Dorm students charged with sign theft

BY BRIAN BAILSBACK
Staff Writer

Snatching signs is no laughing matter to campus and city police, as five Cal Poly students suspected of such thefts have discovered.

Cal Poly police are filing charges of possession of stolen property and petty theft against two of the five Yosemite residents who were found in possession of stolen signs.

The two charged by the campus police had university signs. Possession of stolen property is a felony, campus police Sgt. Steve Schroeder said.

San Luis Obispo police charges are pending.

The signs — 31 in all — were discovered by Schroeder and San Luis Obispo police officer Jim English when they visited Yosemite Hall just before midnight last Sunday.

They were led to the residence after a Higuera Street businessman finishing work late saw several youths loitering by a closed business at about 2 a.m. Saturday, according to a city police report. The man suspected a burglary might be in progress and reported the license number of their car to the police.

The license number was traced to a Cal Poly resident in Yosemite Hall, Schroeder said.

While speaking with the student owner, English noticed several signs in the student's room that appeared to be stolen, according to the report.

Schroeder said that after talking with the student's roommate, the officers were led to three other suspects who had signs in their rooms in plain view.

28 signs recovered

Twenty-eight signs were recovered by looking in the rooms, including a sign from the University Union that Schroeder estimates is worth $130.

After the officers told floor residents that other stolen signs might be returned anonymously in the hall lobby, three more signs were taken. One of the signs from The Creamery is valued at $400.

Two more signs were in a Yosemite Hall stairwell by a campus police officer Tuesday afternoon. Schroeder said.

The 31 signs recovered on Sunday night may be worth over $2,000, according to the police report.

"People don't realize the expense of signs," Schroeder said. "There have always been some campus tradition to steal a sign for a prank or room decoration, but it's gotten out of hand. It's serious."

"It's a prank," Ed Lunn, resident director of Yosemite Hall said. "People should stop and think about what they're doing."

Lunn declined to state what academic disciplinary measures were being taken against the students.

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Fraternities to ensure maintenance of Poly 'P'

BY GAIL PELLJERIN
Staff Writer

The majestic hillside "P," which reflects the pride and honor of this campus, receives many visitors: some travel up the hill to get some exercise, others to share the sunset, many to decorate and vandalize, and few to clean it all up.

After Delta Sigma Phi built the "P" in 1959, they gave it to the ASI, which appointed the Rally Committee to take care of the structure. said Tim O'Keefe, a DSP member. When the Rally Committee disbanded, the fraternity took on the responsibility of repairing and cleaning up the campus symbol, he added.

Last spring Delta Sigma Phi decided to rebuild the structure when there was controversy over tearing it down.

The ASI allocated $800 for the project, but the funds were not used as Gary Ketcham, farm supervisor, donated from the Farm Department, shovels, picks, steel rods for supporting the retaining walls, redwood lumber for the stairs, paint and cement. O'Keefe said.

"It varies with the time of year," Oliver said. "For Poly Royal and holidays it will be painted, and when someone graduates or there is a birthday in the dorms, they'll write their names in it."

It takes about 10 gallons of paint at a cost of $60 to repaint the structure. Oliver added.

At one time it was suggested that the winners of an inter-dorm competition would have the honor of taking care of the "P," but since there is such a great turnover in the residence halls, it was decided that a more stable group should be responsible.

After having this responsibility for some time, Delta Sigma Phi turned it over to the Inter Fraternity Council. The council decided that each month, which is a member of the IFC, shall be responsible for taking care of the "P" on a quarterly rotation.

"No one has yet to be assigned for Winter Quarter," Tim Leets IFC president said.

In addition to Delta Sigma Phi's goal of distributing responsibility of the "P," it's goal of having an accessible path leading up to the "P" is under way.

ERA: Cal Poly men air their views

BY JUDY LUTZ
Staff Writer

The sight, bearded man shifted in his chair, looked his interviewer in the eye and spoke above the quiet hum of the computer behind him.

