Proposals in the works to reduce bus crowding

By Debbe Boxx

The city of San Luis Obispo is developing alternatives to reduce overcrowding on the free SLO Transit bus program, said the director of Cal Poly business affairs.

James R. Landreth said the new program is "slightly too successful." Landreth and city Transit Manager Nancy Knofler are working on three possible proposals to solve the university ridership troubles.

Currently four bus routes are operating 12 hours a day.

"Since the free bus program began this fall, some students attempting to board the buses at peak hours have been left behind because the vehicles were too crowded," Knofler said. The problem exists because of an overload on the 8 a.m. buses headed for campus. She suggested students arrive at the bus stop at the corner of Mill Street and Grand Avenue at 6:32 a.m. because the buses are least crowded at that hour.

"At Tropicana and Valencia there's the same problem," said Knofler. "The one bus at 6:50 a.m. isn't full, but the bus at 7:30 a.m. is full." Knofler's first proposal is to add a discentive, such as charging for rides during the crowded morning periods.

Landreth disagreed. "We don't endorse this as a possible course of action," he said. "I think it would have an adverse overall impact."

A second possibility is to have two buses from North Coast Transit (a separate bus line) to add two sections to the overcrowded lines. "This seems economically feasible," said Landreth.

The final proposal is to rent or lease buses from a private entrepreneur. Landreth said this could be a very expensive measure. He said the university is looking for the most economical suggestion.

"What we're really talking about is adding buses for 20-30 people who are being left behind," said Landreth. "This is about 10 or 15 people on two routes."

Dean of Students Ross Brown said the university is working with the city to get the additional service. "Cal Poly will contribute funds, but the exact arrangements depend on the solution," Brown said.

Brown said there is a strong need to solve the bus problem as quick as possible. He added that the free bus program needs immediate attention.

ASI President John Sweeney said students with bus problems, complaints or questions should attend the Student Senate Open Forum meeting today at 7 p.m. in Room 220 of the University Union. "ASI inaugurated this program," said Sweeney, "and we need to have student feedback to alleviate problems."

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Company to revise insurance

By Marc Meredith

A panic in the insurance industry has sent premiums and deductibles soaring in the past year, and has left ASI without insurance coverage after June 1986.

Roger Conway, executive director of ASI business affairs, said insurance premiums increased from $18,000 to $48,000 this year when Hartford Group renewed ASI's University Union policy in July.

The company later informed Conway that it wished to cancel the coverage altogether and gave ASI a grace period until June 1988 to establish coverage with another company.

Conway said ASI currently has an umbrella policy, which covers all types of insurance needs from fleet auto coverage to general liability. He said because of the situation in the insurance industry, it will be difficult or impossible to obtain the same type of coverage.

Other university auxiliaries are experiencing similar difficulties, as are many large government and private organizations across the country. Conway said Cal Poly Pomona was canceled by its carrier, INA, without even a grace period.

Conway said the solution to the problem may be for the 19 California State University campuses and their auxiliaries to pool their insurance needs. He said this would take the form of an insurance cooperative, where a multiple of carriers are used to provide for the many insurance needs throughout the system.

The Board of the Auxiliary Organizations Association, of which Conway is a member, has scheduled a workshop on Nov. 22 to study the prospects of setting up an insurance pool among the CSU campuses.

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Point — counter point

Opposing editors discuss the use of the U.S. military in the attempt to capture the alleged hijackers of the Achille Lauro.

Candidates converge

Candidates for mayor and the city council discussed, Is it time to go on a forum on Monday. Page 3.

Sports switch

Jerry Hernandez talks about his move from third baseman to a cross country athlete. Page 6.
Action had to be taken! Were we hijackers, too?

This will probably be the only piece we ever write in favor of an action that was performed by Ronald Reagan during which military force was us­ed. It is obvious that for objective re­porting?

We do not agree with what we feel is the President's unusual ar­rogant attitude that "America's way is the only right way" and his fa­miliar philosophy that he should make the world safe for democracy he should have learned from Woodrow Wilson's example.

But this is not Grenada. No people were injured in the action. And there was just cause.

