No present danger posed by asbestos at Vista Grande

By Yumi Sera
Staff Writer

Put a pat of butter on bread but not on the ceiling, especially the ceiling at Vista Grande restaurant.

It's the little pats of butter that students playfully threw up at the ceiling that are posing one problem with asbestos at the Cal Poly campus.

When the butter is scraped off, there is a chance some of the asbestos fiber found in the ceiling will be loosened and diffuse into the air, creating a very deadly situation.

"Luckily, the asbestos fiber is bound tightly together, and there is absolutely no immediate danger," said Rob Pahlow, manager of engineering services at plant operations.

Vista Grande restaurant will be closed, however, sometime next year to have the ceiling removed and replaced with an asbestos-free one.

"There is no safety hazard," said Nancy Williams, food services director. "We're doing preventive maintenance — getting it done before it becomes a problem."

Asbestos (asbestos fiber) is a mineral primarily used when a chemically fire resistant or non-conducting material is needed.

"Its main use was as insulation around heating pipes," said Pahlow. "The fibers are really strong, and it is great for holding things together."

Asbestos was used in Vista Grande as acoustic insulation in the ceiling tiles. It becomes a hazard when the bonds are worn down and loose fibers permeate the air.

When people are exposed to high concentrations of it over a long period of time it can eventually lead to lung diseases.

Asbestos can be found in any building built before 1979 on campus, said Pahlow.

About two to three years ago, two separate contracting firms ran tests for asbestos at Cal Poly and assigned each building a priority on a scale of one to seven — seven being the highest priority.

"We've taken care of the seven and six priorities and are now working on the fives," said See ASBESTOS, page 10

Two TV stations merge transmission to extend

By Kathryn Brunello
Staff Writer

A local television station has joined with KADY-TV to extend its transmission reach from Santa Barbara to the Central Coast region.

Steve Urbans, president and station manager of 15 TV Broadcasting, Inc. and John Huddy, president of Riklis Broadcasting, which owns KADY-TV, made the announcement Wednesday at a press conference.

15 TV, known for its coverage of Cal Poly sports, community and local events, will get 90 percent of its programming from KADY, which is located in Santa Barbara County.

"We are dramatically increasing our commitment to local news and information," Huddy said in discussing plans for a full hour of regional newscasting. There is still discussion regard

See KADY, page 7

Groundhog's Day pig says spring

By Rob Lorenz
Staff Writer

It was Groundhog's Day yesterday, the day a small furry rodent named Phil is supposed to pop his head out of his miserable little hole and tell the world when winter is going to end, and hence, when spring is going to begin.

On the Cal Poly campus, however, the holiday was looked at a little differently than the way the rest of the nation sees it. No, the crowed on Dexter Lawn on Thursday did not have to strain its collective eyesight trying to see if the traditional groundhog would see its own shadow. They got to see a big animal, and thus a big shadow, because the American Society of Landscape Architects decided that a true hog would be a more telling test.

"If the pig's got his feet on the ground," said ASLA representative Paul Lewis, "then as far as I'm concerned he's a groundhog."

Traditionally, the nation relies on a groundhog from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, Punxsutawney Phil, to determine when spring is to begin. If Phil sees his own shadow, then it is said that there will be six more weeks of wintry weather. If he doesn't, well, spring has supposedly arrived. However, a groundhog is small, and therefore has a small shadow. It would be understandable if he couldn't see his own shadow.

"We are no longer going to rely on the East to predict our weather," said Lewis. "As Californians, we are tired of hearing about a small rodent in Wisconsin or Kansas, or wherever it is, popping out of a little hole and looking around."

To rectify the situation, a respectable-sized, if not disinterested, hog was brought out onto Dexter Lawn at 11:30 a.m. yesterday, in order to determine the length of California's winter.

The hog was carried from his plush cage in the rear of a Cal Poly maintenance truck to the middle of the lawn, kicking and squailing the entire way. When he was finally let down... well, he kind of walked around in a daze, inspecting spectators' food and generally ignoring the onlookers, who had been waiting with bated breath in eager anticipation of the hog's grand entrance.

Spectators look on as a Poly pig searches for his own shadow, to no avail.

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Life: a limitless illusion

By Nicole Jones

Life is an illusion. Like an illusion, we can make it whatever we want. However, we do not have the power to be our own rulers, the leaders of others, or, not to "be" at all.

Recently, this concept brought me through the book Illusions by Richard Bach, changed my outlook on a lot of things.