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Although the men all agreed equality between the sexes is a worthwhile goal, their opinions on the need for the ERA varied.

"I have a feeling that if it passes there'll be a net change of about zero. There'll be a lot of lip service to it but nothing will happen, at least immediately," said senior Geoff Tobin. He said he doesn't think the ERA should be passed because it is redundant of earlier amendments to the Constitution.

"I don't see what everybody's getting so upset about," the agriculture engineering major added. "To me it's a very nice short statement — it's very clear. But I still have the feeling that it's a redundancy."

Roger Sinsheimer, an engineering science major who attends National Organization of Women meetings in San Luis Obispo, disagreed. "If there are already laws, then what's it going to hurt to put another on the books?" asked the bearded 26-year-old.

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Hair fibers linked to Williams

ATLANTA (AP) — Hairs from Wayne R. Williams' head match hairs that were found under the clothing of one of the city's 28 slain young blacks, an FBI fiber expert testified Monday at Williams' murder trial.

The hairs found underneath 11-year-old Patrick Baltazar's shirt "could have originated from Wayne Williams," Harold Deadman said.

He conceded that "hair comparisons are not a positive means of association," but added: "I have rarely seen instances where hairs from two different individuals exhibit the same characteristics."

Deadman's testimony came at the start of the sixth week of trial for Williams, a 23-year-old black free-lance photographer charged with murdering Nathaniel Cater, whose deaths over a 22-month period have been investigated by a special police task force.

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Nipomo Dunes: Uncertainty shrouds the future

BY SHARYN SEARS

Off-road enthusiasts may lose ground if a proposed moratorium on vehicles in the Nipomo Dunes recreation area is accepted by the California Coastal Commission this month.

The area affected by the moratorium is state park property, but landlocked by private property, said Cal Poly biology Professor Dirk Walters recently. This fact has presented difficulty in patrolling the area, and many off-road vehicle enthusiasts exceed the boundaries of the park, intruding on private property, Walters said. Private property signs are torn down by vandals, and fences are shifted or buried by unstable sand, he said. But property boundaries are not the problem, he said.

"I look at it purely from a biological point of view," said Walters, who is chairman of the Sierra Club's Dunes task force. "The question is, are the natural features of the Dunes compatible with vehicle activity? The answer is the present level of use is exceeding the carrying capacity of the land," he said.

Walters recommended that the area should be closed until the state park system comes up with a plan to patrol the area and control the traffic. The moratorium will be considered Feb. 18 when the coastal Commission meets in Santa Barbara.

Others have agreed there is not enough manpower patrolling the dunes to stop irresponsible drivers from plowing through vegetation.

Mike Parise, vice-president of Cal Poly's four-wheel drive club Poly Goats, said, "In the four years I've been going to the Dunes, I've never seen a patrol vehicle on the Dunes, only on the beach itself."

Vegetated areas are not legal driving paths, but once one vehicle has illegally traversed through such an area, a question arises as to the legality of that path as a new road for future vehicles.

"In other words, the first person to drive through plant life is breaking the law, but every vehicle that follows is not," Walters said.

The ambiguity of what is a road and what is not has caused confusion and contributed to the erosion of plant life in the Dune area, according to Walters. Parise agreed. "As it is now, most people would then see it as a legal road."

The unstable and shifting state of the sand warrants environmental concern and until the carrying capacity of the land is completely assessed, vehicle traffic in the area should be stopped, recommended Walters.

"Several years ago I walked through a Willow tree grove that was above my head," Walters said. "A couple years later they (the trees) were at my knees. A couple years after that they were buried.

Parise also expressed concern with the condition of the Dunes.

"I feel the environmental standpoint is a valid reason," he said. "The vast majority of Poly Goats are very much aware of the environmental condition of the Dunes."

The people who abuse the Dunes and drive through plant life are a minority, but have caused considerable damage, Parise said.

The reaction to the proposed moratorium in the Grover City Chamber of Commerce is one of differing reactions. City Administrator Arnold Dowdy said Monday.

