City parties gather voters

Bush, Dukakis not expected to visit SLO

By Marie Byrne

Local Democratic and Republican headquarters volunteers think it is unlikely for either Mike Dukakis or George Bush to visit this area before the national presidential election in November.

Kathryn Williams, a Republican delegate who will go to the national convention in New Orleans in August, said, "Chances are slim in getting a member of his family to make an appearance."

Because this is not an urban area with a large population, the local Republican committees are not planning any specific events for which Bush might appear at, said Ted Waddell, county central committee chairman for the party.

The Democratic headquarters is always ready to prepare for an event if Dukakis or a representative should come to town, said John Lybarger, chairman of the San Luis Obispo County Democratic central committee.

"If someone tells us a candidate is thinking of coming here, we have to plan an event that will be stupendous and prove that a lot of people will be there so the candidate will come," Lybarger said right now local Democratic committee members are trying to convey to delegates, who are going to the national convention in Atlanta this month, what they want included in the party platform. The committee is also working at uniting all Democrats to work for Dukakis.

The county Democratic committee is having its Traditional Labor Day Barbeque to raise money for campaign funds.

"Our main goal is to help the people of San Luis Obispo County fill the presidency, Congress and Assembly with Democrats," said Lybarger.

Various Republican groups will be opening community headquarters before November in towns such as Marree Bay and Paso Robles, in an attempt to register more Republican voters in the county, said Waddell.

"We have been a Republican county for the last three years since we've had more registered Republicans than Democrats. And we would like to register more," he said.

Williams said she will be giving reports and speaking to local Republican groups after returning from the national convention delegation. "It is most important to get George Bushes views on issues across to interested parties."

Both Democratic and Republican volunteers are planning 'Get Out the Vote' drives right before the election to encourage all registered voters to support their candidates.

Wage rate rise yet to affect all

By Dave Sparks

On July 1 most local workers received a hefty pay raise when California increased its minimum wage from $3.35 to $4.25 per hour.

This is the first time in seven years the minimum wage has gone up in California. Some local workers will not see the pay increase, however.

Michael C. Blank, an employment lawyer with California Rural Legal Assistance, specializes in taking employers who do not abide by the minimum wage laws to court.

"All of our cases are focused around farm workers and other low-income people," Blank said. Many farm workers are unaware of the new law, he said.

Since the law last changed in 1980, Blank has prosecuted nearly 50 cases involving employers who failed to pay their workers properly.

"Usually a grower will pay his workers a monthly salary, regardless of how many hours they are working," Blank said. "A farm worker could only be receiving $800 a month when he's working 10-hour days, six days a week.

The new minimum wage only became effective last week and so far Blank said he has not received any complaints about employers.

"Usually it takes one employee to get his nerve up and call. If he is found out, he can lose his job," blank said.

After receiving a call Blank immediately sets to work. Of the 50 cases he has personally handled, 40 have been in San Luis Obispo County, Blank says he has only lost one. "The judge just wouldn't believe that this guy (a farm worker) had worked as many hours as he claimed," Blank said.

Blank can offer no answers to those workers who received the increase as a part of their job.

The new minimum wage for tip-earners who get more than $850 a month in tips regularly is $3.50 an hour. After some uproar about this provision in the new law, an appellate court said that it is illegal to pay tip-earners a sub-minimum wage to tip compensate for wages.

However, the California Supreme Court recently upheld the appellate court's decision, saying that employers do not have to pay a sub-minimum wage if the compensation is in tips.

Don Crail, district manager of the Labor Commissioners, said employers can pay these workers $3.50 now, but if the California Supreme Court rules the appellate court's decision, they may have to pay the higher wage rate.

Blank is determined to make sure that all violations of the new law are fully prosecuted.

Most violations do tend to occur in farm areas like San Luis Obispo, Blank said.

Budget cuts for CSU

Megan Owings

The California State University system faces a $50.9 million budget cut in the coming fiscal year.

The Conference Committee, made up of six legislators from the State Senate and Congress, decided on the budget last week.

In an attempt to help the CSU, Governor Deukmejian resubmitted a budget to the Conference Committee for approval. This version would reduce the CSU cut-back by $30 million.

