Council eyes options to avoid water shortage
By Karen N. Smyth

San Luis Obispo is facing a potential water shortage that could result in a 50 percent cutback to consumers by the year 1990.

According to a report presented to the City Council Tuesday night, the absence of significant rainfall could bring water storage levels to a critical level in late 1989 or early 1990 depending on consumption rates. Should the water reach such a level, the city would mandate consumers to cut their consumption in half.

To respond to the threat of a serious water shortage, the council voted unanimously to proceed with the 1989-1990 Annual Water Operational Plan. The plan was drawn up by the City's Water Resources Department, which is responsible for ensuring the city's water supply.

Utility manager Bill Hetland presented a reservoir storage and water use forecast which is based on the assumption that water consumption will continue to increase by 5 percent each year.

The key to avoiding shortages is to reduce water consumption through conservation. According to Hetland, residents and businesses can help by taking steps to reduce water use, such as fixing leaks, using water-efficient appliances, and reducing lawn watering.

Hetland defined four levels of action on the curve and said that San Luis Obispo is now in the moderate action level and will reach the severe level by summer or fall.

Several options of supply management were presented to deal with the problem. One emphasized continued operation of reservoirs in ways that "minimized evaporation and maximized reservoir storage." This is accomplished by "actively using the Salinas Reservoir, taking into account water quality and system reliability, while relying on the Whale Rock Reservoir primarily for storage."

Another supply option would continue development of groundwater wells within San Luis Obispo. This will result in new water supplies available for consumption within nine months to a year. Hetland mentioned however that it may be possible to "fix it" this effort.

The supply management options combined with demand management or conservation options are projected to reduce consumption levels between 15 and 25 percent. Included in the conservation options were efforts to continue public education about water conservation with attention to the current situation. Another option would establish growth control measures within the city.

A revision of the water rates to include an "increasing block structure" was discussed as a third option. According to Hetland, a "lifeline" amount of water would be set per person. Residents who exceed this amount would pay higher rates than those who stay within.

City receives $25,000 grant for phase two of creek fix
By Megan Owings

The second phase to save the San Luis Obispo Creek is underway with a $25,000 grant donated by the state Department of Water Resources.

Under the Urban Streams Restoration Act, a program within the department, this money will allow San Luis Obispo County to continue restoring the creek through work coordinated by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo.

The program is taking part in two phases. The first part took place the beginning of this year. In the first phase the Land Conservancy prepared the actual restoration plan for the creek, which included plans to improve the aesthetics of the creek and make improvements in an ecologically.

Other plans in the first phase included re-planting the embankment banks.

Cal Poly pulls out of state student association
Representative feels CSSA is not responding to needs of university
By Shelly Evans

Cal Poly's official withdrawal from the California State Students' Association came after months of reports that CSSA was not "fulfilling the needs of Cal Poly students."

Cal Poly is the first CSU campus to withdraw, although Fresno State and Cal Poly Pomona are considering similar actions.

Steve Blair, Cal Poly's CSSA representative, said CSSA had failed to properly represent Cal Poly students on issues such as financial aid and graduation requirements.

"In the back and watched two years being wasted," Blair said.

"The board has done nothing for a few years to benefit Cal Poly."

Like many student senates, they like to sit around and hear themselves talk. It was kind of worthless," Blair said.

Blair said the decision to withdraw came after the January conference, although Cal Poly did not officially notify the CSSA staff until April 12. The CSSA staff said Blair could still attend the CSSA conferences as Cal Poly's representative but could not vote.

Ray Spencer, chairman of CSSA, said he was surprised by Cal Poly's decision.

"I wasn't under the impression that (the withdrawal) was official," Spencer said.

"I'm disappointed because under the association, all campuses work together for all the students. Instead of being involved, Cal Poly is going to let the other campuses work for it, but it will still benefit from the action of CSSA,'" CSSA is the student-run gov­erning body for the CSU system. Its goal is to represent the students from all 19 campuses on current issues in the state and federal legislatures, Blair said.

