Senate favors two week add/drop
Some faculty would prefer one-week limit

By Cass Caulfield
Staff Writer

The Student Senate voted its support for a resolution that would maintain the current add/drop period of two weeks, although there are several faculty members who would like to see the period shortened to one week.

“There are several departments that have voted unanimously to shorten the period,” said Ralph Jacobson, a member of the registration and scheduling committee.

No action will be taken, however, until the committee can fully investigate the effect CAPTURE has had on the add/drop period, Jacobson said.

The resolution was unanimously approved by the senate and is states that Cal Poly students would rather have the current add/drop period lengthened, and that other colleges and universities that use similar touch-tone registration systems have two weeks or longer add/drop periods.

Paul Marcillac, senator from the School of Architecture and Environmental Design and co-author of the resolution said, some professors are in favor of a one week add/drop period because of the low attendance during the first two weeks of class when students are still changing their schedules.

It is not clear when the registration and scheduling committee will deal with this issue. Steve McGary, chairman of the committee, was unavailable for comment.

In other business, Steve Adams, ASI Associate Director for Concerts and Events Management, announced that the Rec. Sports Events Center will be receiving the expected government funding and the final working drawings will be started later this month.

Officials say financial constraints must be removed from UC, CSU

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The state's two big university systems won't be able to educate the California students who qualify for admission unless the state's initiative-constrained budget process is changed, legislators were told Thursday.

"University of California will be unable to sustain its historical commitment to UC-eligible California residents unless the financial constraints are removed," UC Representative William E. Wurzburg told the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

"If we are going to serve all California State University-eligible students, we are going to have to put a great deal more into the system than looks like in the cards," said CSU Assistant Chancellor D. Dale Hanner.

They spoke at a hearing the committee held on Proposition 98, the initiative approved by voters in November that guarantees that 40 percent of state general fund spending go to public schools and community colleges.

Gov. George Deukmejian says Proposition 98 means that public schools and colleges would get 8 percent funding increases under his proposed 1989-90 budget, while the rest of state spending is squeezed down to 4.4 percent.

Deukmejian wants the entire budget process to be reviewed to remove budget restrictions such as Proposition 98, the constitutional spending limit and mandatory inflation increases for programs such as welfare benefits.

Hanner said Proposition 98 was not to blame for all the problems, but it could be "the last straw that is about to bring about the crisis that will bring action.

Sen. Alan Robbins, D-Van Nuys, said the state university systems, not in a "protected category" under Proposition 98, "will be increasingly caught in "budget gridlock.""

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The committee chairman, Sen. Alfred Alquist, D-San Jose, said tax increases would not be needed to help the budget problems. Instead, the Legislature could correct some of the mistakes in the 1987 tax conformity law that were believed to cause part of the $1 billion income tax shortfall.

Final Rec center drawings to begin

By Shanna Phillips
Staff Writer

The governor's budget, released Tuesday, Jan. 10, gave the go-ahead on final working drawings for the Rec Sports Events Center to start.

The drawings are scheduled to begin later this month and construction will be completed by 1991, said to Stephen Adams, associate director of ASI and the University Union.

The drawings will take six to nine months to complete, which may cause a three-month delay on the project.

"The Senate must approve the drawings before construction can take place," Adams said. "If the drawings aren't finished before the Senate meets in May, then they have to wait to be approved in October when the Senate reconvenes.

As of July, the figure for the entire project was $7.5 million and the student portion was $5.5 million. Adams said this is the first time state and student money have been combined on a single project.

"The student money is there," said Adams. "We have to wait for approval and funding by the state.

The drawing process takes place in three phases. The first is the schematic phase, which figure percentages and actual calculations are used. This was completed in December.

In the second, preliminary phase, details are worked out and actual calculations are used. This was completed in December.

The final working phase, color, design, heating and electrical outlets are defined. If this stage is approved by the Senate in May or October, construction can begin.

Fall 1989 is the estimated date for initial construction.

"To do a good job (on the drawings), it will take that long," Adams said.

Once construction begins, it will take 18 to 24 months to complete, which projects a completion date of 1991.

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Result of book thefts

Library tightens reins on potential borrowers

By Kathryn Brunello
Staff Writer

An author who wrote the screenplay for the 1987 film Full Metal Jacket was recently convicted of stealing books from Cal Poly and various libraries worldwide, leaving the Kennedy Library with new restrictions and about 500 fewer periodicals.

