Campus reacts to the Engineering West fire

'Libyan' claims he bombed building

By Rebecca Manner

Two telephone calls were made Saturday evening to campus locations by a man with a Middle Eastern accent who claimed he bombed the Engineering West Building, causing the fire during Poly Royal, according to police.

A Burger Bar employee who received the first phone call at approximately 6:45 p.m. told Cal Poly police that the caller identified himself as August, a Libyan who, along with an unspecified group of people, was responsible for the Saturday morning fire in Engineering West.

Approximately 15 minutes later, an employee at the University Union Information Desk reported a second phone call from a man with a heavy Middle Eastern accent who said he represented a Libyan student organization and claimed responsibility for bombing the Engineering West Building.

After claiming responsibility, the second caller said, "This will continue until American imperialism stops," and repeated several times that he was serious, according to the police report.

Public Safety Investigator Wayne Carmack denied the validity of the calls because the cause of the fire had already been discovered before the calls were made, and added that announcing blame for a fire when the cause has already been determined was crazy.

"We don't have any reason to believe that the fire was started from any suspicious origin," said Carmack.

He said if someone was serious about claiming responsibility, the logical place to call would be a newspaper, radio station or police station, and not the Burger Bar.

Local firefighters examine Saturday the part of the Engineering West Building that was destroyed by fire.

Bookstore will help replace student losses

By Brad Curtis

Students who lost school supplies in the Engineering West Building fire Saturday will receive help from El Corral Bookstore.

Under the guidance of the Cal Poly Foundation, the bookstore announced Monday its intention to replace the books and project supplies lost by students from the fire.

Court Warren, director of El Corral Bookstore, said the loss to students is deeply felt by the university and the bookstore will do all that is possible to make sure students get the supplies that are necessary to continue their studies.

"The purpose is to provide for the continuing education of the students," said Warren. "The kids need the tools now, not a month from now." Warren said a letter was circulated to students who lost supplies stating the bookstore staff's empathy with the students and an offer to replace the burned materials at no cost to them.

Students who were affected were instructed to bring their copy of the letter along with their student identification card to the customer service department of the bookstore. There the students will receive help in replacing the lost materials.

Warren said the help provided by the bookstore would be limited, but he had not yet set a dollar value. "Our first concern is for the students," said Warren. "We are not really worried about the cost!" He said whatever the cost may be, he was confident that it could be absorbed by the bookstore and have no effect on bookstore prices.

The approximately 120 students who lost items were very appreciative, said Warren. "I don't expect anyone to try and take advantage of the situation," he said.

S. Senate clarifies policy for elections

By Dawn J. Jackson

The Student Senate suspended the agenda Wednesday night and passed a resolution calling for University President Warren Baker to formulate a policy on administrative and faculty involvement in ASI elections.

The senate recommended that university administrators and faculty strive to remain impartial and unbiased in connection with ASI elections, as they can greatly influence the opinions of students.

The resolution, not originally on the agenda as a business item, states: "The intent of this resolution is not to restrict the free speech of faculty and staff as members of the university community, but to insure the special relationship of faculty and staff and certain programs of the administration not be used to influence student elections."

Steven Johnson, a senator from the School of Architecture and Environmental Design and a presidential candidate, said in the resolution, "University administrators and faculty can greatly influence the opinions of the students with whom they interact and the potential exists for ASI elections to be inordinately affected..." The election rules were amended several times, once by School of Agriculture Senator Deena Ladorow, who said, "My intent is to delineate the ambiguities of the rules — to give them guidelines of what they can or cannot do."

More election controversy was discussed, centering on the $150 extra spending allowed for presidential candidates. The senate defeated President Phil's the See SENATE, back page

Alternatives to violence

Latin America discussed

By Gita Virmani

Latin American development will be discussed by two representatives of the World Neighbors aid organization at Cal Poly today.

Roland Bunch, the Latin American regional director of World Neighbors, will talk about alternatives to violence in Central America from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in U.U. Room 220.

Bunch will be joined by the vice president of World Neighbors, Hope Sutherland, to discuss world hunger and Latin America from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in U.U. Room 220.