According to a memo from Jim Landreth, vice president of business affairs at Cal Poly, the moratorium is placed only on those items which fall under the fiscal year's 1988-89 state general fund budget. Services under the mandatory general fund, such as financial aid, will not be affected.

However, there is a temporary freeze on capital projects and a temporary freeze on position adjustments.

"On educational instructors, if they are needed I see no reason why we would hold back from hiring them," Landreth said.

"But for positions such as student assistants, unless they were hired before the last day in August," he added. see BUDGET, back page
Airbus downing is tragic

By John S. Baker III

It's hard to make out what could be a

next week on the Vincennes

T he day before we Americans were to celebrate our country's 212th birthday with mer­riment and spectacular fireworks the U.S. Navy set off some fireworks of its own in the Persian Gulf. The result was tragic.

At 10:05 a.m. Sunday Gulf time, the U.S. warship Vincen­nes, 12,000 miles away from a recently terminated naval skirmish with several small Iranian gunboats, shot down an approaching Ira­ni­an commercial jetliner killing all 290 aboard. Another 66 children under 12 years old.

Confusion and controversy surrounded the incident. The navy at first contended it mistook the A-300 Airbus airliner for a F-14 jet fighter. After the Pentagon said the airliner was emitting contradictory radio signals, some identifying the plane as a civilian aircraft and some identifying it as military. Also the Pentagon said the plane was heading towards the U.S. ship at more than 500 miles per hour. But other sources say it is nearly impossible for the A-­300 Airbus to fly at that speed at low altitude.

The Vincennes reportedly bailed out three times on civilian channels and four times on military channels but got no response. Officers aboard the Italian frigate Espero, which was in the vicini­ty, confirmed these transmis­sions from the U.S. ship and the pilot's failure to respond.

The crew on board the Vincen­nes, Capt. Will R. Rogers III, said he believed the aircraft was a definite threat to his vessel and thus he had operated in direct response to the ongoing surface engagement. He said the action was legitimate self-defense but called the incident "a burden I will carry for the rest of my life.

Iranian officials say the catastrophe is what one would expect it to be — outrageous. And rightly so, there were no military objectives on the part of the Iranian pilot.

Iran's religious leader, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, called for an all-out war against the United States in retaliation. This would be a lopped tit for tat, but it is conceivable our ad­ministration would have a similar reaction considering the gravity of the situation and the tensions in the Gulf.

Already there is speculation revenge could be in the form of terrorism. This is not only possi­ble but likely given recent histo­ry as a guideline for charting Iranian reaction to violent situ­ations. Already rumors are cir­culating that the nine American hostages held in Lebanon by a pro-Iranian group could be a target for retaliation.

One of the most perplexing questions being posed as news of the event unravells concerns the Angola defense system aboard the Vincennes. This system was primarily designed to identify threatening planes at a distance of hundreds of miles. Its capabil­ity is in question. In learn­ing of this, several Congressional members are salivating at the thought of another sort of scan­dal in the military namely having a Congression­ally ap­propriated multi-million dollar device not functioning up to standards.

Some military analysts are wondering why Capt. Rogers proceeded to launch two of the three ships involved without any further indication that the plane could have caused substantial damage to the Vincennes. This action is con­siderably more serious since the U.S.-made F-14 aircraft was designed ex­clusively as a dogfighting air­craft — not to carry weapons against a surface target.

But Rogers can't be held to blame if he truly believed his vessel was in peril. Considering the situation he was in at the time — just fighting Iranian gunboats in the most war-­weary waters of the world — his action is not altogether surprising. Moreover, while many observers may immediately point an accus­ing finger at Rogers for over­reacting, we know in mind recent history. The U.S. frigate Stark was struck by an Iranian missile on May 17, 1987, killing 37 crewmen, and Naval in­vestigators found that Stark Capt. Glenn Brindel had failed to act decisively to warnings that an Iraqi Mirage jet was flying toward his ship. It's possible Rogers had this thought in mind when confronted with the Airbus dilemma.

President Reagan expressed "deep regret," but did not offer a formal apology to the Iranian government. He should do this at once. An apology is not an ad­mission of guilt.

