ERA: Cal Poly men air their views

BY JUDY LUTZ
Staff Writer

The Equal Rights Amendment alone has a slim chance of the ERA being amended to the Constitution at the June 30 deadline. All the men interviewed felt the chances of the ERA being amended to the Constitution are poor. The proposed amendment has been ratified by 35 states and needs three more ratifications by the June 30 deadline.

"I'm pretty much for it. I was a little disturbed by the publicizing the ratification period," O'Farrell said, pointing out that no other proposed Constitutional amendment has had the ratification deadline extended. The Supreme Court will decide this fall whether the deadline extension was legal.

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 no 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," 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 attended 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?"

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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 PELJERIN
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.

Before 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 cleaning and maintaining the "P." Last spring, Delta Sigma Phi decided to rebuild the structure when there was controversy over tearing it down.

The ASI allocated $600 for the project, but the funds were not used as Gary Ketich, farm supervisor, donated from the Farm Department, shovels, pick, steel rods for supporting the retaining walls, redwood lumber for the stairs, paint and cement. O'Keefe said.

According to Frank Oliver, DSP member, it took about 15 men close to five hours to rebuild the "P," on a usual clean-up it takes six men less than two hours.

The damage and trash left from vandalizing the "P" is cleaned up every month.

"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 group, which is a member of the IFC, should be responsible for taking care of and repairing 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," its goal of having an accessible path leading up to the "P" is under way.

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Dorm students charged with sign theft

BY BRIAN HAI 2 BACK
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 Yosemit Resident students 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 his 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.

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

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

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

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Hair fibers linked to Williams

ATLANTA (AP) — Hairs from Wayne B. Williams' head matched 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, 27, and Jimmy Ray Payne, 21, two of the 28 young blacks whose deaths over a 22-month period have been investigated by a special police task force.

"We think the case is strong," Assistant Police Chief Wes Harvey told a news conference earlier at police headquarters.

Municipal Judge Samuel Mayerson ordered Sassounian held without bail because the charges include two special circumstances that could mean either the death penalty or life in prison without possibility of parole if Sassounian is convicted.

Salvadorian guerrillas battle

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Leftist guerrillas battled El Salvador's U.S.-backed junta launched a rare daylight attack on the eastern city of Ushuan on Tuesday and claimed control of the northeastern town of Corinto.

A military source reached by telephone in Ushuan, 70 miles east of San Salvador, said fighting was heavy in at least four sections of the city through the morning.

He said the guerrillas attacked about 6 a.m., killing at least one national policeman and wounding three soldiers. There was no word on guerrilla casualties.

Correction

It was reported in Tuesday's Poly Notes section that the Medieval Feast would be held this Thursday. That event has been postponed until Spring Quarter.

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Nipomo Dunes: Uncertainty shrouds the future

BY SHARYN SEARS

Staff Writer

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 fines 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 in 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. 16 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 parked vehicle on the Dunes, only on the beach itself.

Vegetated areas are not legal driving paths, but once one vehicle has illegally treaded 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 Beach 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 more usable 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.
Big companies represented in career symposium

BY SHARON KREZAK

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, Delaux Check 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 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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Sorority, fraternities are refuge for Poly's blacks

BY RAYTIE BOYLE

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 Theta, we are service oriented, not social," said Miller. "The funds that in other sororities go for a house or to put on ice cream socials, 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 Theta two years ago, and is now the number chairperson. Led by President Lettie Pulman, the group tries to follow its mantra 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 exacerbates differences and causes increased prejudice, but Miller disregards these accusations.

"We are set in our ways," she said, "but we are always open to any sister who believes in our cause of helping the black community, no matter what her background and goals. In the sorority Omega Psi Phi, one of the two black fraternities on campus, 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 of 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.

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Miller considers the sorority a great help in seeing her through hard times, such as the frequent brushes with prejudice on the Cal Poly campus. She complains about the use of the word "minority" being entirely inappropriate.

"People use it to describe all people of color," she said. "Including Orientals, Indians, and everyone else, even women.