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King stood for freedom, justice

Editor — In response to Chris Thomas’ Jan. 11 column, “A dream more than an illusion,”

Critical Thinking I learned to analyze the logic in an opinion. I can’t disagree with Chris’ logic — of if Dr. King wanted only integration, “to be like the white people,” indeed, he would be pursuing an empty dream.

I wish Chris had come to the Students for Social Responsibility meeting on Tuesday. We watched the tape of that very same speech, one of which Chris wrote about. King spoke of freedom and justice, not fitting in. He spoke of a check, the Constitution, which blacks could not cash in on because of “insufficient funds.”

Chris, you have failed to see what Dr. King really wanted.

You have narrowed it down to the simple situation of the blacks wanting to live in a white society. It’s not that simple. Though I, and I believe you, too, never lived during those trying times, I know that their basic rights as human beings, not whites or blacks, were denied. In fact, the problem was so deeply rooted that Dr. King commented on the white people in the audience who knew their ‘dream’ is in equal with that of the black race.

I am not proud of my white heritage. I cannot say that I was real- ly won, or how we treated blacks, not to mention Indians, the Irish, Japanese, Chinese and Hispanic people, and many others. Yet, I have faults in my learning and development. Your apparent contempt of white men and dis- dain at the thought of being seen with one is saddening.

My hope is that you didn’t mean it when you wrote that Dr. King believed in the kindness of all men, black and white, Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic, will hold hands and sing in the words of the black spiritual, (not white, non-African spiritual), "Free at last. Free at last. The dream is still alive."

Bill Gravv Computer Science

‘Dream’ is more than an illusion

Editor — Chris Thomas’ criticisms of the philosophy of integration and of the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King as an ‘illusion’ are completely unfounded.

Mr. Thomas defines integration as “the name given to the black man’s philosophy of self-hate.”

Quite simply, this definition is incorrect. Integration means that blacks will have, in the words of Dr. King himself, “a real sharing of power and responsibility” in our society. When one looks at the true definition, the idea becomes a little less “illuminating.”

Mr. Thomas says that any black who believes “there is something wrong with himself because if the white man won’t accept him there must be something wrong.”

Once again, he is quite mistaken. I want integration, but I do not hate myself. I do feel that something is wrong if a white man won’t accept me just because of my color, but that something is wrong with him, not me; and integration seeks to change him, not me.

Mr. Thomas seems to suggest that we blacks should try to ignore or be assimilated by our white society. I am all for blacks supporting ourselves; we should not seek to isolate black America from white America. Is that what Mr. Thomas is saying? He seems to think that blacks were too good and all that is bad, then the harder it will be for anyone to dismiss us as inconsequential.

America is a melting pot, or a tossed salad, whichever you prefer. However, it hasn’t become that way easily. Our country is what it is because people refused to make themselves outcasts. The formation of this country is just as much our responsibility and duty as anyone else’s. If we chose to let others dictate our future then we are helpless, just waiting for the handout.

If we refuse to play in the band then we can’t complain about the beat.

I thank Martin Luther King Jr., for wanting to make this whole country better for everyone, that is the dream, the whole dream.
Poly's depth is key
Mustangs face Cal State in conference swim meet

By Michael J. Levy
Staff Writer

Following a win over Pomona Pitzer on Monday, the Mustang swim team is preparing for their first conference meet on Saturday.

Both the men and women won easily against Pomona by scores of 137-88 and 131-96, respectively. Head Coach Richard Firman expects much of the same for tomorrow's meet against Cal State Los Angeles.

Instead of the usual head-to-head competition, Firman said, the L.A. meet will be run a little differently for the men.

"We'll run match races with guys of equal times," said Firman. "We're a little more experienced and have more depth than Cal State L.A. has."

The Mustangs have 26 swimmers compared to L.A.'s 10, although two of those 10 are returning All-Americans.

Firman expects wins from three swimmers on the men's team: Dave Padgett in the 50 meter and 200 meter backstroke, Ryan Huckabay in the 400-meter individual medley and 200-meter fly and Dave Pope in the 400-meter IM.

As for the women, co-captain and returning All-American Janice Lesyna looks to be the favorite in the 100-meter and 200-meter backstroke. Also competing for the 200-meter backstroke will be Barb Carson, who has already qualified for nationals.