This catastrophe will undoubt­edly inspire serious debate about our policy in the Gulf. The Reagan Administration will be put on the griddle now and asked to legitimize its current stance.

At this space in time, as feel­ings are running too high for reasonable discourse, no valid conclusions can be drawn or blame laid justly. We can only pray that the U.S.-­made Flight 655 and hope further tragedy in that part of the world can be averted.
Officials call recent local fires suspicious in nature

By Alicia M. Kaplan

A series of trash can fires and grass fires in downtown San Luis Obispo have been identified as arson, according to the city fire chief.

Eight trash can and five grass fires burned in the last two weeks. The fires became more frequent in the first part of the last week and a half, said Chief Michael Dolder. There have been no witnesses.

Dolder said the arsonist is not afraid to be in public view, as the trash can fires were set during times when there were a lot of people around.

There were two such fires at Farmer's Market last Thursday. Dolder said damage so far has just been to the cans. "The real damage is done by taking the fire engines out and sending them to these fires instead of keeping them in position to go to a real emergency," he said.

All of the grass fires were separate incidents in the same area of Marsh and Toro streets. Dolder said one fire last Tuesday threatened a structure, and that all the grass fires could have threatened structures.

The fire department is completely de-weeding the area to lessen fire potential, said Dolder. Citizens who see someone suspicious are asked to call the fire or police department.

Dolder said the fire department has no leads, to prevent fire potential. He said the city department also minimizes fire potential by working with the California Division of Forestry. The city worked with CDF in some seasonal brush clearing on San Luis Mountain, the mountain behind the Madonna Inn.

"We are actively trying to minimize the risk by taking away sparks from vehicle exhaust. He said there were no witnesses.

"The fire started in a concrete area, so it's not logical that a fire would start unless someone started it," said Cole.

Cole said three acres of grass were burned in the fire, but there was never a threat to any structures. There was no serious damage reported, he said.

Anyone with information about the fire is asked to contact CDF at 543-4244.

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Book recognizes Poly
By Linda Fritsch

For the fourth year in a row, Cal Poly is included in "Peter­son's Competitive Colleges," a directory profiling universities consistently receiving more qual­ified applicants than they can accept.

This year's edition highlights 314 schools representing 10 per­cent of all U.S. colleges and universities.

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This is very prestigious for Cal Poly," said Stan Bernstein, Cal Poly director of public af­fairs. “Only top schools nation­wide are in this group.

Selection for Peterson's Competitive Colleges is based on the following:

• The ratio of applicants to students accepted.

• The percentage of freshmen who scored over 600 on both the math and verbal portions of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) or over 26 on the ACT (American College Test), and the percentage who scored higher than the na­tional average on either of the tests.

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Data for fall 1988 indicates how Cal Poly met this criteria:

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• Cal Poly accepted a little under 4,000 of the more than 14,500 students who applied. This is approximately a 1:4 ratio.

• About 19 percent of incoming freshmen scored above 600 on each part of their SAT exam or over 26 on the ACT. More than 75 percent scored above the na­tional average.

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According to the department of institutional studies, Cal Poly received almost 3,000 more ap­plications last year than it did five years ago.

Statistics also show the num­ber of unaccommodated students has risen steadily from 4,500 in 1983 to over 8,000 last year.

“Being included in a com­petitive college guide may in­crease the number of applica­tions," said Wally Mark, Cal Po­ly director of institutional studies. “The more a person sees a place as being selective, the more they want to get in."
Summer best for repairs

Foundation expansion largest plan

By Vincent Aviani

Now that summer is here, many Cal Poly students may notice a bit of hammering and sawing accompanying the hot weather and roomier classrooms.

"The majority of this summer's construction projects are basic repair projects," said Doug Gerard, nearly $550,000 of improvements are planned through September.

"We play a little catch-up during the summer quarter," he said. "There is much less activity around the campus, and all of the dormitories are empty, so it is a little better for these projects."

According to Executive Dean Doug Gerard, nearly $550,000 of improvements are planned through September. With fewer students and more room to work, summer quarter is the perfect quarter to make campus improvements, explained Gerard, who has been at Cal Poly for 37 years.

