Care and glee for your Christmas tree
Our readers write...

Editor:
Several weeks ago, I wrote a letter of complaint about the apparent coldness and lack of interest on the part of some members of the Cashiers office in the University Union. I felt my voice didn't count as much difference.

Almost immediately after the letter was published, I was contacted by the administration. I was very pleased to find that the university was concerned about what I had to say, and not only interested in discussing the problem, but willing to take steps to correct it.

It makes me feel good to know that one voice in 15,000 can still be heard at Cal Poly.

Carole Wells

Editor:

The Bahai Club of Cal Poly would like to express its appreciation to the persons or groups responsible for the handmade signs of unity and equality of diverse peoples which should be assigned the highest priority in the world and if its chances are to survive.

The Bahai Club would like to know who our friends are who made the signs. Whoever you are, be assured of our sincere appreciation for your efforts.

Loquenna Rush
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Terry Cook
Beverly Ewing
Chogollah Maroufi-Khah
Betty Olsen
Jerry Brown
Gladys Dorn
Ed March
Anneliese Mayer-Hardah
Sterling Vaden
Barb Brown
Barry Ewing

Bike possibilities

It's interesting to note the flurry of activity that has accompanied the proposed bike ban. All sorts of dire predictions are being made about the future should bicycles be banned from the academic core. One person thinks riders wouldn't walk their bikes into the core so they could park them. He suggests riders will park their vehicles on Oceano Perimeter Road.

It seems unlikely that the 2000 bike riders will abandon the bike racks and start parking bikes on lawns anywhere. Most riders feel their vehicles are too valuable to park just anywhere. And, there aren't enough trees, posts, etc. to lock bikes to.

For all you school house lawyers, it would be noted that it is illegal to park bikes on lawn areas, walkways and in buildings. So, it seems the bike racks are the only place to leave one's bike.

It has been suggested that bike lanes ought to be painted on the roads to separate the riders from the walkers. If it could work, it would be a better solution than banning bikes.

The problem is enforcement. Regulations now say that bikes aren't to be ridden on sidewalks, yet you can find bicycles on the sidewalks anytime.

All of the readers have hit upon the source of the bicycling problem. It is the reckless riders, the speed demons, the bicycling bandits.

Unfortunately, scientists haven't been able to determine if this is a genetically inherited trait or an environmentally determined phenomenon. When they do, we will have a way of getting the humans off the streets. Until then, regulation looks like the answer.

The death of Winterland

An era has ended for thousands of rock music fans. Winterland, the Mecca for rock freaks, has held its last major concert. No longer will the likes of the Greatful Dead, Santana, or The Who play to the fanatic fans who frequented the ice palace.

For those of you not familiar with Winterland, it was an ice rink converted into a rock music hall where bands from all over the world played. Winterland became THE San Francisco rock place after Fillmore West closed.

To a concert starved campus, it may be hard to explain Winterland. It was a journey into another land—a place where your neighbor instantly became your friend.

Winterland captivated the soul. From the moments one gazed upon the arena, one was filled with an excitement that had the whole night. It was like being at a party where it didn't matter who you knew, because you always had a good time.

Winterland concerts produced an air of commodity, a glow of good feelings, a feeling of fun. The word Winterland had a magic unto itself. Concern at Cal Poly hasn't managed to capture that flavor yet.

Maybe it's impossible to reproduce the feeling. because the passing of Winterland signals the end of that era.
CSUC trustees seek $4 million to halt academic skill decline

by GINA BERREYESA
Daily Staff Writer

The concern over declining academic skills of freshmen continues to plague the system, and universities throughout the nation have used various methods to initiate a search for ways to remedy the problem. Within the CSUC system, English and writing skills seem to be the main target of concern at this time.

Under the CSUC budget for 1977-78, in the Program Change Proposal, the Board of Trustees is asking for $4 million over the next four years according to CSUC Program Analyst Mark Goracke. The money would be used to fund developments in a writing skills program. For example, part of the money has been proposed to create 265 teacher positions and 57.5 part time positions for a writing skills program.

Goracke, who is also working part-time on the English Proficiency Test, explained that the exam would be used to identify incoming freshmen who have acceptable skills, and those who have acceptable skills, and those who have already achieved the skills.

The test is being developed by the CSUC faculty along with the Educational Testing Service. According to Goracke, the test would be given to incoming freshmen on the CSUC campuses.

