**Fuel crisis hits campus**

The fuel shortage, a terror for truck and bus drivers across the nation, has now added Cal Poly and most other California state agencies to its growing list of victims.

According to Don Vert, Procurement and Supply Services' officer, the state-wide contract, negotiated by the Office of Procurement in Sacramento, concerning credit card purchase of fuel for state vehicles expired in December 1973. The new contract does not have all the provisions the old one had. Vert explained, "The state submits a contract to the major oil companies and takes the lowest bid for the contract. Then, each state vehicle receives a credit card from that company. However, this year, they didn't receive any bids at all. Because of uncertainties in the industry, none of them seemed willing to take the chance."

The Office of Procurement was forced to negotiate with different companies and finally reached an agreement with Standard Oil.

"Standard Oil," Vert said, "did not guarantee fuel for everyone. That is, certain restrictions are placed on the buying of gas—such as an eight gallon limit—state vehicles would be forced to adhere to those restrictions just like any other motorist. Also, the state is not allowed the discount that was previously incorporated into contracts."

State vehicles formerly received about a 10 cent per gallon discount. However, Poly has storage tanks that most of the state vehicles on campus use for fueling purposes.

"The gas storage tank holds about 1,000 gallons and the diesel tank especially is 1,000," Vert said. "We are much cheaper at bulk rate than at the regular station pumps." The state contract on bulk fuel, which was also negotiated by the Office of Procurement, was made with Union Oil. According to the contract, regular gas costs 10 cents per gallon at bulk rate.

Vert said, "Even though the bulk rate is lower than pump price, we have received a state mandate to reduce travel by 10 percent. To comply with the mandate, I have taken two of our passenger cars out of the fleet. Also, we are reducing trips to outlying mileage figures."

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**WOW week needs more counselors**

The odds are against the student even during WOW week, but it doesn't have to be that way. When WOW activities began in 1969, the ratio was two counselors for every 100 students. Last year the ratio climbed to as high as three counselors for every 40 students. More counselors are needed, and tomorrow night is a chance to volunteer. A meeting for all persons interested in devoting their time during the last week of summer to help new students will be held at 7:30 in Room 205 of the Union.

"WOW is one of the best organized activities at Poly and it just keeps on growing," said Lindie Gill, publicity chairman for WOW.

Some 1,700 students and 100 counselors participated in the activities last September. At least the same number of students are expected to participate again this year.

"It's really an honor to be a WOW counselor. You don't have any pay or pre-registration privileges out of it," Ms. Gill said. "You just come back early and help because you want to."

Workshops are being planned to prepare counselors to handle problems they might encounter—such as what to do if a boyfriend and girlfriend from the same high school end up in different WOW groups and insist on being together.

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**Rocking boogie slips into town**

Stories are told of those hard-rock fans who wanted some good music to boogie to: The answer to your prayers slipped into town Friday night, boogied, and slipped out again.

Earth, Wind and Fire was in concert Friday as part of the Black Heritage Week activities. Good, tight soul music and hard driving rock was the group's forte and it was wrapped up nicely in a package of fine showmanship. However, telling time does not seem to be one of the group's stronger points.

The all-black, Chicago-based group has obviously spent thousands of dollars on its equipment and used it well. Now, if someone would just spend a few dollars and buy these guys a watch, they might make a few more fans and become more well known.

The concert was scheduled to start at 8 p.m. but as no good concert fan knows, concerts never start on time. It's, well, it's "junk time" to start at this right? Earth, Wind and Fire was very cool. They didn't start playing until 11.

The concert got underway, so to speak, at 10 when the Broet Center Symphony decided to make an appearance on the program. This group's singing was best described as the what-67-all.