"It's the perfect quarter to make room to work, summer quarter is usually the best time."

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According to Gerard, the proposed Foundation expansion will cost around $3.5 million.

In addition to this project, the university is expected to begin construction on a new Foundation Administration Building in August. Improvements on the existing building will affect parking lots H-4 and H-4.

The Natatorium — the indoor pool in Crusell Gym — is also being repaired this summer. Work is expected to continue through Sept. 16. During this time, a new water filtration system will be installed. Also scheduled are improvements to electrical systems, installation of underwater lighting, window replacement, painting, and tile and acoustical treatment.

The Computer Center Security System will be installed in the Computer Center portion of the Computer Science Building. Other improvements include replacing seating in the Agricultural Engineering Building and windows and doors in Chase Hall, tile and shower repair in the Physical Education Building, installation of fume hoods in the Science Building, chip-seal replacement in many roadways and parking lots and a few sidewalk repairs.

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Thursday

• Rec Sports is offering several fitness and leisure classes including Tai Kwan Do and weight training. Some have already started. There are fees. Call 756-2050 for more info.


• Community groups who wish to display a Feature Exhibits during the State Fair must have their entries form by July 13.

• Creative Arts entries: Agriculture and Horticulture exhibitors must have their entries in by July 20. Contact Jan Haining at 293-0655 for details.

• Cal Poly Extension courses range from legal research to windsurfing. There is a fee. Call 756-2053 for more info.

• Triathlon Volunteers are needed for the Sunday, July 31 event. Call SLO Recreation Department at 540-7305.

Saturday

• The American Red Cross is offering an Adult CPR Course on Monday, July 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Arroyo Grande Community Hospital. It is necessary to preregister for the class at the Red Cross Office in the SLO extension.

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First professorship underway
Professor to receive award has not yet been selected

Megan Owings
Staff Writer

The School of Engineering was awarded $400,000 from Lockheed Corporation as part of the school’s and Cal Poly’s first fully endowed professorship program. The program is a continuing effort toward the school’s goal of a $30 million benchmark for the school for June of 1989. The professorship endowed program, used by other universities across the nation, is a program by which a corporation, Lockheed in this instance, donates a sum of money to the university and is ensured by the school that their company’s name is a part of the program’s name.

The money for the Lockheed Endowed Engineering Professorship will be donated to Cal Poly in $80,000 increments once a year for the next five years. The benefits of the program are that a professor will be chosen by the faculty and staff in the school and that professorship will be in the program for two to five years. Once the professor is chosen, they are given the interest earned off the money donated by Lockheed. That money can be used for such things as research or professional development.

Peter Y. Lee, dean of the School of Engineering, said that it’s important for professors to take some time and get caught up with what’s going on in the outside world. “The teaching load can get to be very heavy,” Lee said. “We are confident that it will be used as part of the individual’s and the whole faculty’s development.”

Lee said the original amount requested from Lockheed was $500,000. The selection process for the professor has not yet been decided. Lee said that decision process will be discussed between Lee, President Warren J. Baker and Daniel M. Tellup, president for Lockheed Missiles and Space. Kent Butler, interim associate dean for the School of Engineering, said that since the interest from the $80,000 won’t be available until next year there really is no hurry in selecting the professor. He said the program will most likely go into effect in the fall of 1989.

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Campus coalition, city turn trash into cash

By Carmela Herron
Staff Writer

A handful of Cal Poly students have decided that campus trash can be valuable, and are planning to work hard this summer to prove it.

Their goals this summer include developing the university's first comprehensive, sustainable recycling program.

The Campus Recycling Coalition — formerly the Ecology Action Committee — is comprised of some enthusiastic, environmentally conscious students who plan to spend considerable time and effort doing what some would call a thankless job — picking up other students' trash.

Committee members will collect aluminum cans, computer printout paper and newspapers from selected areas on campus. "It is going to be a big project, but as time goes on people are going to recognize the value of recycling. The best part is that it will be long-term and sustainable," said Cary Yamashiro, one of the club's founding members.

"In the past five years, other organizations have tried to do it (recycle on campus). It works for about two or three months and it fails. We hope to stay so sturdy a program that it can't fail," said O'Kelly. "We want to establish the CRC as the group that will ensure the success of the program".