The situation in question, the use of the United States military to force the landing of an Egyptian airplane carrying four suspected hijackers in Italy — the country on whose ship a criminal action took place, should be looked at for what it was — an action attempting to bring about justice.

Four terrorists hijacked a ship. A country negotiated with the ter­rorists, something which most countries, not just the United States, believe can only lead to more terrorist actions. Egypt then cut a deal on terms that perhaps would not have been reached if Egyptian leaders had known that a murder had taken place aboard the ship.

Who can truly believe that if the alleged hijackers were turned over to the Palestine Liberation Organization that justice would be served? After all, Yasser Arafat isn't exactly trustworthy.

The military intervention was organized and planned as a move to in­sure that the hijacker suspects would not be able to arrive. Reagan, in his address to the nation, was acting to protect not only American concerns but also the concern of an entire world that is plagued by terrorism.

Military action is rarely the an­swer. All we're saying is that it's about time someone stood up to these barbarians instead of hiding away.

Terrorism is not simply an act of interference. It is a threat to all people from all nations. Reagan's decision to use military action was bold. His move was praised by people from many nations. He did what many world leaders wished they had the guts to do — stand up to terrorism.

We are not naive enough to think that bringing who the Palestinians might consider four unimportant people to trial is going to stop any terrorist's future. Terrorists don't structure their lives by American values. People who aren't politically driven a car bomb into the front of an embassy would not be deterred by the possibility of happening to trial.

Those opposed to the military intervention threw around Rambo cliches. That isn't the issue. The move against the alleged hijackers was not seen as an act of ar­rogance, but as an action for justice.

— Margaret Barrett, Susan Edmondson and Dan Ruthmeyer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader is appalled by terrorism editorial

Editor — The Mustang Daily editorial condemning the United States for its policy on terrorism is appreciated.

The main problem with terrorism is that there is no effective way to combat it. The United States strikes those that have no stake in its cause. It is almost impossible to prevent and defend against those fanatical men and women who are willing to die to further a group's terrorist ac­tivities. Islamic fundamentalist groups are continually impossible to deter because dying for their cause is a means for entering the Islamic afterlife.

The Mustang Daily stated that President Reagan is "Quick to condemn terrorism by others but only slow to support the same acts by our allies." This is an inaccurative statement. Not only the President in the United States has ever favored terrorism. The so-called Reagan's hijacking of the terrorist plane last week just another act of terrorism, which appears to be an act of international justice. In the future, we could be unlucky to attack innocent men and women.

Your editorial stated that Reagan was unable to make up his mind on how to deal with terrorists. Last week the president the Mustang Daily wrong. Unfortunately terrorists never change patterns. Reagan said it best last Monday when he said to terrorists "you can run, but you can't hide."

The President's current policy of the U.S. is to ignore the demands of terrorist groups. This is the soundest plan possible to lead to the decline of terrorism. Reagan acted admirably when he asked the order to bring down the hijacked jet by waiting till they were off the Achille Lauro. He both saved the possible deaths of more hostages and brought the terrors to justice.

The Mustang Daily asks why the U.S. doesn't use its superpower status for peace instead of violence. Last year over 200 U.S. men died in Lebanon in an attempt to bring peace to the troubled region. This was not U.S. interference, it was a United Nations function seeking Near Eastern stability. The attempt, however, failed at the hands of more needlessly and indefensively terrorism. Peace is desirable, even attainable. The Near East is both diverse and chaotic. The region fosters the principle base for three major religions and all the understandable sects and factions, and adding to its diversity are the many language barriers. The cultures are constantly clashing there is nothing resentment in the area. Toward each other and out­side influences. Peace in the Near East in my lifetime I believe to be a remote possibility. When I see men such as Muammar Gaddafi, Yasser Arafat, and the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini sit down together to discuss peace, I will lay my pen down. Until the United States will not use our policy seeking to deter terrorism, then peace in the Near East is in its ultimate end.

— James L. Curtis

Thought for the day

"Consistency is the last refuge of an imaginative" — Oscar Wilde

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Two days later, the Egyptian government and the PLO announc­ed the surrender of hijackers iden­tified as members of the Palestine Liberation Front. Egypt then turned to try the suspects to Tunisia where they were dealt with by the PLO.