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ON THE STREET

What did you lose in the Poly Royal fire?

Bruce Clement, architecture, third year:
All the equipment for working on projects. We just turned in our midterm project — we didn’t lose those. All the triangles, drafting equipment, pens...

Jane Geddis, architecture, third year:
We’re not sure yet. But I had a project finished and graded worth $150, four feet tall and took seven weeks to build. I had put it on the table and through the window it’s gone. Everything plastic has been melted.

Juan Alvarado, architecture, third year:
All my drafting supplies, some conceptual models. I had some personal things — a photograph of my little kid. That was a lot of value to me.

David Brink, architectural engineering, fourth year:
Some drafting materials, a few books and I lost my Walkman. I was pretty lucky.

Alan Calisher, architecture, third year:
I’m sure the books are probably quite damaged. Projects under way were at least ruined if not burnt. I heard a lot of students had work from past years they were going to photograph — it’s all gone.

Food for thought

If New York is a Big Apple, why am I...

I recently returned from New York, where I spent the last six months on a coop. and the burning question on everyone’s lips is “How’s New York?” Well, first let me say that although I was in New York (the state) I wasn’t in New York (the city). That’s like being in the bathroom... but not in the toilet. I was in a small town called Kingston (it’s not the end of the world, but you can see it from there), about 90 miles from New York City. Still, I only went into The City once. I guess the best way to describe it is to steal a phrase from the “Describing a Blind Date to a Friend Handbook” (”It’s got a great personality.”)

My friend Kevin drove me into The City. He’s a native Brooklynyte and promised to show me around. (His father and brother are in the New York Police Department — so he offered a little color along with the guided tour.)

Exiting the George Washington Bridge, we drove directly toward the heart of The City. The first time we stopped for a light, a group of kids descended upon the car, each carrying a squeeze. Kevin started shouting “No... No!” They hesitated only momentarily before cleaning the windows (with dirty water... I mean... I guess I really should have been asking... but I wasn’t sure what I was seeing...)

Kevin seemed unphased by this. Apparently he’s used to it by now. I never got over my initial shock. The whole experience was nonchalant and thoroughly apathetic reaction to the fire that started walking.

Within a block we had been offered every illegal substance and stolen item known to man. (One particularly sleazy looking “business man” invited us to come look at the “goods.” In his brother Lenny’s van.) I felt I was in an episode of “Barret.” One woman was selling zip guns. I must admit, by that time I was tempted to buy one.

Broadway was interesting. The flashing lights and wandering people were great (kind of a Westwood and Market Street combined.) There are a number of electronic stores along Broadway with the best prices anywhere (except maybe out of Lenny’s van.) We were in one when all of a sudden there was a commotion by the back door. A teenager entered the back door and started walking swiftly through the shop. A security guard entered a moment later and (in the manner of all good security men... everywhere) yelled “Stop that man!” My first impulse was to knock him down. (I was cursing myself for not having bought that zip gun). But when in Rome, do as the Romans do, so I got out of the way and let them all run by. Later I asked a cop and found out that the kid had committed armed robbery.

On the way back to the car, a man called us aside, producing a world chain he was selling — $10 apiece. He claimed they were 14 karat gold and went to great lengths to prove their authenticity. When he realized he wasn’t going to make a sale, he bravely tried out last ditch effort. “Hey guys, this stuff is real! I may be a thief, but hey, I’m no crook.” I can’t believe I had questioned his integrity just because I was in New York.

I guess I could end this column by saying, “New York is a nice place to visit, but I wouldn’t want to live there.” But it’s not a nice place to visit, and I would sooner live in North Dakota (if it really does exist) than the Big Apple.

Letters to the Editor

Cal Poly Fire Dept. was slow and sloppy

Editor — I am thoroughly disgusted and embarrassed by the Cal Poly Fire Department’s slow and apathetic reaction to the fire that swept through Engineering West on Saturday morning. The great possible threat to human life was seemingly overlooked by the Cal Poly Fire Department. One would think city fire departments from surrounding areas would have been called immediately to help quickly contain the blaze and protect lives. For whatever reason, they obviously were not called right away since the fire had gutted most of the adjacent wing, the firefighters arrived, the fire had gutted most of the north facing rooms and had all but exhausted itself like a burning match left unblown. We are all fortunate that no casualties resulted from the Cal Poly Fire Department’s sloppy handling of an emergency situation.