For the past year, CSSA has concentrated its efforts toward the issue of student child care, Blair said. The lack of initiative taken toward financial aid was a major factor in the decision to withdraw, he said.

Former President Stan Van Vleck said he strongly supports the decision.

"We pay $7,000 to be a part of CSSA," Van Vleck said. "We wanted $7,000 worth of services and we weren't receiving our money's worth."

"The child care issue affects 36 students at Cal Poly," Van Vleck said.

"One-third of Cal Poly students depend on financial aid," he said.

John Richardson, CSSA's liaison to the Board of Trustees, said Cal Poly's withdrawal will definitely affect CSSA.

"Our organization runs on about $100,000 a year," Richardson said. "We have to pay three full-time staff members and run the activities on that amount." Taking $7,000 out of the budget will affect future planning, he said.

CSSA has been wholly dedicated to the issue of child care, he said.

Impress your friends, thrill your neighbors and please your parents

OK, all you backseat critics and aspiring yellow journalists — Mustang Daily is now taking applications for editor-in-chief of the 1988-89 paper. This campus-wide announcement isn't being made because we're hurting for talent. Actually, tradi­tion dictates. We don't know the last time a non-journalism major got to be editor, but who knows? Maybe this is the year someone succeeds (it snowed in Fresno this year, didn't it)?

If you're interested, prepare a resume, a 500-word proposal and a list of two professional references. Submit the package to Floyd Jones in person after 3 p.m. in the Mustang Daily office, Graphic Arts Room 226. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 11. Good luck!
A headbanger's analysis of metal

Heavy metal is a sound, most definitely. Usually there's a driving thump-thump drumbeat. Metal drummers love to play double-bass setups and surround themselves with cymbals and toms. Metal bands depend a lot on their drummers. Usually there'll be a long drum solo during the concert. Drummers pride themselves on being able to whip the crowd into a sweaty frenzy.

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State

Downtown LA hospitals may tighten emergency services

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three private downtown area hospitals may follow California Medical Center's lead and cut down emergency services after losing money because of indigent patients, officials said.

Officials at the medical center estimate its emergency room is losing about $500,000 a month, adding to the hospital's $60-million debt from a recent rebuilding campaign.

"We may be looking at 2,000 ambulances a month that will have to go somewhere else," Virginia Price Hastings, county health official, said Tuesday. "I don't know what we'll do."

By law, a hospital must treat and stabilize all emergency room patients without regard to their ability to pay. California Medical Center, the busiest private emergency room in the county with about 800 rescue ambulances a month, announced Monday it will downgrade its busy emergency room to standby status effective June 1. Emergency physicians there will be "on call" rather than on the premises. The emergency calls will be directed to nearby hospitals.

Illegal aliens clamor to INS to meet deadline for amnesty

(AP) — They lined up by the thousands Wednesday, illegal immigrants from scores of countries with different languages and cultures. They had just this in common: the hope of gaining a foothold in America before the door swings shut at midnight.

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Couple files negligence suit after Aloha Airlines accident

HONOLULU (AP) — An injured passenger and his wife filed the first lawsuit in connection with last week's accident in which an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 jetliner ripped off 24,000 feet, killing one person and injuring 61.

Tuesday's state Circuit Court lawsuit by James A. Toyooka alleges that negligence by Boeing Aircraft Co. and Aloha Airlines caused Thursday's accident involving a 19-year-old Boeing 737.

Toyooka of Honolulu was struck by aircraft parts and debris as a result of the rapid depressurization of the airplane and the high speeds of the air flow when a 20-foot section of fuselage popped off, said the lawsuit, which does not specify the amount of damages sought.

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S. Korea guarantees Summer Olympics won't be sabotaged

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A top security official predicted Wednesday that North Korea will not try to sabotage the Olympic Games in Seoul and said massive security measures are in place to prevent possible terrorist attack.

Yook Wan-sik, head of the Olympic Security Coordination and Control Headquarters, said North Korea would be condemned and isolated by the entire world if it tried to disrupt the Games that open in Seoul on Sept. 17.