As the plane flew over the Mediterranean, Peace Navy fighter took off from the aircraft carrier Saratoga to meet it. The American warplanes forced the Egyptian jet to land at a Sicilian Nato base and the hijackers were then taken off the aircraft for trial in the home country of the ship's owner Achille Lauro.

The Italians proved to be un­cooperative with American efforts, however, and promptly released Mohammed Abbas, the alleged master minded of the hijacking, who then sought asylum in Yugoslavia.

Several questions now remain unanswered. Did the American government act responsibly? Has a precedent been set? What if the hijacker becomes a political figure?

Just for the sake of argument, say the hijackers take place in the British Labour Party hijacks the Pacific Princess off the coast of Egypt. When the pirates are cap­tured, the U.S. flies the captives to America for trial. What would our reaction be if a Soviet — or Russian or South African or Islamicic warplane kidnapped our prisoners in order to try them elsewhere? We'd be outraged, we would argue, as well we should. After all, those pesky Soviets — or Icelanders— would have done the very same thing as those British terrorists.

Back to the case at hand. Are Americans above the law? Where do we get the idea that America should police the world? By hijack­ing the plane carrying the passengers the United States has lowered itself to the same level as the hijackers.

We admit it's a tough situation to face. But in the long run, we feel the greater good would come from not resorting to violence. It is unethical for America to think of itself as a peace-loving nation, it ought to act like one. The United States will not now deal with the possibility of increased tensions in the Mid­dle East.

Reagan talks big about results, let's look at the result of his ac­tions.

— Gregg Schroeder, Kevin H. Fox

and Donald Munro

by Berke Breathed

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Candidates address city issues

By Susan Harris

The nine candidates running for office in the Nov. 5 San Luis Obispo city elections met Monday in a forum sponsored by the American Associates of University Women.

Using a debate format, the nine candidates for City Council and the two mayoral candidates met at the Monday Club to address issues introduced by the audience.

About 80 people attended the public forum, which lasted from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

"It was a very good turnout of both the candidates and the public. It is very gratifying," said Jean Beak, the legislative committee co-chairman for the AAUW.

Each candidate was introduced by Beak and then allowed a five-minute opening speech. During this time, the candidates discussed their qualifications and listed their goals.

The issues brought up most by the candidates were long-range water planning, the planning, development and cost of housing and downtown parking.

The two candidates for mayor, Councilman Ron Dunin and incumbent Melanie Billig, described their goals for the future of San Luis Obispo.

Dunin said he would stabilize the economic decline of downtown. Billig said it is the first time there has been a clear choice for mayor and added, "I'm proud of the record I'm running on.

The seven city council candidates will be competing for two four-year seats. The nominees include Paul Agnew, Ron Benice, Gary Fowler, Marline Hubbard, Paul Lewis, Penny Rayaps and Allen Selker.

After the individual opening speeches, the candidates took questions from the audience. The candidates had two minutes to answer and one minute to form a rebuttal.

A question directed to Billig about the People's Kitchen and what Billig was doing to meet her social burden regarding the transients.

Billig responded she didn't believe it was just a city responsibility to care for the homeless, and she hoped the county and private sector could help.

Another question aimed at Dunin concerned student input on issues pertaining to Cal Poly. The question cited the banning of alcohol in parks and the noise ordinance as examples.

"Neither of these ordinances are seen as anti-student measures," said Billig.

Dunin then used his rebuttal time to say he had proposed a 14-day review period on the alcohol ban at a City Council meeting in September, but the ordinance was passed anyway.

Scholar introduced

A reception introducing Fulbright scholar-in-residence Thibaut Ayne Gogue to the Cal Poly campus will be held Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Staff Dining Room B.

The reception will be hosted by President Warren Baker and Provost Tomlinson Fort. Interested members of the campus community are encouraged to attend.

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Stereotypes and majors: are student ideas changing?

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emulate this commitment to increase the male-to-female ratio in engineering. She said she would like to see more women engineering teachers and more teachers in high school suggest that women enter engineering.

