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Some things never change. Like landlords and politicians.

"For rent, high-class second-story apartment," the ad read.

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The ad was inscribed on a wall in ancient Pompeii. The comment was from Juvenal, a first-century A.D. satirist, who also had a few things to say about women, especially talkative ones.

"Some insight into how common folk lived, loved, sinned, and got along with each other in the ancient world—for pretty much the same reasons we do—comes from Dr. Jo-Ann Shelton, assistant professor of classics at the University of California (UC), Santa Barbara.

After teaching a course for a while, she realized Her students were getting little real understanding of day-to-day living in the ancient world.

"I felt like an encyclopedia standing up there pouring out facts," she said. So she collected hundreds of bits and pieces of original information, much of it from her own trips to Italy, and put together a new curriculum for the course.

Some of it shows life has not changed much in 2,000 years. The housing situation is bad. It is then, too. Politicians, "You for Gaia. He provides good bread." That was a slogan of the time.

But detractors in the pre-libel law era got their jabs in. "The Property Thieves urge you to vote for Galatus," was another slogan, less favorable, I'm sure, in the good-old days, and so was divorce. Marriage was an agreement, a witnessing event," Dr. Shelton said. "It was very formal.

The death of a city may be a new experience for Americans, but it is not an extraordinary event in world history.

The splendid ruins of pre-Columbian Mexico and of the Indian civilizations in the ancient Southwestern United States stand as mute proof of the vanity of urban dreams of permanence. Even London, the ancient hub of the English-speaking world, was empty of human habitation for generations after the collapse of Roman power (although marauders occasionally raided the site for building materials). It was far from the sea, where England's erstwhile Roman citizens huddled in fortified towns, watching for the few trading ships that came, bearing modest supplies from Norway. The interior of the island was a wilderness left to wolves and outlaw bands.

We think of cities as dying violently: the towers of Troy down, the rubble of Carthage seen with salt, Roman overtum by Vandals hordes. It is an image based on a catastrophic view of history, and nourished by countless adventure novels and computer games. It is an illusion. Cities just don't die that way.

The flames that lighten the sky above the south Bronx and the wind whistling through the deserted streets and across the vacant lots of Brooklyn and Detroit are poignant, poignant reminders of the cadaverous death of all things human, but they are not tragic. There is no fallen greatness there, only pathetic exhaustion.

To rally our resources and exert our energies to paint these dying faces and force air into these collapsing lungs is more than futile; it is barbaric—an offense to nature which has decreed that death is a part of life and is not to be denied.

The tragedy of our dying cities is not that they are slowly breathing out their lives, rather, it is that there are human hopes and dreams trapped in the dens of mean streets and abandoned apartments blocks. But that is not enough reason to maintain life by artificial means. The cold, the poor, the black and the brown would abandon the Bronx for a suburb in the sunbelt as gladly as the more privileged have done—if they had the chance.

And what of the lucky ones who have fled to Phoenix? Would they come back if the streets were clean and safe, if graminias grew in freshly painted window boxes as if the desert suburban hills along the East River were covered to electronic-parts plants? Not likely.

When will we realize that what is lost is lost—beautiful it was—and what is dead is dead? "Life With Father" and "The Sidewalks of New York," will no longer, no matter how much federal money is funneled into their ill-kept graves.

More important, when will we outrace our urge to make our cemeteries for the poorest and expect them to be grateful to us for the expense and the trouble we have put into them.

If there is to be an investment of billions, let it be in investment of human life: for job training, for micronation places where there are real jobs instead of token jobs, for mortgage subsidies in the suburbs—if that is where people want to live—in stead of the towns assembled by most urban-renewal projects.

Cities happen when people gather together in one place and make human creations for our enjoyment and use. They are not monuments to immortality, nor should they be tombs.

If New York shrinks to the size of a large west and Las Vegas grows into a megalopolis—well, what's wrong with that?

If we are moving now to Atlanta and Houston and Phoenix, perhaps in a century or so we'll be having our feet buried behind and pulling up masses again for fresh opportunities in New York and the Bronx. What's wrong with that?

In the meantime, the remains of New York would be a better city to live in if it were bounded by great natural parks where now are only ruined streets haunted by the fearful shadows of the poor, the violent and the hopeless.

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About the cover
How many students would think of living nine months without a telephone in their residence? Juggling from Pacific Telephone at the San Luis Obispo office every September, not many Polk student are minus a phone in their apartments. Promoting such a large order is not easy and today's cover story explains how the company plans to modify their present installation methods. (Cover photo by Betty Udell)

Weather
A high pressure ridge over Utah is holding steady—which will keep temperatures for San Luis Obispo above normal for this time of year. Temperatures range from the upper 60s to mid 70s, with overnight lows in the mid 40s.
Survey and evaluations before SAC

Molecular light show and pipe organ music

Venerable's fluorescent blue molecular expressionist paintings will be re-created on cinematic screens in a display designed to enhance the music and produce a complete psychological experience through sound and light.