Chairman of the Statewide Academic Senate Dr. Barten Olsen, who is also on the writing skills commission, said the first meeting of the group was "a broad expression of concern and interest in the problem."

"We all agree that there is a problem," he said, adding he hopes that some action will take place as a result of the meetings.

"It shows that the system has recognised its obligation in this area," Meland said. Olsen commented.

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by ANNE ZERRIEN
Special to the Daily
Residents of Avila Beach and Lee Canyon could be
confronted with radiation
contamination from a nuclear power plant, accor-
ding to County Civil Blaster Coordinator George Silva.
Silva made the remark
during a Dec. 2 public hearing
held by the Board of Super-
visors to evaluate the coun-
try’s nuclear emergency
response plan and com-
panion evacuation plan.
Silva also said there are
problems in planning for
the county’s ability to deal
with radioactive contamination effectively, especially if such
an accident occurred on a
holiday weekend when there
are a lot of tourists in the
county.

The county plans cover
only the unincorporated areas within a 25-mile radius
of the plant, and do not cover
any of the cities. Silva will be
meeting with city admin-
istrators on Dec. 15 to
advise them of critical areas
he feels they should consider
in drafting city evacuation
plans.

Problem areas in the plan
include:
—difficulties in planning for
the evacuation of persons
who have no cars and are
unable to walk to prearranged
evacuation points,
—possible radioactive con-
tamination of in patients at
the Diablo Canyon power
plant, according to the county
Civil Blaster Coordinator
George Silva.
—lack of coordination
among all the responsible
agencies and jurisdictions in-
volved,
—lack of county-
supervised monitors at the
plant site that could provide
information if an accident
were to occur.

Public hearings on the tw
plans will continue in the
Supervisors Chambers at
the Courthouse Annex on Dec.
21, at 1:50 p.m.
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NO MOTION IN THE NETWORK
Deck the halls with decorations:
Bought from a store or made at home

by WENDY HILL
Daily Staff Writer

It's nearly Christmas, the household is bustling with activity and you and grandkids are going out to cut down the mighty pine tree. Trudging through the knee deep powdery snow, you'll be sweating before you've cut a part of the tree. Grandkids are screaming and parents are singing Christmas carols while dad and dog follow along.

Decorations for most of us don't come from the piney woods, but the forests. Instead, we head for the store and buy our ornaments don't come cheap either. A snap survey of local merchants priced the various ornaments this way:

- Assorted gold or silver tinsel lake garlands go from $6.99 for 15 feet to $12 for around 25 feet.
- Average sized shiny colored balls range from $1.50 to $2.50 for a box of 25, depending on the variety of the tree. On sale at Moosehead, Alberta, Norway and Genii spruce; Scotti, Monterey and Japanese black pine: Atlantic cedar and white fir. Prices range from $9.50 to $135.

Mrs. Juanita Brown, whose husband is shipping the trees from Oregon, said prices will range from $1.50 to $2.50 per foot depending on the type, size and condition of the tree. Brown recommended that customers place their trees into water to keep them greener, longer. She said, "If the first strain of the tree, don't put the tree near a heater or near a window."

Those who want to have a Christmas tree and keep it too, will be happy to know the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) will be selling live tinsel pine in 5 gallon or 15 gallon containers. Sales started Dec. 4 in the Mission Plaza, San Luis Obispo. Trees may also be purchased at the YMCA building, 1115 Toro.

Mrs. Andy Hall, YMCA secretary, said the trees have been grown locally by a Cal Poly Ornamental Horticulture student. Hall said trees will sell for $30.

Trees can be donated back to the YMCA, said Hall, and this year they will plant them in a local park. Trees donated back become tax deductible.

Rustic Garden Nursery at 670 Chorro, San Luis Obispo, is also selling live trees ranging from 6 to 12 feet, depending on the variety of the tree. On sale at Moosehead, Alberta, Norway and Genii spruce; Scotti, Monterey and Japanese black pine: Atlantic cedar and white fir. Prices range from $9.50 to $135.

Farther south on Highway 101 is the Nipomo off ramp. There are five tree farms all located within five minutes of the off ramp. Closest is the Marsalek's located on North Oak Glen. The Marsalek's have been growing Monterey trees for several years. They vary in size—a 4 to 6 feet and all are priced at $50 to $55, tax included. The Marsalek's recommend putting your tree in a bucket of water in the garage until you are ready to set it up. Trees are now on sale.