"Typically when women look to the sciences they go more toward chemistry or biology," she said.

Another woman breaking into a male-dominated major is senior construction major Jane Luckhardt. A common myth Luckhardt said she encounters is the idea that construction majors "learn to hammer nails." The curriculum prepares students for a supervisory position in construction which involves the estimation of costs, manpower, machinery, materials needed for a job and the scheduling for a job.

Being one of only seven women in the entire major does not make Luckhardt feel uncomfortable. "It's fun. I love having mostly guys in my classes," she said. "I don't think the classmates treat me differently. A few of the instructors will make comments without realizing there's a girl in the class. I'm not a strong women's libber so I don't push it," Luckhardt said.

Luckhardt foresees problems gaining acceptance once she is out in the field practicing construction law. "The guys out there in construction aren't used to having girls around. It's a very male macho-type career. It draws the type of guy who isn't used to a woman professional," she said.

Men may have a harder time than women gaining acceptance in an unconventional major. "In general, men's jobs are perceived to be more prestigious than women's jobs so it makes sense for a woman to enter a typically male-dominated major," said Dan Levi, a Cal Poly psychology teacher. He would expect men to receive more acceptance within the major because "women are more emotionally open" but outside of the major the sex might be seen as entering a lower status field.

Freshman Oabe Arcoleo would like to be a juvenile counselor. That's why he is a child development major. Arcoleo described his first few weeks in the major as "different." He said people give him special attention because they want to know the male opinion. The children in the day care labs benefit from having three men in the major, Arcoleo said, because they serve as male role models in a female-dominated situation.

The reason men are not typically found in the child development major is probably because most men feel inhibited around children, Arcoleo said. Steven Raybon has successfully broken into a traditionally all-female major — home economics. Raybon, a senior clothing/textiles major with a degree in fashion merchandising from Cuesta College, works at Friedman's Microwave Oven store teaching microwave cooking classes. Raybon has nothing
but good things to say about being one of several men in home economics.

"It's great! I get a lot of attention! All the teachers know me because I stand out!"
The women in the major applied for choosing the home economics major.

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Three women majoring in construction socialism at a party in the predominantly male Construction Club.

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By Karen Kramer

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"In training for baseball, my coach always stressed running. I loved it, but only thought of running as a tool to get in shape for other sports," said Hernandez.

Halfway through his second season at third base for El Camino Junior College, Hernandez said he realized he needed a change.

"I felt the potential I had in baseball had been reached. I was not having as much fun as I should have been," said Hernandez.

So he passed on his glove, put on some running shoes and began training for a marathon—just for fun.

Describing his first test at 26 miles, Hernandez admitted he never really knew what running was about until he finished that race.

"I went out consecutively, and it felt great. Then I guess you could say I hit the wall. It SEC JERRY, page 7

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MIT professor wins Nobel in economics

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Franco Modigliani, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor, won the 1985 Nobel Prize in economics Tuesday for theories he developed 30 years ago on personal savings and the value of businesses.

“I am obviously very pleased,” the 67-year-old economist said in his office in Belmont, Mass. “It’s always nice to hear that the work I’ve done is appreciated and regarded as important.”

Modigliani, who emigrated from his native Italy to the United States at the beginning of World War II, was cited for theories on how people save for their old age and for refining economic thinking on how to determine the market value of businesses.

Tusday’s award marked the 13th time in the 17 years of the prize that it was won or shared by an American.

Professor Anar Lindbeck, a member of the Swedish prize jury, said after the announcement that Modigliani’s work “is not explaining what we should do, it explains what we see and helps us understand the world.”

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, which made the award, said Modigliani developed a life-cycle hypothesis of household saving and formulated theorems used to value firms and capital costs.

Modigliani’s savings theories, worked out in the 1950s with a student, the late Richard Brumberg, helped demonstrate how people reduced their savings when they could count on improved pensions.

The Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 1984-85 for the California Polytechnic State University Foundation has now been completed. Copies for public information are available in the Foundation Executive Director’s Office (Fisher Science Hall, Room 290).