both inside and out, has been refused for all dorms. During the three week holiday vacation all parking lights are being turned off.

"All of us must feel a little wasteful now," said Bostrom. "That wastefulness is responsible for the present shortages."

Each of the students must begin to conserve electricity before any substantial saving can be made. Bostrom hopes in the future to work with student groups to sensitise them to the energy crisis. He feels it is necessary to know exactly what energy is and the best ways of utilising it.

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Knapp and Pierce both indicated there is a possibility that the station's FM branch may go to a rock format if it gets the license. Resolving the license dispute, however, could take from six months to two years, Pierce said.

For now, however, it will be "strictly middle of the road." So if you're in the mood to be dressed by Perry Como or Frank Sinatra, switch your AM dial to 1560. That will be KBAL.

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Energy shortage threatens teams

Leading coaches will often remark after their team's dismal performance that their teams "ran out of gas." Now, however, with the energy crisis and the resultant gas shortages, running out of gas is becoming a distinct threat to the travel plans of the campus athletic teams.

"At this time I do not foresee the possibility of cancelling any scheduled matches or games due to the closure of gas stations on Sundays," commented Athletic Director Vic Buocola on the effects the current crisis might have on the campus athletic teams.

"None of our teams really have too far to travel so I don't expect that we will run into too much trouble of not having enough gas," said Buocola. "However, if we do have to stay overnight and come back on Monday it will be an added expense we hadn't figured in our athletic budget. This might necessitate asking for an extension of our budget but at this time we really can't say for sure since the situation is so uncertain."

Buocola emphasized that as of now the athletic department is making contingency plans based upon the closing of gas stations on Sunday and has not yet made any formal plans for dealing with the possibility of gas rationing.

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Poor shooting from the floor against a pair of tough northern opponents over the weekend darkened the opening of the 1974 basketball season, as the Mustangs fell to San Francisco State, 65-70, Friday night and were handed a 48-66 defeat by the University of the Pacific Tigers Saturday night.

Coach Ernie Wheeler's cagers hit under 40 per cent of their shots in both contests, turning in figures of 38 and 39 per cent for the two nights.

The Mustangs made a valiant bid for a victory in San Francisco on the opening night of the weekend with Pinky Williams leading the way with 26 points, followed by John Parker's 23.

SF State tore things open in the second half following a 18-point halftime lead. That lead went to 28 points four times after intermission before the Mustangs turned things around with less than ten minutes remaining in the game. Pulling to within four inside the final two-minute mark, the Mustangs found themselves unable to continue on by for the victory, hampered partially by the election of Parker.

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