GLEN MCMILLIANS

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

MUSTANG DAILY
Soviets report nuclear accident

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union reported Monday a nuclear accident that damaged a nuclear power plant.

Some people affected by the incident are being treated, the report said.

Announcement by the official news agency Tass followed reports from Sweden that increased radiation levels were detected north of Stockholm, more than 750 miles northwest of the Ukrainian town of Chernobyl. Finland also reported increased radiation, but both countries said the levels were not dangerous.

The Soviets reported it was the first nuclear accident in the Soviet Union and that a government commission was set up, an indication that the accident was serious.

The first brief Tass announcement did not say when the accident occurred or give details beyond saying, "Measures are being undertaken to eliminate the consequences of the accident."

Grenades smuggled into Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Employees of Libya’s embassy supplied hand grenades two Libyans planned to use to attack a U.S. military officers' club in Ankara during a wedding party, a prosecutor said Monday.

The grenades were brought into Turkey under cover of diplomatic immunity, Ulku Coskun told The Associated Press in an interview. He would not elaborate, but he said Ali Zeyyani, Libyan consul in Istanbul, knew of the plan.

Two Libyans were captured April 18 near the officers' club in a district of Gaziosmanpasa and questioned for nine days.

They were arrested formally Sunday and charged with conspiracy to kill a group of people and illegally bringing weapons into the country.

Civil engineering — The Cal Poly chapter of the Society of Civil Engineers placed second overall at an engineering conference last weekend at UC Irvine. The club also placed in four categories of competition in the concrete canoe race.

The conference, sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers, included events: building bridges out of popsicle sticks, presenting technical and non-technical papers and leveling.

In the concrete canoe competition, the team entered two men's teams and two women's teams. Men's team members who placed first included Joe Crotos, Steve Poinsett, Tim Taylor and Dave Whitehead.

One of the Cal Poly women's teams placed first in their category also. Members were Carmel Klinea, Lynn Miao, Lyne Powell and Kathy Wallenstein.

Men's team members placing second were Craig Davis, Rick Draeger, Ron McGowan and Scott Weelle. Placing second in the women's category were Su Ching Ho, Charlene Smith, Claudia Smith and Talli Tucker.

Two hundred fifty students from 12 schools in Southern California and Arizona took part in the conference.
### CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY
- The architecture department will sponsor a lecture by a Rice University architectural educator titled "Through the Looking Glass - Architects' Images of Self and Society," at 7:30 p.m. in the Gallery of the Architecture and Environmental Design Building.
- The Ventures will play in concert at 8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Proceeds will benefit Casa de Vida.

#### SATURDAY
- The Alternative Energy Club will sponsor an energy exposition from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dexter Lawn.

#### TUESDAY
- A reading of the names of World War II Holocaust victims will begin at 3 p.m. and continue through May 6 at 7 p.m. in the U.U. Plaza as part of Jewish Holocaust Memorial Week.
- Douglas Piirio of the natural resources management department will discuss "The Giant Sequoia of the Sierra Nevada" at noon in Room 106 of the Food Processing Building behind the Campus Store.
- As part of Jewish Holocaust Memorial Week, Haverim will show films from 7 to 9 p.m. in U.U. Room 208.

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Mustangs go to third round in Ojai; leave for UC Irvine

By Gita Virmasi

The Cal Poly men's tennis team, along with more than 1,500 other players, competed in the 87th annual Ojai Tennis Tournament last weekend.

The Mustangs' number one and number two players reached third round play in the men's independent college division. Bob Zoller lost 6-4, 7-6 and Paul Landry lost 6-2, 7-6.

The doubles team of Zoller and Landry made it to the quarter finals, losing a close match to Kelly Jones and Rob Weiss of Pepperdine University 7-5, 7-6.

Landry, who has played in the tournament since he was a junior in high school, said that it's difficult to win because some of the top players in the country compete at Ojai.