Further south is Arroyo Grande. At the junction of Traffic Way and Fair Oaks Ave. is a Christmas tree farm. The owner lives nearby and will greet you upon your arrival. The trees are Monterey pines ranging from 5 ft. to 10 ft. all sized, priced at $15.

And don't forget twinkle lights, $4 a strand. And burned out bulbs? In- clude clever things to do with your inquiring mind: Don't forget to put your tree in a bucket of water as you would a rose."

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Tuesday, Dec. 7

The deals on albums in SLO

by PAUL JARVIS
Daily News Writer

Our Christmas present to you

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

The record lineup at one of the many San Luis Obispo music stores—The Record Exchange. (Daily photo by Bill Faulkner)

For those persons who enjoy "spinning" a touch of their free time over the Christmas holidays playing record albums, the following is a list of record stores in San Luis Obispo, and a comparison of their standard, non-sale album prices.

Five up albums which are no longer available are "Desire," by Bob Dylan; "Silk Degrees," by Spacely Sproatly Smith; "Physical Graffiti," the double album by Led Zeppelin; and "The Gunfighters Ball," by Bruce Springsteen's latest disc "Born to Run," were all used in a cumulative price comparison test.

This will not be included in the sum totals of deals, and an examination of individual merits of each store will be presented along with the price comparison data.

L cascade at 989 Foothill Blvd., "The Record Exchange" would charge $25.70 for the five albums.
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Holiday cheer with creative decorations

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"we've had to extend them through December just January. It's the first year with this many people signing up.

Those who can't participate in a dough art class can buy an introductory kit with enough materials to produce 30 ornaments. Other kits available include decoupage ornaments, wood ornaments, stained glass kits and special Walt Disney Shrink ornaments. All these kits make around 30 ornaments and run between $3 and $7. Also, raw materials for these crafts are available separately.

Can you expect to save money by doing your own thing? Overall, Laws says not really.

"The savings isn't what they're looking for. Most people are looking for the experience," she said. "Cost also depends on how you plan your project.

"Hobbies is something to do all year round. Often in making just the materials costs are more in basic materials, beads, rhinestones, sequins, etc., than for a ready-made item," she said.

The Center is well-supplied with raw materials for spontaneous ornament building and has devised an entire wall to the necessary beads, rhinestones and glue.

Row upon row of tiny bags containing sequins, beads, pearls, jewels, pins, bells and glitter. Yards of chains, beads, fabric strips and rolls of ribbon to dangle from hooks above more trees and boxes of sparkling materials. There are myriads of balls ranging in size from seven-eighths of an inch up to ten inches in diameter, plus bell shaped, heart shaped, stars and even Santa shaped ornaments to forms to decorate with.

So now you're all set. Go out there and count your pennies...well-budgeted, come Christmas. You remember...don't cook cranberries before you hang them.

Lineup of SLO album prices

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at Overland Express as compared in $8.50 and $7.65 at "The Record Exchange." "Boo Boo Records," respectively.

Although their overall prices are the lowest, "Overland Express" presents only country and classical albums. Since the store is often busy with some buyers, salesmen seem to have time to assist prospective record buyers.

One such store which deserves notice, but unable to compete in the price-wise analysis, is Morning Song Records on Higuera.

Since Morning Song specializes in classical, country and jazz albums, it does carry much of a stock in rock music.

New rock releases can be purchased at $8.50 to $9.99. This is a small, two-month-old business, but don't expect to find many other rock albums in the store.

Although their overall prices are not too high, the price for the five examples albums is all the same. $8.50.

The stock at Overland Express is fairly varied. In addition, their standard prices on single disc albums are the lowest in town. $3.50 would be paid out the door. Overland may attempt to make up for their low single album prices by charging more on the double album packages. "Physical Graffiti" was substantially higher at $8.87.

DAIYRGEN

Dairymen exchange program is offering interested students full year practical training position on Belgian dairies. Students spend a year in Belgium, Dairy owners needed to host Belgian dairy exchange students Program will begin March 1. For more information International Farmers Association for Education (425) 843-2170 or 844-7089.

