Phone cable hid in bomb shelter

BY MEG MCCONAHY

It looks like an unimposing garage sits at a gentle grade of Los Osos Valley Road. Few people would have guessed that the garage is a gateway leading to the bowels of the earth, where 21 men and women fuss over the operation of two black cables that are part of the most vital communications network in the entire Pacific Basin.

American Telephone and Telegraph owns the three-story underground garage and two cables that cross the Pacific Ocean, starting from a small metal locker in San Luis Obispo and traveling some 10,000 miles across similar metal tubes in Okinawa and Tokyo. The cables are among four that come out of the ocean to locations on the west coast of North America—Point Arena, California, and Vancouver, British Columbia, where similar cables are responsible for all trans-Pacific telephone calls.

Jim Bourn, operations manager of AT&T Longlines, is one of the 21 people taking care of this billion-dollar facility and one of two of those four strategic cables. An amiable Texan with an encyclopedic knowledge of telecommunications, Bourn in the event of a nuclear attack or other catastrophe could mean the difference between life and death for millions of people.

It's about halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles,' Bourn said. "There's no particular reason why San Luis Obispo was chosen except that it's in the middle of the country, and they asked the phone company to provide extra protection for its facilities as well." He said that back in the days when the telecommunications industry was much less complex and damage to one facility could mean cutting off communication to an entire area, Bourn explained. However, in recent years AT&T has become sophisticated enough to have backup systems ready to take over in any inoperative system, he added. Therefore, the underground facility would no longer be vital.

Yet 21 employees of AT&T Longlines in San Luis Obispo can take comfort in the fact that in the event of nuclear attack or sabotage, the underground facility will keep the communication system running.

More than being a huge bomb shelter, however, the AT&T facility is a complex of intricate machinery, much of it computerized, and its location in the hills under San Luis Obispo is effective in the event of a loss of commercial power.

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Opinion

A new CAR

The theme of the old decade—the expanding use of computers—seems to have rescued those with dreadful registration times each quarter.

The need to experience an effortless registration for classes has commanded students’ desires for so many years. The approach of a new quarter surfaces anxiety among students with last names that alphabetically shove them behind the bulk of continuing students. Even during finals some students are more worried about registration than passing exams. But now, at last, computers have answered the problem. At least that is what Computer Assisted Registration trial run results indicate.

With less than a 10-percent error rate during the experiment, CAR may be the greatest addition to Cal Poly next to the University Union. But then again, CAR may be a false hope, an illusion.

CAR participants during the December trial run totaled half the 16,000 student enrollment. Almost all registration cooperators received classes they desired, but competition for classes was not at the normal level of quarter registration. We may be prematurely pleased with the new system. The hassles of that aspect of a new quarter can not be solved by CAR.

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Letters

Tuesday, Thursday

Editor:

The new quarter has begun and so have the headaches and hassles which accompany them from the inevitable adds, drops and waiting lists. I’d like to point out another facet of the scheduling game which makes life difficult for some.

Why is the schedule of classes glutted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday sections while Tuesday and Thursday sections appear to be always full? I am always displeased with the limited scheduling opportunities offered on these two days. I have long held the belief that Tuesday and Thursday are school days and it is not unreasonable for students to expect classes on these days.

Naturally, this letter has been answered the problem. At least that is what Computer Assisted Registration trial run results indicate. CAR participants during the December trial run totaled half the 16,000 student enrollment. Almost all registration cooperators received classes they desired, but competition for classes was not at the normal level of quarter registration. We may be prematurely pleased with the new system. The hassles of that aspect of a new quarter can not be solved by CAR.

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Frawls

by Mark Lawler

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BUT I GUESS IT'S WORTH A TRY... I MEAN, WHAT I'VE I GOTT TO LOSE?

I MUST BE THE FIRST PERSON EVER TO A PLANT WITH PLANTS

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HOWN'D TAKIN' CARE OF SOLDIERS?

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Dunin runnin' for Krejsa's position

BY TOM PULKS

San Luis Obispo City Councilman Ron Dunin announced his candidacy Wednesday for the County Board of Supervisors for the 5th District.

Dunin said that he is after Supervisor Richard J. Krejsa's position because Krejsa does not help keep the board together on most issues. Dunin called himself a good "binding factor" in San Luis Obispo politics.

Dunin said he can improve the County Board of Supervisors because he is "a good listener" and he has "a strong sense of values."

"My knowledge of the community is extensive," Dunin said.

The main issue facing the county, Dunin said, is land use and growth patterns. He said water should not be used to control growth in the county. Dunin said water is "the line of life" and the state water project would help the county get more water.

Dunin is opposed to the licensing of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant until all the safety issues can be resolved and a comprehensive evacuation plan for the county is prepared.

Sixty-team debate

Poly talks up a third place

BY ELISA WILLIAMS

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A Child Development seminar, sponsored by the Child Development Club, will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in UU 230 and Chumash Auditorium. The free seminar will feature presentations, small group discussions, and the chance to talk to professionals. For more information, call 544-6684.

Veterinary Club

A rabies clinic will be the topic of discussion at the next meeting of the club from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and 138 of the Agriculture building at 7. For more information, call 644-6139.