The effects of less traffic in the area on local businesses is one concern, and it is expected that filling stations, auto repair shops, coffee shops, "and anything else related to RV vehicles and camping" will feel a slack in business, Dowdy said.

When the Ocean Avenue access point in Pismo was closed, Pismo merchants actually experienced a boost in sales, reported Dowdy. He is hopeful the result will be the same in Grover City.

Plans for a hotel at Highway 1 and Grand Avenue in Grover City are underway and construction is targeted to begin in 1983, Dowdy said.

Dowdy said the proposed hotel will "enhance the environment, affecting it in a positive way." A parking lot of 200-400 spaces would accompany the hotel, he said.

Clientele at the hotel would offset the decrease in campers and Dune drivers and would help local business to prosper, Dowdy said.

"The beach will be made available to people to walk down on," he added.

The moratorium presently proposed is not the first attempt to limit vehicle access to the Dune area. The Ocean Avenue access point was closed as part of the general plan provided by the California State Park and Recreation in 1975. Prior to its closure, an economic impact report on Pismo merchants in the area was conducted by economists Professor George M. Beardsley. The report concluded nearby businesses would experience a 2.5 percent drop in sales, according to Beardsley.

The Ocean Avenue ramp was closed despite the report because of "a great conflict between pedestrian and vehicle traffic," said California Coastal Commission planner Mark Capelli.

The closure of the Grover City stretch of the dunes area would be another limitation on Dune driving and another step in the effort to restore the vegetation that has been displaced.

Off-roaders gather near Pismo Beach, top, for a weekend of fun in the sand. Above, a dune buggy speeds across the sand through the same type of vegetation environmentalists say is being overused at Nipomo Dunes.
Big companies represented in career symposium

BY SHARON REZAK
Staff writer

Graduating from college can be depressing, especially if no job awaits you. To help avoid this struggle, Cal Poly sponsored a day dedicated to finding career opportunities for students Monday in the University Union.

The Career Symposium provided information on job opportunities after graduation from the nation's largest companies, mainly from technological and defense corporations. Included among the circular set-up of tables around Chumash Auditorium Monday were IBM, TRW, the military, Macy's, Dalles Chuck Printers and World Book Encyclopedia, as well as many others. There was at least one company for every major.

Pacific Telephone, Bell Laboratories, Union Oil, Kaiser Permanente and the San Luis Obispo Police Department are among the organizations that sent representatives from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to inform visiting high school and Cal Poly students and answer their questions about joining their respective companies. With the representatives were Cal Poly graduates who work for some of the companies, to answer questions.

Most of the companies at the symposium were looking for technically-related majors, such as engineering, computer science, mathematics, biology, physics, and chemistry. These companies were recruiting students to later obtain jobs as researchers or builders of military and defense systems and parts.

As a response to the "overwhelming majority" of companies that "support military spending" by producing different parts to bombs and war arms, the Campus Hunger Coalition set up an information table outside the symposium to "show people there is a counter to all this," said Christine Magar, a member of the group.

Magar, a senior architecture major, said her group is working together with the community's "Action for Peace and Disarmament" group in hopes of swaying engineering and science majors from going to work for big companies like TRW which engineers defense systems, or General Electric, which builds neutron generators for bombs.

Magar said that through conversion, many of the military-supporting industries could be "modernized" into safe and peaceful economic ventures such as producing safe and renewable energy systems.

Magar also spoke about the lack of variety of corporations at the symposium.

"The majority of groups in there (in the symposium) are engineering that support defense and military," she said. "Our school produces lots of engineers, but Cal Poly is also an architecture and agriculture school."

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Shugart
Sorority, fraternities are refuge for Poly's blacks

BY KATIE BOWIE

A sense of belonging has always been important to people, but with some groups it goes beyond just having a good time, and becomes a matter of survival. Journalism major Croeda Miller, along with many fellow black students at Cal Poly, has felt the need to associate herself with friends who share her own background and goals. In the sorority Delta Sigma Theta she has found fulfillment of this need.