One of the main goals of the CRC is to recruit interested students.

O'Kelly said students are needed for can collection, planning of club events and most of all, creative problem solving. "We're dealing with trash so we need creative solutions," said Yamashiro.

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"We have a low-energy, low-technology emphasis," said O'Kelly.

Fortunately, now there is a storage site behind public safety designated for the CRC. O'Kelly said.

Yamashiro said the Summer Mustang and Mustang Daily is a perfect example of potential recycling on campus.

Mustang Daily uses about 45 tons of paper per year, he said (based on an average of 8,000 papers a day, 140 issues per year), and about half of this can be recycled.

"We've dealt with trash so we can put containers there in the first place, it's useless," O'Kelly said.
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June then they won't be hired — the same for staff, "

The moratorium will likely continue until the Cal Poly Trustees meets next week to decide on the budget. If the budget is agreed upon the Trustees will decide on the budget. If the budget is not agreed upon, the Conference Committee will recess for the summer so a new budget will not be decided on until the beginning of August.

Lanreth said that some ideas for accommodating the cuts are being accepted by the CSU Chancellor's Office.

Some ideas submitted by Cal Poly are:

• the delay of salary increases;
• a reduction in the amount of salary increases;
• the delay of merit salary adjustments;
• the reduction of merit salary adjustments;
• the prioritization of various equipment expenditures.

These are just ideas and there are many more from around the CSU system," Lanreth said.

"There are some programs that just can't be cut, such as Workmen's Compensation," Lanreth said.

"There are some programs that can probably use less money, he added.

Howard West, executive assis tant to the president, said that the University of California is facing a shortage of revenue of approximately $85 million.

Money can be saved by reviewing each program at the school and seeing where cuts can be made, Lanreth said.

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Eduardo A. Apodaca

The project was made possible by a $807,000 contract between the Cal Poly Foundation, the International Institute for Research and the U.S. State Department's Agency for International Development.

Apodaca is a part of a three member team of publishing specialists involved in the project, McCaleb said. However, Apodaca is not actually writing the new texts himself, but is overseeing the overall design and illustration of the texts.

He is also training illustrators in design and graphic communication with techniques he has used for the past 15 years with VEP. These techniques have been utilized by VEP to produce its award-winn ing workbooks, teachers' guides, filmstrips and other materials for secondary schools and community colleges.

Apodaca worked in a bilingual education program based in Indio, Calif., and was the associate director of bilingual education projects for the Berkeley Unified School District before he came to Cal Poly in 1973.

He joined the university as part of a group of specialists involved in the production of educational materials for farmers in Guatemala and two years later became coordinator of VEP.

In 1979 Apodaca became director of the VEP program. He has been a coauthor of the production of audio visual and language materials for the Cal Poly system.

Apodaca plans to return to his position as director of the VEP program in mid-1990.

Campus courses offer diversity

By Meda Freeman

Cal Poly students aren't the only people seen around campus this summer, as the university is the location for several special programs conducted by Cal Poly faculty.

The Young Scholars Program, designed to give children in grades seven through 12 a chance to participate in college-like classes, is one of them.

The classes are taught by Cal Poly professors and range from "Adventures in Chemistry" to "Immersion in Spanish Conversation."

A two-week physics course is also offered, as well as two-unit college credit. The other courses will last one week each, until September 2.

Carroll Busselen, program director, said it began at Cal Po ly seven years ago and there are about 150 students participating this year.

Another program on campus is the Central Coast Writing Project, which stresses "better writing and literacy in the classroom for teachers."

About 20 teachers throughout the county are participating in the program, which uses "teach er-teaching-teachers" and continuous education philosophies to further train teachers from kindergarten through college.

Teachers are given an update on new theories and research in writing and literature, and then share their reading and teaching methods.

Also on campus is a three-week social science institute similar to the Central Coast Writing Project, said Political Science Pro fessor Joseph Weatherby.

Teachers throughout the county participate in the program, which focuses on current world and American issues and their backgrounds.

Weatherby said the program was developed to encourage cooperation between the county's teachers.