Student needed

A student is needed to participate on the advisory committee for the implementation of the Junior Level Writing Proficiency program. A special interest in writing skills is expected. Students may apply at the ASI office by Friday noon. For more information, call 546-1291.

ALPHA

ALPHA, a newly formed organization whose aim is to preserve the sanctity of life by offering alternatives to abortion, will hold its first Lifeline training session tonight from 7:30 to 9:30, Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 543-4718 or 541-0209.

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Student senator

The Division of Social Sciences has an opening for a student senator. Applications must be received by Jan. 31 and are available in the ASI offices. For more information, call 546-1291.

Backgammon

The ACU-I campus tournaments in chess and backgammon have been scheduled for Jan. 15 and 13 in UU 218 and 216 at 10 a.m. Signups will be taken at the UU box office. Entry fee is $2. The tournaments are sponsored by the ASI Recreation and Tournament Committee. For more information, call 544-8797.

Writing test

The last day to sign up for the Junior English Proficiency test is Friday. Signups will be taken in the cashier's office in the Administration building. The fee is $10. The test is scheduled for Jan. 19. For more information, call 546-2862.

Biology Club

The Biology Club is sponsoring a pizza feed at Great Pizza Monday at 5:30 p.m. on the theme of Pop Ecology. They will meet as scheduled and the classes thereafter will convene Monday evenings 7 to 10, in 22-316. The course is taught by Dr. Donald Laszere.

Women's basketball all

KCP will broadcast two of the upcoming women's basketball games live from the main gym on Friday, times in at 5:30 p.m. to the Cal Poly-LaVerne College game, and on Saturday, to the Cal Poly-Occidental game at 7:30 p.m.

Class correction

The title of Humanities 270-02 should be Public Doublepeak: The Language of Deception, instead of the title listed in schedule. Popular Culture and Political Consciousness. The meeting time and place for the course have also been changed. The first class will meet as scheduled and the classes thereafter will convene Monday evenings 7 to 10, in 22-316. The fee is $10. The test is scheduled for Jan. 19. For more information, call 546-2862.

Language classes

Learn conversational French and Russian through the adult education course offered by the San Luis Coastal Unified School District. The courses begin Monday at Room 6 of San Luis Obispo Junior High School. There is a $20 registration fee for each class. For more information, call 544-8050.

Plant spray ban

SACRAMENTO (AP)—A chief environmental says he will try to qualify an initiative for next November's ballot to put a ceiling on the amount of pesticides that California farmers can use.

Patrick Farganitu, executive director of the California Pollution Information Center, said Tuesday the proposal would limit total pesticide usage in any one year to 200 million pounds, starting in calendar 1981. Fargan said he submitted the proposal to the attorney general, who must give it a title and summary before it can be circulated. It takes the signatures of 244,485 registered voters to qualify.

He said nobody is sure how much pesticide is being applied in California now, but there are estimates that it has grown to 100 million pounds in 1969 to between 300 million and 400 million pounds.

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Oil plant workers begin strike

A Strike's impact is felt on California's oil refineries

Management people had readied themselves for the first full day of a walkout by making refineries maintain their first full day. Refiners reported it could be months before the strike's impact is felt on California's gas pricing.

Nationwide, some 60,000 workers walked off their jobs Wednesday. Ten percent of the union members are in California.

The union wants full medical and dental coverage. Management has offered a flat 9 percent increase to a two-year contract that just entered its second year. Union workers average $8.35 per hour.

Union president Robert Jones predicted the strike would have little effect on gasoline prices at the pump.

Tahoe environmentalists drive

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Saying Lake Tahoe's beauty is being threatened by economic interests, a California congressman Wednesday unveiled legislation to turn the lake basin into a national scenic area. A congressional group said it would launch a national campaign to enact the bill.

"It will be the first step to a point where all political interests will have to be addressed in a comprehensive plan for the lake," said Rep. Vic Fazio, D-West Sacramento.

"We can look back in time and see the lake as it should remain and we can look forward to see what it is we have been laying on it," he added.

"The basic threat to the lake is political," he continued. "It is the instantaneous power enjoyed by a small number of people with economic interests." "There is really no other way to say this, but economic interests in the lake basin may want to save the lake, but they want growth," he added.

The bill, which Fazio said would be introduced later this month, requires the drafting of a preservation plan for the lake within two years and requires local governments in the lake basin to follow it.

"It would really have to be imposed while the plan was being drafted," he said.

The Forest Service would also be given the power to condemn and purchase property anywhere in the basin, except for single family residences in use at the time the bill is enacted.

"Overhead, Fazio said, that could give the Forest Service the power to buy and lease existing Tahoe cabins, but he said it would be "a difficult thing that would be exercised.""

Judge grants state land request

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A federal judge has granted a State of California request to block a federal plan to open up 900,000 acres of California land in logging and other types of development.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Lawrence issued an order Tuesday blocking any commercial development of the land. He said the U.S. Forest Service had failed to measure the environmental and social impact of not including the 900,000 acres in lands designated as wilderness.