"There will be no provocation from North Korea," he told a news conference.

The optimistic assessment contrasted with past warnings by top South Korean government and security officials that the communist north might use terrorism to disrupt the Olympics.

International condemnation of North Korea for past terrorist attacks and the participation of the Soviet Union, China and other communist nations in the Games would restrain the north, Yook said.

"I'm confident North Korea will never try to cause any problems during the Games," he said.

Nation

FAA to expand inspections of Boeing 737s for corrosion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration Wednesday widened its inspections of Boeing 737 jetliners for possible cracking and corrosion in response to an accident last week in which a large section of one of the jets tore free before flights.

The FAA directive requires operators of older Boeing 737s — those with more than 30,000 flights — to be visually inspected and to undergo sophisticated electronic inspections if cracks are found.

FAA Administrator Alias M. Armacost said the agency's action stems from a belief that "an abundance of caution" is needed in light of the recent accident involving Aloha Airlines.

Last Thursday a 20-foot section of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 stretching from just behind the cockpit to near the wing tore loose as the jet was cruising at 24,000 feet. One flight attendant was swept from the plane and to her death and 61 people were injured, although the plane landed safely.

The new inspection order covers 291 older Boeing 737s — the first ones made in the late 1960s and early 1970s — in which a "cold bonding" process was used to splice together sections of the plane's outer metal skin.

House to consider legislation to end investment in S. Africa

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation to end all U.S. investment in white-dominated South Africa and impose a near-total embargo on exports and imports is heading for a partisan battle on the House floor.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee gave its approval to the disinvestment bill on Tuesday, voting 27-14. Action by the full House is expected to be scheduled soon.

The Democratic-controlled committee acted after voting down amended attempts by Republicans to dilute the measure's impact.

The panel also approved by voice vote separate legislation urging and authorizing President Reagan to impose economic sanctions against the government of Ethiopia for alleged widespread and serious human rights violations, including the diversion of international starvation relief to the Ethiopian armed forces.

Rep. Howard Wolpe, D-Mich., chairman of the panel's Africa subcommittee, said ending U.S. investment in South Africa and imposing a two-way embargo on most trade will not cause South Africa's white minority government to end its apartheid policies of racial separation.

World
A. Senate reviews common final exams for core courses

By Sharon Sherman

The Academic Senate has before it a resolution which recommends each department initiate discussion on the use of common final exams in core courses.

The resolution states: "Common final examinations may be a valuable means to measure the effectiveness of instruction. The primary objective is to determine whether course objectives are being met."

Although there is nothing stopping a group of instructors or a department from using common final exams now, the resolution has created a controversy among members of the senate.

"It doesn't give us anything we don't already have," Charles Crab, chair of the Academic Senate and a crop science professor, said. "And it may be creating an image that's different than we want to create about common finals. It's got to be a faculty decision."

The resolution is a reaction to a movement to make public universities prove tax dollars are being used effectively in education, said Lee Burgunder, a business administration professor.

Part of that movement calls for a means to assess universities, so an ad hoc committee of the senate was formed last year to recommend ways of evaluating instructor effectiveness.

"An ad hoc committee studied the problem of assessment to see if we as a university should be doing something new so the legislature won't impose something on us later which could be worse," Burgunder said.

Crabb said resolutions dealing with the issue of assessment are controversial because faculty members have different opinions about how imminent the movement actually is.

Reg Gooden, a political science professor, said common finals are only appropriate in some courses, and the resolution should reflect that, rather than making a blanket statement directed toward all departments.

"The chair of the ad hoc committee was from (mechanical) engineering," Gooden said. "And common finals is the policy in engineering. So the recommendation expressed a bias of a particular discipline."

Jack Wilson, chair of the ad hoc committee that made the recommendation for common final exams, said the exams are only used in two mechanical engineering courses, and that common exams are not the policy of engineering.

Wilson said some instructors are opposed to the idea because they think it would turn courses into exam prep classes, but he said teaching a class to prepare students for the final is an acceptable method since the exam covers the material the students need to know.