**Crafts Center Center**

CRAFT SALE—The Craft Center had a special Valentine's Day sale last Friday, and Ellen Brooks and Randy Karraker are shown admiring some of the student handiwork. The boxes were made by Peter Doyle and Donna Hormany. The Craft Center is run by students for students, and offers classes in various crafts.
Placements center aids employment

Campus interviews, letters of application, and interviews are big business at Cal Poly's Placement Office. Important printed information is also readily available for every student wishing career placement after graduation. Each week the Placement Office, located in the Administration building, publishes a bulletin listing various companies that will be conducting on-campus interviews for employment. The bulletins are available Friday mornings. Persons wanting an interview must sign up to be considered. Sign-ups begin each Friday at noon in Chumash Auditorium for interviews that will be occurring within the next two weeks.

Applications and other necessary information for the interview can be obtained at that time. After Friday, sign-ups are at the Placement Office.

According to Director of Placement, Eugene A. Ritenhour, Cal Poly has a very high recruitment rate of jobs resulting from the interviews. "Interviews are a big business, but a small facet of the Placement Office," said Ritenhour. "There are 15 staff members eager to help students with personal data sheets, letters of application, as well as tips on how to perform well in an interview."

P.O. job forms not available

A notice in last Friday's Mustang Daily regarding the availability of applications for post office jobs did not include the fact that these forms will not be available until Feb. 14. According to United States Postal Service, forms will be available the Tuesday after the last day of school, Feb. 14

Free tax help now available

Students desiring Federal and California Income Tax assistance can receive free services for the balance of the Winter Quarter. Harold Miller, Cal Poly Coordinator for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, announced that student volunteers will be in the Mustang Lounge, Union, from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Thursdays.

Tax booklets, W-2 forms and last year's income tax returns can be used by individuals wanting help. Mr. Miller said that a $20 refund may be a potential winner's credit to students, even though they had no California Income tax withheld last year.

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OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI) - The Oklahoma Legislature is debating a request to Congress to exonerate Dr. Samuel Mudd, the physician who set the broken leg of John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln, 100 years ago.

"This may appear frivolous," said State Rep. Bill Gooden. "but to the Mudd family it's still very serious."

"The good name of the Mudd family has suffered enough in the past century for the wrong and injustice done to their ancestor," Mudd, a Virginia doctor, was convicted of conspiracy in the April 14, 1865 assassination of President Abraham Lincoln and sentenced to life in prison. Mudd argued he was unaware of the assassination or of Booth's identity when he set the actor's leg, broken in a jump from the presidential box onto the Ford Theater stage following the shooting.

President Andrew Johnson pardoned Mudd after four years because of the physician's work among prisoners suffering from yellow fever. The Oklahoma measure says although Mudd was pardoned "a pardon does not admit innocence but merely indicates forgiveness."

Gooden said he believes the expression, "Your name is mud," can be traced to the highly emotional atmosphere at the time of the doctor's trial.

Gooden introduced the resolution at the request of Harvey Brown, a Kingfisher, Okla., housewife whose grandmother's name was Mudd.

Gooden said the drive to clear the name of Mudd is headed by Dr. Richard A. Mudd, 71, of Saguaro, Ariz., who has been working on the project for 10 years.
Cagers bury Chapman

In basketball there's nothing like a strong bench and a good second half. Saturday night the Mustang basketball team proved both in a lopsided victory.

The Mustangs pounded Chapman 84-66 for an easy victory for the fourth-best defensive club in the United States. Ernie Wheeler's cagers started the first half in typical fashion not allowing Chapman a field goal until almost four minutes of the game had been played.

And the defense didn't let up. Either as Chapman could total only 12 points in the first half. The Mustangs did not do that much better, coming up with 18 points at the half.

Chapman was forced to shoot from outside because the green and gold just closed the middle. The Panthers could only shoot from the baseline but did well in the first half hitting for a 14-15 field goal percentage.

Any team that gets its majority of shots from the outside will have a poor percentage sooner or later. For the Panthers there was a down turn in the second half.

Chapman was able to get some inside shots in the second twenty minutes but the Mustangs proved to be superior at both ends of the court.

The Panthers scored exactly two points in the first seven minutes of the second half as both Pinky Williams and Dave Erickson began to play some aggressive basketball which was lacking in the first half.