"In Delta Sigma we are service oriented, not social," said Miller. "The funds that in other sororities go for a house or to put on ice cream sales, we spend helping the fight against sickle-cell anemia and other community efforts.

Miller was one of the eight founders of the local Cal Poly chapter of Delta Sigma two years ago, and is now the number chairperson. Led by President Lettie Pulmore, the group tries to follow its motto of "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom," by providing needed services all year round, instead of just once a year as some sororities and fraternities do.

Some students—claim that disassociating themselves from the rest of the campus only accentuates differences and causes increased prejudice, but Miller disregards these accusations.

"We are as a race," she said, "but we are always open to any sister who believes in our cause of helping the black community, no matter what her race might be.

Even though the sorority has been on campus for two years, they still receive what Miller sees as prejudiced behavior from the Cal Poly student body.

"We are still thought to be a part of the Omega Psi Phi black fraternity. Just because we have small numbers, we are not representative and that's what I call discrimination."

Last year the group was instrumental in the circulation of a petition to reinstate the Voting Rights Act.

"As a group, all these people outnumber the white male," said Miller. One way to withstand student and faculty prejudices is to ignore them. Miller concluded: "Rising above people's prejudices makes you that much stronger.

The sorority always remains a comfort to Miller's frustration, not only as a senior but also as a way to help others.

"When I first came here the attitudes of some people got so bad that it was either leave school or join a frat," she said. "I just didn't care for the white community. It didn't meet my social needs."

Iles complained of continual prejudices from Cal Poly students in such matters as the marching routines pledges perform in the Dining Hall and the University Union.

"I feel that the fraternity is the only way he can help the black community, and share his experience with others. Omega Psi Phi sponsors such activities as a program of talking with black inmates at the California Men's Colony and an all day seminar planned for Feb. 6 called Exploration of the Black Consciousness. The group also is circulating a petition to reinstate the Voting Rights Act."

With the frustration of continued prejudice, students such as Iles and Miller find certain elements of the general attitude at Cal Poly non-existent with black students, and fraternities and sororities are their only way of surviving the day-to-day pressures.

"A black student at Cal Poly is like being in the middle of the Mojave Desert without any water," said Iles. "We have to find water before we can relieve the tensions in comfortable surroundings."

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"Clearly the situation is not one of equality now," he added, referring to the statistic quoted by NOW that women earn 59 cents for every dollar earned by men. "Social legislation, social security would be equal for men and women (if the ERA were passed). It would make affirmative action more straightforward...It would streamline a lot of legal action (in preventing discrimination)," he explained.

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Men threatened

O'Farrell agreed some men might feel threatened, but he did not think the change would be bad.

"I think it would change...it says if she goes to work she would have as many rights (in the business world) as her husband, which is only fair," he said.

Women often have to work to contribute to the family income, even if it isn't their personal preference. O'Farrell said.

"I don't know if the children would suffer that much," he added, saying his mother worked off and on during his childhood.

"I feel the women who are afraid of the ERA are women who see afraid of any change," said Stinesheimer. "They want things to be just the same as they were when Mommy was around."

The four students who are American residents said they feel women should be included in the draft.

"All the law says is that you can't keep men that you don't give to women," he said. "It doesn't mean coed bathrooms - that's garbage...The opponents say 'Oh, no, the women will be drafted.' Sure, they'd be drafted, but they wouldn't have to fight.

Tobin said women would be drafted and serve in combat positions if the ERA passed.

"I don't see any reason why they can't - why can't they serve?" he asked. "I believe in having everyone trained to be able to function in an emergency and I mean everyone."

O'Farrell said it is arbitrary to draft only men.

He said women should be drafted but not have to serve in front line positions.

Both sexes affected

Stinesheimer said he thinks both sexes would be affected by the draft after the ERA passed and "front line fighting positions would be filled by anyone fit for them."

"Regardless of your sex is essential - you can't legislate it," concluded Tobin.