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Crabb said common finals would assure that students coming through a course with multiple sections taught by different professors get the same information. He said the problem is exams would become basic competency tests.

The test would not really be a test of students' understanding of the concepts or information presented by the instructor," Crab said. "If we try to put a common final together the questions would be the minimum, based on who covered the material.

Crabb also said use of common final exams would restrict creativity in the classroom by causing professors to teach to the final.

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Joseph Weatherby, a political science professor, said he's against the resolution because he resents the Academic Senate telling professors what to do. He said common finals may be harmful to students.

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Even if the senate adopts the resolution, Weatherby said it won't have a lot of impact.

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Ray Terry, a mathematics professor, supports the resolution and said some professors are against it because of criticism they might get if students don't perform well on a common final.

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AIDS in an intellectual setting

The illness has touched this college town — but some people still act as if they believe what they don’t know will not harm them

By James Welch

“The best defense against AIDS,” said Dr. William Gordon, “is a good offense, front of a brochure. But when does pertinent information appear to overlap and repeat itself and when do things unknown become apparent?”

Since the early 1980s when AIDS first began to spread, the public has been told to fight the fear with the facts. Well those facts have been tossed around now for quite awhile. Slogans, commercials, and warnings telling people how they can protect themselves have all become engrained in their heads. But are the one of their bodies learning?

Sometimes tragedy has to strike close to home before all the preventive propaganda starts to mean anything. But for people living in San Luis Obispo, and going to Cal Poly especially, there is a certain amount of isolation barricading them from bad news from afar — AIDS included.

To date, there are 28 recorded cases of AIDS in San Luis Obispo County. Fifteen of these have ended in death so far, said county is gay or has been involved in some form of homosexual activity. “There is a significant percentage of this population that is at risk in this county,” he said.

“However,” said Gordon, “it’s very important we recognize that this is not just a gay disease.”

“I see our next surge of AIDS cases coming from intravenous drug users. Many of them live like there is no tomorrow or like they’re going to live forever.”

These people scare the experts. “Most of the Health professionals have become especially concerned with the spouses of intravenous drug users.”

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“What is the AIDS news front campus, said Dr. William Gordon from San Francisco and Los Angeles, where they believe there are receive better treatment, Holiday said that the number one address from either of those areas, then that is where the case is recorded, even if they con- tracted the disease in a different county. So even though there have only been 28 cases reported in this county, there is not telling exactly how many cases statewide originated here, said Gordon.

“Medically there’s nothing else that can be done anywhere that can’t be done here,” said Dr. James Nash, director of the Cal Poly Health Center.

The expert on AIDS in this area, Gordon, now from the County Health Department, has seen every AIDS patient in the county except for two. He also sees about 40 patients with AIDS Related Conditions (ARC) who have the potential of becom- ing AIDS victims.

The County Health Depart- ment has gratefully seen the growth of AIDS patients, because many private physicians would rather not treat them. This prob- lem is compounded by the fact that many patients have an attitude of denial concerning this disease.

“The feeling in the county,” Gordon said that five to 10 percent of the population in this gay yuppies in San Luis Obispo. There is a black gang of hispanic gay. We have gay and heterosexual people in that group of them in San Luis Obispo. All of these people have sex lives so they are risky to the rest of us.”

“I can’t have the AIDS victims in this county have been mainly be- tween the ages of 25 and 35 years old. They have, however, come from all walks of life. A steel worker, an airline steward, females, children, account execu- tives and advertising executives have all been stricken with the virus. Gordon, Nash and Holiday have all worked together on the AIDS Contingency. We try to network the agencies that might serve people with AIDS,” said Holiday.

Many federal and state departments include: the County Health Department, the Cal Poly Health Center, the AIDS Support Network, the Health Department, the Social Service Department, the AIDS Support Network and the Health Home Program, which sends visitors to homes of people who are in need of care. Dr. David Belmonte is one of the leaders of the AIDS Support Network, which numbers some 20 to 30 transport AIDS patients to and from the hospital. There are also some Cal Poly students from the Gay and Lesbian Student Union who work to give the support net- work.

