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 proposal is "slightly too successful." Knofler 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 Tropicaican 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 desincentive, such as charging for rides during the crowded morning period.

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 lease or rent 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 or 30 people who are being left behind," said Landreth. "This is about 10 or 15 people on two routes."

Dean of Students Russ 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," he 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 busing 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 instituted this program," said Sweeney, "to provide students feedback to alleviate problems.

Students defy sex-role stereotypes

By Laura Rosenblum

As more men and women enter stereotyped majors at Cal Poly, some people are concerned as to how they will be treated by peers, teachers and employers.

Dan Levy, a psychology teacher at Cal Poly, said people formulate stereotypes or generalizations about particular groups of people in order to make sense out of the complex world. The need to categorize people allows them to determine what is expected of them and in turn what they should expect from others.

"Once we make sense of the world then we feel secure," said Levy. "We don’t like anything disrupting that model of the world."

Sue Trunnelle is a senior electrical engineering major and president of the Society of Women Engineers at Cal Poly. She chose her major because aptitude tests she took in high school suggested that she was technically minded. Three of Trunnelle’s brothers are electrical engineers, and she felt “if they could do it so could I.” Trunnelle encounters few problems being accepted by others in her major.

"I get more attention," she said. "The first day of the quarter they all recognize me because there aren’t too many girls in the department. I don’t really notice it except when I walk into a general ed class and I think wow, there are a lot of women here.”

Trunnelle didn’t always feel comfortable. "I was kind of intimidated the first couple of years. But I realized I don’t have to be brilliant to be in this major.”

Trunnelle worked a summer job at Chevron and a co-op at Douglas Aircraft. She said the opportunities for women engineers are probably greater than for men because companies want to promote equal employment.

Trunnelle said Cal Poly does not provide for the many 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 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.

ASI is pursuing the options of setting up an insurance cooperative, where many large government and private organizations across the country would 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.

ASI is working with the Auxiliary Organizations Association, of which Conway is a member, on an insurance cooperative.

ASI’s fund pool is now at $9,000,000, but it needs another $11,000,000 to provide for the many insurance needs throughout the system.

Company to revoke 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 1988.

Roger Conway, executive director of ASI business affairs, said insurance premiums increased from $18,000 to $40,000 this year when Hartford Group renewed the ASI-University Union policy in July.

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

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Company to revoke insurance
This probably will be the only piece we ever write in favor of an action condemned by Ronald Reagan during which military force was us-
ed. His 'rules' for objective reporting?

We do not agree with what we feel is the President's usual arrogant attitude that "America's way is the only right way" and his fam-

ily 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 ter-

rorists, something which most countries, not just the United States, believe can only lead to more terrorist actions. Egypt then had a cut-down 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 not planned as a move to in-
sure that the hijack suspects would not be returned to Lebanon. Resignation in the Mediterranean last week? We feel that the forced landing of the Egyptian airplane carrying the Palestinian hijackers by American fighter planes was a hijacking in its own right.

The world was shocked last week when a splinter group from the Pale-

stine Liberation Organization seized an Italian luxury liner and killed an American passenger.

Two days later, the Egyptian government and the PLO announc-
ed the surrender of hijackers identi-
fied as members of the Palestine Liberation Front. Egypt then had to fly the suspects to Tunisia where they were to be dealt with by the PLO.

As the plane flew over the Mediterranean, Peace Navy fighter planes 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 airplane for trial in the home country of the cruise ship Achille Lauro.

The Italian government proved to be un-

cooperative with American efforts, however, and promptly released Mohammed Abbass, the alleged master-mind of the hijacking, who was sought under asylum in Yugoslavia.

Several questions now remain unanswered. Did the American government act responsibly? Has a precedent been set? What if the pre-
cedent was set?

Just for the sake of argument, let's look at the situation from the British Labour Party hijacker's standpoint. The Pacific Princess off the coast of the United States where the pirates are cap-
tured, the U.S. flies the culprits to America for trial. What would our reaction be if a Soviet — or Romanian or South African or Icelan-
dic — 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 hijack-

ing the plane carrying the pirates 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 have come from not resorting to violence. If America wants to think of itself as a peace-loving nation, it ought to act like one. The United States will now have to deal with the possibil-

ities of increased tensions in the Mid-

dle East.

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tions.

— Gregg Schroeder, Kevin H. Fox and Donald Mastro
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 seven 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 Beers, Gary Fowler, Marlene Hubbard, Paul Lewis, Penny Rayas and Allen Settle.

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 asked if the candidates would 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.