The program is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Luis Obispo County. Suggested donations (non-obligatory) of $5 general and $1 for students, youth under 18, will be accepted.

NTE required for teachers

Prospective teachers have less than two weeks to register with Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J., to take the National Teacher Examinations here on Feb. 19.

Registrations must be mailed in time to reach ETS on or after Jan. 27. Forms and instructions are available in the Counseling and Testing Center, Room 111 in the Administrative Building.

The NTE is a required test to receive teaching credentials, and also for those with credentials who wish to go into administrative work.

During the one-day testing session, a registany may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in professional and general education, plus one of 27 Area Examinations designed to probe knowledge of particular subject matter and teaching methods.

Once registered, each candidate will receive an admission ticket and notification of the exact location of the center as well as the time to report. Common Examinations will be from 8:30 a.m. until about 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 19. Area Examinations are scheduled from 1:30 p.m. until about 4:30 p.m. the same day.

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Standing in long lines at the phone company to place phone orders, and waiting days for the phones to be installed, has been all part of the game. This familiar scene for thousands of Poly students may well be a thing of the past.

The Pacific Telephone Company has plans for a new system to begin next fall, which will allow students to install their own phones, eliminating the time-consuming wait for an installation service man. The plan will trim the waiting period for customer phone service from weeks to only one day says Richard Weinstock, customer operations manager for Pacific Telephone's downtown office.

Before the plan becomes operational, existing phone counters must be converted to the new modular type (clip-in) plug units.

Complete records of where phone wiring telephone jacks (phone wall sockets) are located in each residence also must be assembled by the phone company. With this information, the phone company instantly will be able to tell customers where phones may be installed.

The plan will be converted and a record will be made each time a customer disconnects a phone from now on.

Since most Poly students leave San Luis Obispo in the spring, Pacific Telephone expects this new system will be installed for the bulk of the student housing units by fall.

Presently, telephone installation costs run approximately $50 to $75. Weinstock said. With the new plan, he hopes the installation charge will be lower, but price decisions are still tentative.

The new system is now in use in other parts of the country, but San Luis Obispo County will be the first in the state to switch over to it. It will be put into use for all customers, not just Poly students.

Students living on-campus, except for those in the athletic dorms, haven't had to concern themselves with phone installation hassles for eight years.

Since 1968, phones have been put in every dorm room each summer. There are 1,425 student phones on campus.

Dorm phone service is administered through the Student Housing Office. All installation and monthly service charges are paid with housing fees.

Four percent of 1976-77 student housing budget, $60,000, was allocated for phone expenses.

The athletic dorms, Jespersen and Heron Halls, are subsidized by the University Scholarship Housing Program, and no income is received to offset phone costs. Residents in the athletic dorms do not have individual room-phones only pay phones located in the lobbies.

Weinstock said Poly students have proven to be reliable customers. On average, students pay their bills better than other off-campus residents, he explained.

Only two dorm phones were disconnected for failure to pay charges during last fall quarter. Bob Hornan, director of student housing, said.

The average monthly phone bill for on-campus students is $10, Weinstock said. Figures were not available for the average off-campus student phone bill.

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Cuesta registration starts for semester

Registration for spring semester day classes at Cuesta College will be Jan. 20 and 21 for students who have pre-registered. Instruction for the new semester begins Jan. 24. Students who have not pre-registered may sign up Jan. 24 through 28, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the college counseling office. The last day to add day classes is Jan. 30.

Registration for evening classes will be Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the gym. Late registration will be held to Feb. 1 through 5, 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the gym, and Feb. 11 through Feb. 15, 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the gym. The last day to add evening classes is Feb. 17.

For further information on either registration call the college counseling office at 937-2943, ext. 225.

For the upcoming spring semester, Cuesta will offer 35 courses taught at locations off the main campus for full college credit. There is no fee beyond the 50 cent insurance charge for each student. Most off-campus classes will meet Monday through Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The semester is 16 weeks in length.

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Announcements

WRESTLING: Terry Markov (177) was penalized one point for stalling, and one for going out of bounds. McKinney lost the match, 6-3.

MUSTANGS: Head Coach Vaughan Hitchcock had enough and withdrew his team from further competition due to the officiating.

After reconsidering, Hitchcock returned his team to action. He matched the final two matches, which Arizona State won, and told Arizona State coach Bobby Douglas that he was "screwing wrestling relations with ASU.