"I don't think their cause is set back at all by it's not passing," said Burton. "If I were a woman, I wouldn't just collapse if it doesn't pass."
Women hoopsters host No. 1 Pomona tonight

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The Mustangs have had trouble proving much of anything lately, having alighted Biola University, 58-56, on Thursday in the Main Gym and then losing on the road to Chapman two nights later.

Polly's 8-11 senior guard, Laura Bushing hit a shot with 45 seconds remaining to best Biola -- Biola's potential game-tying shot missed at the buzzer. Bushing, Polly's female version of Magic Johnson, led all Mustang scorers in the game with 18 points

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Taking precautions

Thursday at 10 p.m. a Cal Poly woman, perhaps looking to shave off a few meaningless minutes of travel time, cut across the dimly lit path which leads past the president’s house. She was alone and unprotected.

The woman was attacked by man described as black, 5-10, 210-220 pounds with a black afro. He struck her face and tried to strangle her with his belt. She screamed. Her cries scared off the assailant before he could harm her further.

Thursday’s attack marked the second one on a Poly student within two months and underscored the fact that rapes and sexual assaults have reached alarming levels in San Luis Obispo County — 56 rapes and over 100 assaults were reported in 1980 and it has been estimated two to three times that actually occurred.

The assault emphasizes the need for women to become aware of the rape problem and to take precautions to ensure they are not a victim. Yet, at least one woman will forget the lessons learned from Thursday’s assault and will not take steps to guard against rape. That woman will become the next victim, the next statistic on the police blotter.

To guard against the possibility of being raped or sexually assaulted, women must first alter their views of such crimes. Rape is not a tragedy which befalls faceless nobodies, it is not an act which happens to “other women.” It can happen to you. Second, San Luis Obispo is no sanctuary from rape or sexual assault — the statistics bear that out. So women can’t expect to avoid the possibility of being raped by ignoring the issue, they must take concrete steps to eliminate the chances of becoming a victim. Here are a few common sense procedures which are often repeated, but just as frequently ignored.

— Never travel alone if you can help it. A friend can make the difference between becoming a victim or not. Before you get back into your car, check the floor of the back seat for tire marks. If someone wishes to use your car to have an escort to their classes or across campus and the University Union, or a woman can call 546-1112.

— Always park in a well-lit area and be sure to lock your car. Before you get back into your car, check the floor of the back seat for tire marks. Volunteer to place the call for him.

— Never enter a house or apartment with the key in hand.

— Rape and sexual assault is not a malady which can be cured by ignoring it with the hopes it will go away. Take action against rape — before you become the next victim.

Poly Wally

By Tim Ballinger

According to an article in the Los Angeles Times on Jan. 9, a boy who killed his mother and sister five years ago is being released on parole by the California Youth Authority at the end of this month — his twenty-first birthday. Because he has a dead parent, the Social Security Administration is regarding him with $2,500 in bank benefits.

The administration described this action as a “quirk in benefit rules” because murders by insane are not always considered felonies. Some quirk.

Here justice is made to work backwards. In another example of this, a group of elderly men met every Tuesday night to play poker and place bets with pennies and loose pocket change. They were arrested during a police raid for gambling. Does this make sense?

These elderly gentlemen certainly are not hardened and dangerous criminals, but the teenager who killed his mother is let out in the streets because his murder isn’t a “heinous” under juvenile law. To top it off, we give the kid a fortune in tax-free money to help him out.

Likewise, I cannot believe that authorities arrested another decent citizen, in this case a man who owned an antique slot machine that had some new parts on it. In California it is illegal to possess a slot machine made before 1940, but illegal to own modern ones.

Since police, who were at the man’s house investigating a robbery, were confused at the legality of the half-antique-half modern machine, they decided to haul the guy in.

Why is a relatively innocent man arrested, while a convicted murderer is set free, plus given money for the person he murdered, all because of a “quirk”?

I assume “authorities” don’t care that they are unintentionally advocating murder by giving benefits to killers. This is a gross injustice to our society.

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