“Is the AIDS news front like at Cal Poly?”

“One of the AIDS victims here on campus is Janet Hurwitz,” said Nash. “On the other hand, there is no particular reason why I need to know. The only reason I would know if they came to me for medical help or counsel- ing.”

“Even if a student tests anti- body positive they are not re- quired to report it,” said Carolyn Hurwitz, health educator at the Cal Poly Health Center. “So we’re not exactly sure how many there are on campus. There are some people who have an AIDS Task Force. It is used in part to edu- cations in certain classes, in- cluding Human Sexuality, Psychology, of Women and P.E. 250.

The County Health Depart- ment and the Cal Poly Health Center both offer confidential AIDS testing. The Health Department also offers anony- mous testing. These tests are not tests for AIDS. They do not reveal if a person has AIDS or any AIDS related conditions, it does show whether a person has been infected with the virus which can cause AIDS.

Since June 1981, 60,000 cases of AIDS have been reported, Gordon said. Exports project, he said, that in the year 1991 alone, there will be 74,000 new cases, 54,000 of them ending in death.

In 1986, it was projected that in 1991, 10,000 to 20,000 of the reported cases will involve infants. All of these projections are now considered to be low. Gordon said.

He is also estimated that of the people who test an- tibody positive, 50 percent of them will contract the disease within five years and within 16 years, 100 percent will have con- tracted the disease.

“In 45 years of medicine this is the scariest epidemic I have ever seen,” said Gordon. “We have AIDS here and we’re going to have more.”
Lost rental deposits: Things of the past?

Volunteer commission helps resolve student, landlord, neighbor disputes

By Tricia Higgins

Renters who are tired of losing their security deposits every time they move or who have roommates problems don't need to take the law into their own hands. They can take their disputes to the Human Relations Commission's mediation service.

The HRC, in operation since 1964, provides San Luis Obispo citizens with human rights, human relations and governmental assistance, and last year began a subcommittee called mediation services, which deals specifically with tenant/landlord disputes.

The service offers voluntary mediation for landlord/tenant, roommates and neighbor disputes at no cost in a neutral atmosphere. The mediation service helps conflicting parties solve disputes by emphasizing problem solving and conflict resolution through open communication.

The service is staffed by 13 volunteers who have received at least 20 hours of mediation training. In order for the service to have a staff which represents San Luis Obispo's tenant population, its volunteer mediators range from students to senior citizens. The mediators listen to both sides of an issue and, without taking sides, help both parties solve disputes and draw up a written agreement.

Robert Van Sickel, mediation program coordinator and Cal Poly political science graduating senior, said the program is a lot different than previous ways tenants and landlords solved disputes. The mediation service is not a legally binding process and, unlike a court system, it doesn't decide anything or take sides, said Van Sickel. Instead, it opens up communication and helps the disputing parties reach an agreeable and liveable solution, he said.

In order for disputants to use the service, Van Sickel said there can't be any criminal offenses or violence involved in the problem, at least one of the parties involved must reside within San Luis Obispo city limits and both parties must agree to come voluntarily.

Van Sickel said the hardest part is not solving the disputes but getting both parties to agree to come to a mediation hearing. Once the disputants actually start the mediation process, 80 to 90 percent come out with a written agreement.

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Robert Van Sickel said that the service receives about 20 calls a day, due to five a week which are suitable for the program. The service actually hears one to two cases a week. Three mediators meet with the two disputants and offer clarifications, suggestions, options and alternatives without taking sides, to reach a workable solution.

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Robert Van Sickel
A matter of survival

Low funds, no recognition plague sports clubs, yet they continue to compete

By Rob Lopez
Staff Writer

The goal of most sporting teams is winning, but Cal Poly club teams have an added goal — survival.

Club sports, currently numbering 22, make up a major portion of the Cal Poly sports program, but they receive minimal, and sometimes no, subsidies from Cal Poly or ASI.