Karlton said the Forest Service violated the National Environmental Policy Act. The Forest Service has been ordered by Congress to review all roadless areas and decide which should be preserved as wilderness.

John Hall, vice president of the National Forest Products Association, said Karlton's ruling is a blow to the timber industry.

63 religious leaders beheaded

The beheading of the mosque attackers was carried out in eight cities in the vast desert kingdom in an apparent move to show that the authorities were in full control of the situation.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The deep water canal leading to this inland port was closed to shipping Wednesday after a telephone caller said it had been mined to prevent departure of a Soviet freighter with a load of corn.

According to a telephone call made to radio station KEAP, which features rock music, the station's news director, Charles Weiss, said the caller told a police dispatcher that a Soviet freighter was being mined.

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The Beacon Oil Co. refinery at Hanford is operating at about 75 percent of its normal daily production level. There are 50 union workers employed by the plant.

"It's going to slow it down somewhat, but we feel we can keep operations going with management personnel," said Beacon spokesman Bill Empey.

The bill, which Fazio said would be introduced later this month, requires the drafting of a preservation plan for the lake within two years and requires local governments in the lake basin to follow it.

"A building moratorium would be imposed while the plan was being drafted," he said.

The Forest Service would also be given the power to condemn and purchase property anywhere in the basin, except for single family residences in use at the time the bill is enacted.

"Overhead, Fazio said, that could give the Forest Service the power to buy and lease existing Tahoe cabins, but he said it would be "a difficult thing that would be exercised.""

Judge grants state land request

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A federal judge has granted a State of California request to block a federal plan to open up 900,000 acres of California land in logging and other types of development.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Lawrence issued an order Tuesday blocking any commercial development of the land. He said the U.S. Forest Service had failed to measure the environmental and social impact of not including the 900,000 acres in lands designated as wilderness.

Karlton said the Forest Service violated the National Environmental Policy Act. The Forest Service has been ordered by Congress to review all roadless areas and decide which should be preserved as wilderness.

John Hall, vice president of the National Forest Products Association, said Karlton's ruling is a blow to the timber industry.

63 religious leaders beheaded

The beheading of the mosque attackers was carried out in eight cities in the vast desert kingdom in an apparent move to show that the authorities were in full control of the situation.

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Looking for record

Mustangs face tough trip

The Mustang basketball team travels this weekend to UC Riverside to face Poly Pomona and, if things go right, to the best season start in Mustang history.

That best start record will not be easy to attain, however. Riverside has a 9-1 season-standing in 12 games with the Mustangs in an 11-year period Riverside has taken 15. Cal Poly has never beaten Riverside in the UC gym.

Cal Poly Pomona, which defeated Riverside Friday 90-56, has won three of its last seven games.

But the Mustangs are 5-2 on the road and hoping to extend that tally. To do that, the players will have to improve their consistency. Coach Ernie Wheeler has indicated.

"We have to be more consistent, play the whole game," Wheeler said about the Mustangs’ match with Bakersfield last weekend.

Currently, the Cal Poly squad is 10-2. There is only one other Mustang basketball team with a better season start. That is Ed Jorgensen’s 1961-62 team which won its first four games on the way to its 16-7 campaign.

Coach Wheeler will probably start 6-foot-9 center Ernie Wheeler and 5-10 junior Jim Schultz as usual and 10-inch senior Bill Tos as center.

Robinson is Cal Poly’s top scorer with an 11.0 average, and tops in rebounding with 6.6. Dave McCracken, who scored 20 in the game the previous two games last weekend, had 14 against the Mustangs Friday night. He is averaging 10.9 points and 4 rebounds per game.

Gymnasts face Gators

The Cal Poly women’s gymnastics team, with experience on the schedule for the first time, will begin its regular season Saturday at San Francisco State University.

Coach Andy Proctor said he expects the match with the Golden Gaters to be close. The Mustangs split a pair of games against Gators in two meets last season.

"The two teams are about equal," Proctor said. "Both teams have improved over last year, but it should be a close meet."

Cal Poly will be disadvantaged somewhat by a move in the schedule._Numbers 8

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"Our problem is we’ve only had a week of practice so far this season," Proctor said. "I’m hoping we can break two string of our second or third meet."

Proctor also expects freshman Donna Haas and junior Tammy Wittmire, who are tied for second in the all-around, to break the all-around competition at that SCAA pre-season meet in Pomona as the Mustangs were fourth out of four teams.

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Mustangs host JC wrestling meet

A total of 25 junior college teams, including defending state champion Rio Hondo, are entered in the 27th annual Cal Poly Community College Wrestling Tournament to be held Saturday in the Main Gym. Defending tournament champion Cypress will also be competing in the meet. Several wrestlers from the Cal Poly team will compete as individuals. The tentative lineup includes Robert Arata, Chris DeLong, Tim Stetsamore, Russ Miyoshi, Eric Laseley, Dario Savanzo, Randy Lewis, Jim Page, Dale Ambler, Jim Chastain, Paul Spidler and Carl Heilic.

Mustangs depth key for dominant meet

The Mustangs' Joe Davis, right, grapples with Rick Heckendorf of Omaha-Nbraska. The 190-pound Davis outpointed Heckendorf 4-1.

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