"The tournament is fun because Ojai is a really nice place and we get to watch lots of good tennis -- like the Pac Ten players," he said.

Dave Reynolds, Hal Sweeney, Tom Salmon, Jim Rakela, and Dale Minney played in the invitational collegiate division.

Rakela and Minney won first-round doubles against a Stanford University team 6-2, 6-4, 6-1, but lost in the second round 7-5, 4-6, 4-6 to a University of Southern California team.

"It was a good tournament with lots of good and tough players," said Minney, who played at Ojai when he was in high school.

The Ojai Tournament is the oldest tennis tournament in the United States. It draws amateur players of all levels and ages, both men and women.

"There is a lot of tradition ... it's a fun tournament although the competition is stiff. It's more of an independent event without team effort," Mustang Coach Hugh Bream said.

Wins in the tournament count for personal records and seedings for nationals, but not for team scoring, Zoller said.

Today the Mustangs, seeded number two in Division II schools, travel south to take on UC Irvine.
The Mustangs split a double-header with Chapman College Saturday, taking the opener 7-3 and dropping the second game 8-6.

Pitcher Eric Yeager won his first game of the year for the Mustangs while going the distance. He gave up nine hits, walked two and struck out five.

Designated hitter Bobby Wright had a big game at the plate hitting a two-run homer in the first inning and finishing the game going three for four with three RBIs and two runs scored. Wright is currently second in the CCAA with a .398 batting average.

In the second game, Mustang starter Jeff Gray gave up eight hits and six runs in six innings of work and a seventh inning rally fell just short.

After Chapman scored two runs in the top of the seventh off Mustang reliever Mike Shula, Poly came back with two runs in the bottom of the seventh on Scott Reaves’ two-run double.

Wheelmen are strong at Berkeley

While most students were fighting the crowds at Poly Royal this weekend, the Cal Poly Wheelmen were racing through the streets of Berkeley.

The Wheelmen didn’t field an A team at Berkeley, but despite their absence, the depth of the B and C teams and the women’s team kept the Wheelmen in contention for first place on the circuit with Stanford.

“Stanford scores a lot of points in the A races,” said Sheldon Smith, a Wheelman A rider. “But the strength of our B and C teams makes up for it.”

And the B team held true to form Saturday in the road race with four Mustangs placing in the top 10 spots.

The B event ended in an uphill sprint, with Wheelman Mike Bennett emerging victorious in first place. He was followed by fellow Wheelmen Robert Enzerink in second, Andres Eulaste finished fourth and Tim Hyland crossed the finish line in 10th place.

The C team also got some points for the Wheelmen with four riders in the top 15. Jeb Thornburg won it for the Wheelmen, Jeff Johnson finished eighth, Angelo Guinasso was 12th and Jeff Reynolds 13th.

Elizabeth Strangio continued her consistency in the women’s event, with a second-place finish behind a UC Santa Barbara rider, followed by her teammate Danielle Micheli in third.

And, in the criterium on Sunday, Strangio overcame a detailed chain during the race to catch the pack and pass them on her way to an impressive win. Micheli placed sixth.

The B team continued to show its depth Sunday with three riders finishing in the top four. Enzerink was the only rider to lap the field and he crossed the finish line alone in first place. In order to protect his lead the rest of the B team lagged behind to keep the other riders busy and to slow them down. Bennett finished second behind Enzerink and Greg Lentiemre came in fourth.

Guinasso finished third for the C team Sunday, with Reynolds ending up eighth.

“Angelo (Guinasso) has shown a lot of improvement,” said Smith. “He didn’t even finish in his first few races and now he is consistently placing in the top 10.”

Jim Kenney was the only A rider for the Wheelmen Sunday and despite no help from any other Wheelmen, he managed to finish eighth.

The Wheelmen will travel to San Diego Saturday because Stanford will be at another race in Davis.

“We decided to go to San Diego because Stanford won’t be there and we can rack up some points,” Smith said.

Currently, the Mustangs are neck-and-neck with Stanford for first place and with the absence of Stanford in San Diego, the Mustangs are clear favorites to win both the road and criterium.
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