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Bowl games to kick off the new year

This year's Orange Bowl in balmy Miami, Florida, will feature a night contest between 11th ranked Ohio State and 10th ranked Colorado, which shared the Big Eight championship with two other teams. Colorado, with upset wins over Oklahoma and Oklahoma State during the season, would put up a good battle against the Buckeyes.

The first major game will be the Liberty Bowl contest between Alabama and UCLA on Monday, December 20th. Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide, which finished the season at 8-2, are ranked 15th with a 10-1 record in the Sugar Bowl.

The unbeaten Panthers are led by the unstoppable Tony Dorsett, this year's recipient of the Heisman Trophy by a landslide. He became the first college runner to gain more than 6,000 yards in his career, breaking the old mark by 1,000 yards this year.

The Cotton Bowl. Pitt over Georgia by three points in the Sugar Bowl. USC over Ohio State 22-0.

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Mustangs lose one, win one in tourney
by BOB CRAVEN
Daily Staff Writer

The 7th Annual Aggie Invitational Basketball Tourney opened Thursday with the Mustangs facing Cal Poly. After all, how could a team who had beaten Stanford and San Francisco twice be favored to win?

Unfortunately, nobody told Southern California College as they edged the Mustangs, 65-58 Friday night. The Mustangs did manage to add a third place finish as they blew out Cal State Dominguez Hills the next night, 101-67. Dominguez Hills was banned from the tourney by virtue of a 65-56 defeat at the hands of Occidental.

Midway through the second half, with Cal Poly well in control, 76-46, Gerald Jones went in for what appeared to be an uncontested layup. Toro guard Rocky Hollis had different ideas.

Kerl and Keys shared high point honors for the Mustangs, each hitting on 17 points. Keys also led the team in rebounds with 9.

The team who came out with the championship was Occidental, the same team who lost to Poly in the first round by one point last year. They defeated Southern College by a score of 72-67.

Cal Poly's next foe is the Aggies of U.C. Davis tonight at 8 p.m. in the Men's Gym.

Announcements

OVERSEAS TRAVEL ORIENTATIONS
The next Overseas Orientation is...
Mustangs shock UCSB, Hayward in tourney sweep

By CRAIG REEM
Daily Sports Editor

Following a dismal 6-13 season last year, Cal Poly's women's basket ball team surprised with a flourish in hosting the 1st Annual Women's Invitational Basketball Tournament over the weekend.

Under a sparse crowd in a truly dilapidated Crandall Arena, the Mustangs opened against Hayward. Both teams played slowly as each turned over the ball continually, once on covering calls.

Hayward scored first but the Mustangs came right back on a basket, followed by a 3-pointer by 5'9" Becky Puckett and a lay-in on a foul by Sherry Fertitta.

The game in its early stages was fast-paced but shoddy. After the turnovers partially left their systems, both teams seemed in a pitiful shooting contest, the Mustangs taking an 18-15 halftime lead.

Hayward quickly blew the Pioneers out of the game as dynamic guard Jumpei Matsunami led a full-court press, scoring seven points in the first few minutes of the second half. The Mustangs had a quick 25-19 lead.

Puckett led the Mustangs with 15 points, followed by Matsunami's 11 and Fertitta's eight.

Tallaid said this year's team "is a lot stronger. We have new kids with a lot of ability and a lot of court sense."

UCSB beat Fresno State 49-29 Friday and Fresno beat Hayward Saturday in the consolation game, 59-55.

In the championship game, the Mustangs looked like David against Goliath as UCSB dwarfed them at nearly every position. But the giant was slain as the Mustangs impressively ran through and shot over the Gauchos.

Puckett, who finished another fine night with 12 points and 17 rebounds, scored four of Poly's first six points.

With a 15-2 lead, UCSB's Matsunami scored on a shot over 6' Leslie Ford and the Mustangs blew through a shell-shocked UCSB, maintaining their lead to 58-13. At halftime, Poly had a commanding 29-17 margin using quickness and the fine play of Matsunami, Jeanine Cardiff and Puckett in overpowering the taller Gauchos.

In the second half, Poly got into foul trouble and was guilty of numerous turnovers. But the defense excelled, holding UCSB scoreless until the 11:07 mark—a stretch of nine minutes.

Fertitta iced the game by making two free throws in a one-and-one situation, giving the Mustangs a 43-91 lead. The Gauchos made the game interesting in the last two minutes but bowed, 45-38.

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