Holly Havertry, sports club coordinator for Rec Sports, said there is also a lack of recognition on campus for club sports and what they do for the school.

"Club sports carry Cal Poly's name throughout the state. They should get more recognition for their efforts at school," Havertry said.

She added club sports do not get the media attention that athletics-sponsored clubs do, nor do they receive equal facilities or funding. "(The clubs) work real hard, but they're always on the bottom," she said.

Havertry said priority for facilities, gym space, etc., is given first to the physical education department, second to athletics and last to Rec Sports.

To accentuate the problem, Havertry said athletics filters sports programs they no longer have money for into the club sports program.

John Vlahandreas, sports council president, said there is a lack of field space for club sports, and the fields that are available are poorly maintained.

"The lower track field, for example, is used by three clubs: lacrosse, ultimate frisbee and rugby," Vlahandreas said. "The field is hard dirt, and it's not what you want to play on.

Many of the sports clubs are funded in the ASI budget, with the amount determined by previous years' budgets and number of members.

Crew, being the largest sports club on campus with 130 active members, receives one of the largest annual subsidies from ASI — $5,000.

And with an annual budget of about $50,000, crew's survival as a club depends primarily on successful fund-raisers.

Matt Hanko, crew club president, said the club's two major fund-raisers brought in more than $11,000 this year.

"The smaller clubs don't seem to work hard enough for what they want," Hanko said. "We work hard. ASI gives us money because they know we try hard to raise our own money. We take the effort."

Hankosaid the equipment and maintenance costs for crew are very high compared to other club sports.

"Boats cost between $8,000 and $14,000, and oars are $185 each," he said, adding that ASI gives the club free financial and legal advice.

"Most clubs on campus don't utilize ASI," Hanko said. "They don't know how to work with them. ASI can give you a lot.

Sean Tuite, ASI controller, said he has been on both sides of the fence regarding club sports issues. "I used to be president of the lacrosse club. I know where people are coming from," he said.

The reason sports clubs receive small subsidies, according to Tuite, is due to skyrocketing insurance costs and last year's 20 percent budget cut.

"The budget cut funds from all ASI programs equally, but the sports clubs were hit the hardest because they're on a tighter bottom," Tuite said.

Last year, insurance for clubs cost $27,000. This year the cost increased to $120,000. Tuite said he added the drastic increase is due primarily to the large amount, and the types, of organizations ASI insures.

The contact and high-risk sports such as rodeo, rugby, lacrosse and the ski club helped to raise our insurance costs," Tuite said.

"Anything that imminent death can be attributed to will do that.

"Insurance is a big, big part of being an ASI club, especially for the contact sports," Tuite said.

"Most state colleges don't even provide insurance for club sports. He said ASI also provides some benefits such as legal and banking services that many people are not aware of.

The biggest problem for the lacrosse club is the high cost of equipment. Dave Wiener, club president, said players have to make a $300 investment in equipment before they can start playing for the club.

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City residents to get information on lead contamination

New EPA regulations prompt garbage, water bill stuffing

By Meda Freeman

"The main point of the news conference (was) to announce that the bill-stuffer will be coming, and not to be alarmed," said Hetland. "From our perspective, lead is not a major problem in San Luis Obispo."

Hetland said that if contamination were to occur, it would probably be in the home. The most common cause of water contamination is lead pipes, which were installed in homes in the early 1900s, or copper pipes with lead solder, which were used in homes since the 1930s. The use of lead in interior plumbing was outlawed in 1986.

Hetland suggested that residents in older homes who are concerned about possible lead contamination should first find out if their plumbing contains lead pipes. If it does, they should have their water tested at a laboratory, which will cost between $20 and $50.

According to the pamphlet, there are three ways for lead to enter the body: food, inhalation and drinking water. If contamination is detected, there are several ways residents can reduce their exposure risk. By running cold tap water for a minute before use, residents can "flush" their plumbing systems of standing water. They should also not use water from the hot water facet for cooking or consumption.