"Hitchcock made the decision because of unwarrented stalling calls by the official," said Dave Santora, Cal Poly's sports information director.

Because of Hitchcock's action, the team was penalized one points for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Winners for the Mustangs were Tom Mount (126), decision over Mike Mondy, 12-2. Benjie Williams (138), decision over Rich Reed, 6-5. Robert Eddie (138), decision over Dave Sante, 7-4.

Cal Poly which now has a record of 10-5 also had more bad luck due to injuries to two of their wrestlers.

Scott Hoson (150) suffered a shoulder injury in the second round of the match and could not compete on Monday afternoon.

Chris Anaya also suffered a double injury in the first round of his match. The Mustangs went on the road without him, who tripped an opponent during a match against Beach State more than a week ago, and sat in action since.

The loss to ASU was the second on the road trip, after the loss at UCSC last night.

Before the match, Cal Poly was 5-6-1 in the nation by Associated Press, and sixth by National News. Arizona State was ranked eighteenth by Associated Press, and ninth by National News.

The Mustangs return to their home court tomorrow night as they face 16th ranked University of Oregon, in the Physical Education Building at 8 p.m.

Swimmers host Northridge

Cal Poly's swim team will have its work cut out this afternoon when they play host to Cal State Northridge at 2 p.m. in the Physical Education pool.

Northridge is expected to be in the national top 10 this year and has a team composed of possible individual national championship as center position, according to Cal Poly coach Dick Anderson.

There are 20 people on the team and are very competitive. Their team is excellently coached and will probably be the toughest team we will face all year," Anderson said.

The Mustangs will certainly have to do better against Northridge than they did against USC. A margin of loss was only 11 points, 63-52, but "there was no way we should have lost them," Anderson said.

I was disappointed in the way we performed, but it wasn't all the boys fault.

I don't think I prepared them enough," he said.

Eight Mustangs were entered in the meet and were shown in tendency to place first. Though second and third place shows were plentiful, the results were match in different places.

The Mustangs really showed up well in the sprinting and diving. I thought we must have swum our best race against USC. But it isn't the only factor. I believe we're going to improve greatly. We have to," he said.

All I can say is that we had better show up tomorrow. That's just as much my responsibility as it is their. Northerly very good people and we will give us a chance to gain more experience and learn. We must do what we badly," Anderson said.

Rodeo team has a new star

When the men's rodeo team from Cal Poly resumes competition in Yuma, Ariz., on Satuday and Sunday, Jan. 22 and 23, it will boast about the addition of a bronc rider named Ninth in the nation last year.

Joe Marvel of Belle Mountain, Nev., will join the team from the 1976-77 team. Marvel points out that Marvel is one of three brothers who have earned the accolades of professional rodeo riders in the field during the past year.

The Polyn men's team, which has won one men's and placed second in another so far this season, will be without the services of three for the Winter Quarter, of Chris Lyberty who is a top-ranked calf roper and steer wrestler.

Lyberty broke his leg in a riding accident at home in early December. His place in the Poly rotation will be taken by Tom Block.

Block has been an alternate and on occasion a team roper who also rides handsets and saddle broncs. A 22-year old agricultural management major, he is the grandson of a former professional rodeo clown, Leonard Block.

Other Poly team members include Jim Peat, captain, the only member of the team who made it to the 1976-77 team last season; PatJones, that member of last year's team who went to the rodeo shows, and rides hills and is a member of the1976-77 team.

Rodeo Watson is a transfer from Hartnell College while another major contributor is Western Region rough steak winner, and a member of the 1976-77 team. Watson is in a rodeo stock rider. Both are natives in the first two months of the season.

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New' tracksters are tuning up

by SCOTT CRAVEN
Daily Staff Writer

The 1977 Cal Poly track team has a few new things to look forward to this season: new freshman and junior transfer runners, a more organized program, a new coach, and most importantly, a new outlook.

Last year, the track team lost Head Coach Steve Simmons to Oregon State along with their chances of a decent showing.

This year, new Head Coach Steve Miller brings along with him a brighter outlook.

"A lot of the guys went through a trying experience last year," says Miller. "Any athlete wants to be in a structured program so there is no uncertainty about his goals.

This year we will be organized, and we will be in a fight for the CCAA championship."

Miller has the background to support his statement. He coached a Chicago high school that won four state championships in his 11 years there. He was named Illinois Coach of Year three times and has taken four track teams to Europe. Miller also has been a speaker in over 100 clinics nationally and internationally.

Miller also has a team to back up his outlook. The Mustangs will be led by four captains: Kristie Lloyd and Anthony Reynoso. Lloyd's time of 46.9 was good enough to merit him CCAA champion in the 400 meters. Reynoso was named All-American in cross country last year and he also holds the school record for the two mile run.