Erickson started his first game of the year and couldn't have picked a better time to show off his roundball skills.

The forward finished the game with 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Mustangs in both departments. Erickson missed his offensive set with driving lay-ups and 15-foot jump shots that kept the Panther defense guessing most of the night.

Wheeler's team scored 19 points in the second half and Chapman for a total of 37. But there was one element in the game that perhaps overshadowed both the defense and Erickson's fine performance. That was the strength of Wheeler's bench.

Curtis Wright and Gerald Jones provided the crowd with a thrill after Thrill as the two subs poured in a total of 37 points. It was Wright and Jones who led the Mustangs from a 13 point lead all the way to a 9-point lead in the last minutes of the game.

The only bright spot for the Panthers was Steve Nyam. The six-foot nine inch center ended the game with 17 points. Nyam was most effective under the Chapman net, turning missed shots into field goals.

Wheeler was pleased with the defense that kept Chapman to poor numbers of 26 and 27 points. The coach was not pleased with his team's rebounding.

Although the Mystankos collected 30 rebounds in the first half compared to Chapman's 28. Wheeler felt that if the Mystankos could have an even bigger edge on the boards Poly would have wrapped up the game in the first half.

But the Mustangs cleaned the boards in the second half on wound up with 44 rebounds to 33 for the visitors.

The Mystankos now have a 14-7 record and will resume conference play Thursday against Fullerton State. Hopefully, Dave Bush will reject the team on Thursday.

Bush had a sprained ankle and could've played against the Panthers on Saturday but Wheeler said that Bush had worried but on Wednesday and the ankle swelled up again.

Fullerton is 8-3 in league play and will be looking forward to the game with Wheeler's gang. The coach expects Fullerton to be upset-bound as the men from down south still have a shot at the CCAA championship.

For first year coach Bush under the loss to Poly worsened the Panther record to 9-11. Rider will have to work his team a little harder in the free throw department if he hopes to make the remaining games a little closer.

The Panthers made only nine of 31 shots at the charity line.
Matmen lose three of four
by FRED VULIN

The Mustang wrestling team scored a pair of firsts over the weekend: Vaughn Hudson isn't all happy.
For the first time in 18 years of coaching one of Hitchcock's wrestlers did not make the weight for one of his matches. Handler Steve Gardner was a pound over for the 168-pound class against Portland State and the Mustangs lost an automatic six points.
Gardner was supposed to have wrestled at 146 because Mike West won the regular 148-pounder. Grant Arnold took the injured wrestler's place.
Portland State was a 19-18 winner over the Mustangs. The night before the Poly grapplers had last to the University of Washington 18-16.
After defeating the University of Oregon the next night 50-15, the Matmen were ready to even their record on the road trip with a victory over Oregon State.
But it was Oregon State where Hitchcock received his second "first" of his career. With the Mustangs leading Oregon State 7-3, Hitchcock somehow managed to be the match wrapped up.
But heavyweight Randy Hudson was disqualified for stalling and Oregon State was awarded six points. It was the 35th time the Mustangs have been beaten this season with all five matches decided on the last match.
Against the University of Oregon on Friday night Hudson was pinned with three seconds left in his match. Fortunately the Mustangs had built up a 11-point lead and Hudson's loss was not crucial.
The Pacific Northwest road trip was an odd adventure. The Mustangs competed in four matches in as many days and it was obvious that Hudson was feeling the strain of Oregon State.
Aerin took their toll on the Mustangs just as much as the matches. Add to Westman's injury Rodger Warn was bothered by a knee injury, Jason Lynn suffered with injured ribs and Cliff Match had injured three fingers.
Road trips for the Mustangs have not been too successful lately. The Poly grapplers lost to both Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. With the three losses on the Pacific Northwest road trip the Mustangs have lost all five of their dual meets on the road.
After a shot on Wednesday night against the University of Washington, it looked like Keith Edwards was going to have an excellent road trip. But the 188-pounder lost his next three matches.

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