Goetz-like case dismissed

SANTA ANA (AP) — Comparing the case to that of subway gunman Bernhard Goetz, a judge dropped felony charges against a man who shot two youths he believed had thrown a brick through his car window.

Bruce Ward Atwell, 22, of Huntington Beach was freed Monday by Orange County Superior Court Judge Luis Cardenas over the objections of the district attorney's office.

As for an allegation Atwell kicked the youth, Cardenas said: "So what if he kicked them? They asked for it. I don't feel sorry for those two punks at all. They assumed certain risks when they engaged in criminal behavior, and one of the risks was that the victim, would fight back."

Atwell was riding in a car driven by his girlfriend Sept. 21 when his brakes were thrown from the darkness along MacFadden Avenue. One brick hit the passenger door, the other smashed through the window.

The girlfriend drove Atwell home, where he grabbed his gun and then went looking for the assailants.

Marine helicopter crashes in sea

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A Marine helicopter carrying 19 people crashed into the sea off North Carolina early Tuesday after takeoff from a helicopter carrier on maneuvers, officials said. Five people were reported rescued.

The CH-46 "Sea Knight" helicopter from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 363 plunged into Oodles Bay around 6 a.m. after taking off from the USS Guadalcanal, according to Gunny Sgt. John Simmon of Camp Lejeune's public affairs office.

The blaze that threatened Pepperdine, the Puima Canyon fire, dropped visibility to 100 feet Monday in front of the campus.

Along usually scenic Pacific Coast Highway, smoke and ash descended from the flames, which had already torched at least 400 acres of tinder-dry Southern California brushlands.

One of about 20 wildfires that roared across more than 20,000 acres of tinder-dry Southern California brushlands.

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Stereotypes and majors: are student ideas changing?

From page 1 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 he said the men might be seen as entering a lower status field.

Freshman Dale Arcoleo would like to be a juvenile counselor. That's why he is a child development major.

Arocollo 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 kvinnonish about men in the major. Raybon sees himself as a role model for young women who might consider this major.

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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.

"They tell me I must be very secure.

Outside of the major, however, Raybon encounters men who scorn what he is doing and say he is taking the easier route to a college education. "But some guys tell me I must be smart to be weak in business."

Clothing business is the most equipped to start his own business in the clothing industry than most Cal Poly business majors.

"It's better to know clothing and be weak in business. Clothing business is the most volatile market out there. You need to be able to recognize fashion trends before they happen."

According to psychologist Levi, people don't like it when others violate a stereotype. "The odd fact is," he said, "that people may be conscious that their stereotypes are narrow and inaccurate."

Reality doesn't change the stereotypes we hold, said Levi — people simply distort reality to retype them in class but they're not like regular engineers. "I don't think that stereotypes are narrow and inaccurate."

In this way a person can justify having women engineers and still not necessarily break up the stereotype that "regular engineers" are men.

"When students go back out in the working world they may encounter a lot of people who are not as open-minded as the students and teachers at Cal Poly," said Levi. But he points out that people usually do not generalize their attitudes to an individual level.

"In the abstract, people are not like regular engineers. They're nice people, I guess. But at a party in the classroom, all the teachers know me because I stand out."

"Women are not like regular people. They're not regular engineers," he said. "We need to be able to recognize fashion trends before they happen."
Hernandez exchanges cleats for sneakers

By Karen Kraemer

When Jerry Hernandez hung up his cap and glove in junior college, after 10 years of serious baseball, he thought he'd have free time for some recreational running. Little did he know that three years later he'd be one of the top runners for a nationally ranked cross country team.

The Mustangs have handled the beginning cross country season like no other Division II team. Three meets into the season, the runners have set the pace, winning Invitationals at Fresno and Sacramento, and earning a strong third place finish among Division I foes at the Stanford Invitational. Cal Poly is presently ranked third nationally in Division II racing.

Jerry Hernandez, a 21-year-old Redondo Beach native, would have never guessed that he would be in the middle of the Cal Poly running pack.

"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 was a very tiring experience." He said he now runs up to 30 miles a week, training for an upcoming 26.2 miles race.

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Conway said ASI is trying to preserve programs like rafting, but he thinks the only way to do this is by packaging. With packaging, high risk activities are insured separately from low risk activities.

The only problem then is that someone must pay the high costs that go with high risks. Conway said he doesn't believe in absolutes. He said students should be provided with the option of obtaining the extra money for higher premiums or cancelling the program.

The panic in the insurance industry has been caused by a combination of extremely high capital costs, Conway said, the European insurance market will no longer underwrite U.S. insurance companies, which are subsequently panicking.

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