Others who have qualified for nationals and are favorites for tomorrow's meet are Dana Giacomo in the 100-meter and 200-meter breaststroke and Tania Ziegart in the 1500-meter.

The next league meet for the Mustangs will be Friday Jan. 20 against Northridge. It could be the most important meet of the year for both the men and women as Northridge is the perennial national champion in Division II, according to Firman.

Despite this, the Mustangs should fare well against Northridge because of their depth.

"Northridge will have the stars to win events, but not the depth to get points," said Firman.
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Adventurers, ASI Outings join to tame wilderness

The Rio Grande offered a week of beauty and excitement to thrill-seekers from SLO.

Story by Lisa Parsons
Photos by Eric Shiers

One of the canoes capsized and the people in it didn't have any shoes to wear so they made 'ziploc boots.' They put on socks and then ziploc bags over them, and then they taped them at the top. It worked pretty good.

— Luke Teyssier

ASI Outings has several excursions planned for winter quarter and a fleet of equipment available for rent. A cross-country ski trip to Sequoia National Forest has been planned for the weekend of Jan. 14 and a trip to King's Canyon Jan. 28. The cost is $25 and $24 respectively. Further cross-country ski trips are being planned for February and March to Mammoth, Yosemite and the Sierra.

We'll rent climbing classes also are scheduled to begin Jan. 17 and will cost $1.

If hiring Reservoir Canyon sounds like fun, an excursion is in the works with a total cost of 50 cents for munchies.

For anyone who feels they can't participate in some of these activities because they don't have the proper equipment, the Escape Route can rent almost anything at home. "Mystery Trips" are one of the activities that ASI Outings coordinates. People are given a rough idea what to bring to a meeting place, and then they embark on an adventure.

"One time we told them to bring snowshoes and a fanny pack," said Shier. "Our blindfolded them and led them to Morro Bay where we put everyone in rafts and pistolled around the bay watching the sun set, eating Marie Callender's pie."
"I remember when I could get fries and a coke for a buck..."
Poly crops unaffected by winter temperatures

By Nicole Cerotsky

On Dec. 15 the temperature dropped low enough to bring what was left of the cold winter spell wintertog San Luis Obispo County, and though the cold weather has continued into the new year it is affecting people much more than crops.

"The weather has been ideal for us," said George Gowgani, crop science department head. He added that the low temperatures have been especially beneficial for Cal Poly's resident tree crops.

"The cold weather is a two-edged sword," he said. "It's good for some and bad for others."

Gowgani said he is not fearful of a prolonged cold spell hurting Cal Poly crops because temperatures in this area traditionally begin to warm up in mid to late January.

If the nightly temperatures continue to be low, frost and freezing problems can be abated by creating windmills to generate circulation of warm air and lighting smudge-pots in the orchards to warm the trees, he said.

Country growers have not been affected much either, Gowgani said. He could only recall one night that caused growers to worry about their crops.

"Rainfall has had a nice distribution," said Gowgani. He noted that rains come off and on in a fairly regular pattern as they have been, it allows the fields and orchards time to dry out, making it easier for weeding and general care. Gowgani said he can only hope the rains continue.

There's nothing fishy about it... classified advertising works!
Santa Ana winds toss trucks, destroy blimp

Santa Ana winds with gusts to 100 mph raked Southern California late Wednesday and Thursday, tossing trucks off freeways, churnig dust clouds that closed roads, shutting a major airport, and shredding one of the world's biggest blimps.

As many as 2,000 truck drivers and unhappy campers waited at an Ontario truck stop for the winds to ease.

Thousands of others were stranded at Ontario International Airport, where the blimp used to promote Slice soft drink took off.

California Highway Patrol Officer James O'Brien said Internationa" 10 through the Ontario area, 40 miles east of Los Angeles, was a mess with "overturned trucks everywhere."

In addition to those problems in San Bernardino County, a fire burned out of control in Ramon in San Diego County, a fire chewed up 200 acres of brush in Orange County and residents of areas throughout the greater Los Angeles area lost electricity when power lines fell.

California Department of Forestry officials said 60 mph winds gusts were swarming efforts to fight the Ramona blaze, which had burned 50 acres.

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She said flying debris struck the building, damaging windows, but there was no immediate estimate of damage.

Football Boulevard, the main street through Rancho Cucamonga, was shut for more than two hours when dust from the high winds made driving unsafe, Ms. Garland said.

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