As a group, all these people outnumber the white male." 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 friendly port in a storm, but as a way to help others. And when I help others, I can't help but help myself," she said. Mark Dies, president of Omega Psi Phi, one of the two black fraternities on campus, also stressed the importance of involvement with people who share the same interests and background.

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

Dies 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. Dies said he feels 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 of 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 continuous prejudice, students such as Dies and Miller find certain elements of the general attitude at Cal Poly non-constructive to blacks, 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 Dies. "We have to find a water hole to relieve the tensions in comfortable surroundings."
Cal Poly men speak their minds on equal rights

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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.

"I'd probably vote for it, but I wouldn't drive very far to do it," said Grant Burton, an electronic engineering major. "I'm only actually marginally in favor of it."

The 19-year-old sophomore said he hesitates over a law that would make men and women equal when in actuality they are different.

"What's wrong with being a little different?" he asked. "I think that equality in a lot of things is desirable — but in everything?"

Women's frustration. Burton said the ERA is like an extension of women's frustration with the way they have been treated by men. "Their real problems aren't in the law, it's with society and you can't change that with an amendment," he said.

"All the ERA will do is change a lot of sexually discriminatory laws. Even that would make it worth having, I wouldn't say that just because it doesn't solve the whole problem that it isn't good," he added.

Gary Banovitz brings a different perspective to the question. The 25-year-old international agriculture senior was born in America and raised in Germany. He said if the ERA were ratified, it would set an example for Europe and "I think that American examples are looked on very heavily."

Another subject touched on by the students was discrimination against women.

"I think it's anoying a lot of men — in the beginning I think so. And resentment perhaps. But only until they get it through their heads (that women entering their professions are just as qualified)," he said.

Stinehime said men who had considered their professions "safe" from women might be upset by the passage of the ERA. "I could see that as being considered some sort of threat, but anyone who's threatened on that level, I have no other problems," he said.

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

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Mustang Stacy Lambert displays her talents on the balance beam at Polys tri-meet held over the weekend.

Women hoopsters host No. 1 Pomona tonight

BY VALERIE BRICKMAN Staff Writer

Cal Poly's gymnastics team fell short to visitors Cal State Northridge and Cal State Long Beach in their tri-meet held on Saturday.

Northridge walked away with first place honors as they tallied 114.75 points. Long Beach combined their talents to capture second place with 126.0 points and Cal Poly ended up with 110.35 points to place third.

Top all-around competitor was Kim Gardner from Northridge with a 33.95 total for the day. Second place in all-around competition also went to Northridge as Linda Moody tallied 33.85 points. Long Beach's Lori Hoffman was third with 33.80 points.

Before injuring herself on her dismount on the uneven bars, Mustang Susan King was leading scorer for Cal Poly with a 2.25 in the vault and 8.15 on the uneven bars. Placing fifth in all-around competition was Cal Poly's Pam Dickie with 20.65 points; Lisa Judson, also from Poly, finished with 25.30 points in all four events.

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

Poly's 8-11 senior guard, Laura Bushing hit a shot with 45 seconds remaining to beat Biola — Biola's potential game-tying shot missed at the buzzer.

Bushing, Polys female version of Magic Johnson, led all Mustang scorers in the game with 18 points. Poly fell short to visitors Cal State Long Beach in their tri-meet held on Saturday.

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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 precautions which are often repeated, but just as frequently ignored.

-- Never travel alone if you can at all help it: bring a friend if you must go out walking at night. The ASI and the Interfraternity Council have lessened the worry of having to walk about campus alone after dark. From Sunday evening through Thursday from 6 p.m. to midnight women can arrange to have an escort to their cars, classes or across campus.

-- Escort Service booths are stationed in the Kennedy Library 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.

-- Never let strangers in your home. If a serviceman calls on you, check his identification. If someone wishes to use your phone, volunteer to place the call for him.

-- If you approach your house or apartment have your 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.

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By Tim Ballinger

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