Poly's 1600 meter relay team is returning, which is good news for Mustang fans. The team of Lloyd, Mike Berens, Jeff Meteer and Victor Churchill, will be trying to beat last year's time of 3:09.8, which was the fastest time in the country in Division II. Williams was also the 1976 runner-up in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles.

New faces will aid in Poly's quest for the conference championship, and leading the way will be junior transfer John Caprioui of Illinois. Caprioui is a five-time JC All-American and has times of 4:50 in the mile and 8:48 over two miles.

Victor Churchill, junior transfer, will be high jumping for Poly. His best mark is 6-11. Joining Caprioui and Churchill will be Sacramnto junior transfer Loren Rango. Rango specializes in the half mile and mile, and has clocked 1:51 and 4:47, respectively.

Two freshman hurdlers join the Mustang ranks this year. Pre Godines and Corey Miller will compete in the 110 yard high hurdles. Miller's best time in the event is 14 seconds, while Godines is right behind with a 14.1.

Poly's speedster comes in the form of Huay Long. The freshman from Compton has turned in a time of 4:4-over 100 yards and 8.1 in the 220.

"We will be very competitive this year," says Miller. "We've got good athletes and can do it. Our strengths lie in distance and jumps, as well as sprint. Our toughest competition will come from Cal State Northridge and Cal State Los Angeles."

Miller isn't only thinking of this year, but also the next.

"We are competing this year with the thought that next year we will be contending for the top spot nationally," says Miller. "Just high hopes for a new coach."

"We need ideals and standards. If you want a thousand, ask for a million. It's better to be slightly unrealistic because you have to think about being successful before you see it. It isn't false bravado. I have faith in the athletes and the program."

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KCPR, 91.5 FM, the Cal Poly student station, will broadcast the Women's Intercollegiate Basketball game Wednesday when Cal Poly meets University of California, Santa Barbara. This is the first league game of the women's season. Randy Kerdoon, Carla Sanders and Scott Humphrey will be announcing a play-by-play account of the game beginning with a 7:45 p.m. pre-game show. Tip off is at 8 p.m.

AIDS group meeting

Volunteers will be going to Atascadero State Hospital from the A.I.D.S. to participate in recreational activities. Transportation for the volunteers will be provided. Meet at the main desk in the University Union at 8:15 p.m. today and Thursday.

Students for government

A meeting of Students for Responsible Local Government with the San Luis Obispo city councilmen Keith Gurnee (candidate for mayor) and Jeff Jorgensen (candidate for city council) will take place Thursday at 7 p.m. in University Union 218. Admission is free.

World Religion Day

The Bahai association of Cal Poly will host an open house in honor of World Religion Day Friday from 10 a.m. to midnight in University Union 219. There will be displays made by club members representing the great religions of the world. Refreshments will be served. The open house is free to all students and non-students.

The Cal Poly Music Department is sponsoring a concert of the campus glee clubs with the theme "Songs of the People." The music begins at 8:15 p.m. in the Cal Poly Theatre this Friday.

The Men's and Women's Glee Clubs will perform songs from different parts of the world under the direction of Stanley Malinowski, Jr.

Specialty groups taken from within the glee club personnel will be the Collegiate Quartet, the Women's Alumni, the World Famous Majors and Minors and a new special group—the Cal Poly Madrigals.

A special added attraction will be the Capital University Men's Glee from Columbus, Ohio.

Tickets may be purchased from University Union Brown's Music Store and Cal Poly glee club treasurers. They are $1.50 general and 75 cents for students.

Positions for officers open

The California Highway Patrol has initiated a statewide recruitment drive for State Traffic Officers. This position is open to both men and women between 21 and 31 years of age. Applicants must be at least 5 feet 6 inches tall and no more than 6 feet 8 inches tall. Good health with vision corrected to 20/20.

The salary range is $13,000 to $30,000 per annum for career position in state civil service requiring completion of 18-24 weeks in the Academy in Sacramento and a willingness to serve anywhere in the State of California.

Applications must be received at the State Personnel Board by January 8, 1977. Applications are available at all CHP offices and offices of the Employment Development Department.

For further information contact any officer of the CHP.

Cuesta classes off campus

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Spanish for Social Situations and Tennis at Shandon High School

A Ceramics course will be offered in Cambria at the Joslyn Center Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Also, in Los Osos, there will be a Beginning Painting class at Trinity Methodist Church Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Cuesta College also has Saturday classes on the main campus. Subjects include Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Hotel and Restaurant Management, Technology, Nursing, Nutrition and Food Service, and Physical Education.

For further information of registration, units of credit, and prerequisites for specific courses contact the Cuesta College extension division, 544-2945, ext. 250.