"Lead is a public health issue," said Hetland. If ingested, it can cause damage to a person's nervous system, kidneys and red blood cells. But he stressed there has been no problem with the soft metal in San Luis Obispo.

During Poly Royal, chemistry students conducted free testing for lead contamination in public drinking water samples and found no problems with the samples.

COUNCIL

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which was considered an economic incentive for reduced consumption.

This option requires the city staff to bring back a revised rate ordinance for the council's approval, a process which Hetland said may take months. All councilmembers unanimously agreed that the city staff should expedite this process. Councilmember Jerry Reiss compared the water shortage problem to a locomotive. "Right now," he said, "we're just walking along in front of it."

The fourth conservation option calls for an alternate day or odd/even water irrigation schedule. This would allow homeowners to water their lawns on only designated odd or even days, depending on their address number. Hetland considered this measure as a public relations element to keep people aware of the water problem as they remember when it's OK to water.

In other business, the council unanimously rejected an ordi-

nant that would have regulated helicopter and hot air balloon flights in their landings and take-offs within San Luis Obispo. Councilmember Peg Pitard said the new control tower at the San Luis Obispo airport should alleviate any future problems.

The Council also allocated funds not to exceed $5,572 to be given to the Salvation Army in order to continue their emergency shelter services for the homeless.

ET department scores H-P grant

Second phase of donation will provide new drafting lab

By Megan Owings

The department of engineering technology is receiving the se-

cond part of the largest grant it has received since beginning in 1969, said a professor in the department.

Bill Backer said a cumulative grant from Hewlett-Packard of $395,000 will be completed May 9 when a new computer-aided drafting lab, which has been made possible by the monies donated, will be dedicated to the company.

Backer, along with ET professor Peter Gianamalo, began and submitted the proposal in fall 1986. "We requested a substantial amount," Backer said, "and we got it."

In spring 1987 Hewlett-Packard gave the department $130,000 of the grant which was enough to implement teaching of two courses in the new facilities in the fall of that year. The classes are computer-aided design, which all engineering students must take, and descriptive geometry. "The second part of the grant, $265,000, will be implemented the week of the dedication," Backer said.

"Previously the course was taught in the Computer Aided Productivity Center," Backer said. "This facility is one that is made available to all students; it's a campuswide facility and as a class we continually outgrew its facilities."

In the upcoming school year, Backer said there will be between 13 and 14 labs taught in the new computer-aided drafting lab, which may still be taught in the CAPC to catch any overflow of stu-

dents.

Backer said the department saw the class and the need for it growing and that's what prompted them to ask for the grant. The drafting tables that were used in the room will be sold or disposed of, he said. The room is being remodeled to keep the 33 new-computers running well.

"The computers we received are the Hewlett-Packard Vectra," Backer said. "They're the best we can get."

"We've (the department) done things like cover the chalkboards so the chalk dust doesn't get into the workings of the computers, installed security systems and awareness," Backer said. The final remodeling will be completed by the time of dedication.

"Hewlett-Packard is the largest donor to the engineering department," Backer said. "The administration was great throughout the process for people from Hewlett-Packard computer lab and what we're doing is it."
Reagan nominates Baker for added term on National Science Board

By Terry Lightfoot
Staff Writer

Cal Poly President Warren Baker has been nominated by President Ronald Reagan for reappointment to the National Science Board, the White House announced.

The nomination to a full six-year term, subject to Senate confirmation, would take effect May 10 at the expiration of Baker's current term.

Baker was originally nominated for service on the 24-member board in October 1985 to fill an unexpired term. After his original confirmation by the Senate, he was sworn in as an NSB member on Jan. 17, 1986.

The board is the policy-making body of the National Science Foundation. The National Science Foundation is an independent federal agency that promotes a national science policy by supporting basic research and education in the nation.

Baker said the NSF has helped to increase awareness of the importance of scientific and engineering research.
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In choosing a career path, grads sometimes stray from their majors

By Jenny Lampman
Staff Writer

Choosing a major and choosing a career are synonymous for most people; engineering majors become engineers, interior design majors become interior designers. But some Cal Poly graduates choose different paths.

Food science graduate Christine Street has been working for Trammell Crow Company, a commercial real estate firm, since she left Cal Poly in 1984.

Street worked as a receptionist for the company the summer between her junior and senior year and developed an interest in the real estate field.

"Then, during my senior year I got a real taste of what I'd be doing as a food scientist and decided I was better suited for real estate," said Street.

She initially chose food science because she enjoyed the agriculture field and tended into the food industry through a self-assessment test taken at the Placement Center.

A project director for Trammell Crow Company, Street has recently been promoted and will be moving from her San Jose office to a building that the company just bought in Sacramento.

"I have thought several times about working in the food science field but real estate offers more of a level of business that I'm interested in," said Street.

City and regional planning graduate Dave DeBruin started his own landscape company in San Diego last June.

While running a small landscape maintenance business to support himself through junior college, DeBruin decided he wanted to learn more about city planning.

"It seemed to be a major that fit my interests and personality," said DeBruin. "But when I came to Poly I found that I really missed landscaping."

DeBruin was also disappointed with the city and regional planning program.

"I expected the program to be really well-rounded and more of a learning experience," he said. "But as I got more involved I realized that it was leading up to a profession, for me, that would be a lot of minutiae tasks with little economic reward."

He then took as many ornamental horticulture and landscape design classes as his major allowed him, in order to learn more about the landscape trade.

"Some of my C.R.P. classes have helped me in the way of design and drawing since I do a lot of the actual designing for yards," said DeBruin.

His company, Blue Pacific Landscape and Design, now has six full-time employees, three trucks and has landscaped more than 60 homes in San Diego.

"I really love what I'm doing now," he said. "I owe a lot of that education for anything," said DeBruin.

Agriculture business management graduate Paul Bianchi is now in his first year of dental school at the University of San Francisco, after working in the agriculture field for two years.

Although Bianchi's parents were farmers in Italy and he had grown up in the environment, his brother had spurred his interest when he became a dentist.

Bianchi then worked as an assistant county supervisor for a real estate business.

At the end of his junior year Bianchi contacted the University of San Francisco to see what it would take for him to be accepted into dental school.

"They did a review of my course, but from that I decided to finish my one degree and give back to the land," said Bianchi. "But I think that (contacting the school and getting reviewed) started it."

Bianchi then worked as an assistant county supervisor for SEE JOBS, page 11

CALENDAR

Thursday
*A Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the U.U. Plaza, and a movie will be shown at 7 p.m. in Bishop's Lounge.

*ASI Outings is sponsoring a leadership workshop Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. in U.U. 202A. Contact the center at 756-1126 for information.

Saturday
*Second highest bidder in the lost and found auction may pick up their items Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the University Warehouse, Building 70. An open auction for all unclaimed items will be held at noon.

Sunday
*Don't forget to tell your mom that you love her Sunday; it's Mother's Day.

*A food and clothes collection for Nicaraguan peasant farmers will be held Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the cafeteria parking lot at 1221 Marsh St. The Unitarian Fellowship, CASAS, Mother's and Students for Social Responsibility are sponsoring the event, which will also be held May 15.

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They should be allowed to do that in the way they feel is best. "The faculty are professionals," Crabb said. "They've made the wrong choice."

Agriculture in Arroyo Grande

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choice came down to the two industries. Food production just wasn't where my heart was at the time," said Kressin.
Cal Poly's reputation was what initially enticed Kressin to apply. "I decided on food science, approaching it with a strong interest in the marketing and sales side," said Kressin.
She feels her education in food science has helped her in her present job. "It has made me well-rounded, especially when people in the food industry come to me looking to lease space," said Kressin, although she added that the business and English classes, basic accounting and finance have helped her more in the day-to-day experiences.
Kressin is open to the idea of going back into the food industry if the right opportunity comes along, she said. But for now, she'll settle for the upper mobility and the financial compensation that the real estate field offers.

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