After almost five years at Cal Poly, graduation has finally become a word that I can say without noticing. But, in recognizing it, I will soon complete the first major step in my adult life, I also recognize that I have some rather unfamiliar emotions. Thoughts that have never presented before. Self-recognition: Who am I? What do I want? And, where am I going? I am afraid of the struggle worth the reward? Is there hope for earth?

I have always considered myself an "enlightened" person and in my current line of work, the tools are my instruments. I must continue to explore the universe, the world we live in, the truth we will never know.

So, these questions arose—creating self doubt and lots of other questions about life that I should be able to answer without understanding the other major issues.

So, I am leaning towards forward at an astounding pace in our society. So, if you don't have any technical education, how do you know about the issues that affect our lives, the issues that we'll be overthrown by and so many others, it seems unreasonable to expect Israel to negotiate with them.

Finally, Auri and John are also correct in saying that giving up West Bank would put Israel's existence into jeopardy. Certainly any American who supported giving money to protect a country more than 1,000 miles away in the name of national security (namely Nicaragua), couldn't sympathize with a country whose enemy is right at their border.

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Dan Rosenfeld

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To begin with, the argument over the West Bank being an Israeli or Palestinian homeland can be extended to cover the much more logical reason why Israel is currently occupying the West Bank. In 1967, Egypt and Israel were at war. Israel threat-ened Jordan not to enter the war. When Jordan did enter it, bombard-ments throughout most of the world, including the West Bank, captured the West Bank as an act of war. To ask Israel to give back the West Bank would be like asking the United States to give California back to Mexico.

Secondly, Auri and John are justified in their fear of Israel negotiating with the PLO. Until very recently the PLO refused to recognize the legal form of the Israeli government. As a matter of fact, the PLO made it clear that there is no question of Israel's elimination. Isn't it understandable that the Israelis are afraid of negotiating with the PLO? Until a few years ago, the PLO was a legitimate group to represent them that is not involved extensively in other activities. It seems unreasonable to expect Israel to negotiate with them.

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Pioneering spirit guides event

Voyager pilot Jean Yeager will be the guest speaker at the Society of Woman Engineer's Evening with Industry Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 4.

The "Pioneering the Future" banquet will be held in conjunction with the annual conference that morning. Conference topics will range from a discussion of college life - aimed at high school students - to a technical presentation on IXNET computer software.

Planned for both college and high school students, the conference is free and open to the public.

The banquet is designed especially for Cal Poly students, giving them the opportunity to socialize and dine with representatives from 28 major corporations and two state agencies before hearing from Yeager. The Voyager co-pilot has been asked to speak about her record-setting flight and to talk about her future plans.

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California condors court in zoos; ravens, eagles harry freed andean condors

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Biologists trying to save California condors from extinction say the big birds are courting in two zoos, while tail-grabbing antics and disturbing eagles pester Andean condors set free in the wild.

"They are pretty amusing," U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Teresa Nichols said Thursday.

Fourteen California condors at the Los Angeles Zoo and 14 others at the San Diego Wild Animal Park in Escondido are the only remaining members of the endangered vulture species. Their 9 1/2-foot wingspans make them North America's largest land birds.

Courtship started in early January among four pairs of condors in Escondido and two pairs in Los Angeles, and scientists hope they will reproduce enough so some can be reintroduced to the wild in five to 10 years, said Joseph Dowhan, the federal agency's condor recovery coordinator.

One of the courting pairs in Escondido, male condor AC-4 and female UN-1, started mating last month, he added. Last April, the same pair produced a female chick named Molliko, the first California condor conceived and hatched in captivity.

Scientists believe condors lay eggs 30 to 35 days after fertilization, but mating doesn't necessarily result in fertilization, Dowhan said.

To practice for the eventual release of California condors, biologists freed three Andean condors Dec. 17 at Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge and four others Jan. 21 from the nearby Sespe Condor Sanctuary.

Both release sites are about 50 miles northwest of Los Angeles, and include roost boxes and feeding platforms supplied with stillborn calf carcasses for the carrion-eating condors.

At Hopper Mountain, "ravens will sit next to the condors when they're feeding on a carcass. Behind their backs they run up and grab a tail feather and then run away like they just did something funny," Nichols said by phone from her office in Ventura.

"The condors handle it very passively," she said. "They give them (the ravens) a dirty look, turn their backs and then start eating again."

One Jan. 21, one of the Andeans, 10-month-old condor Y1, flew from Hopper Mountain into the territory of two golden eagles, which "made several stosps, or aggressive dives, toward the condor and forced it to the ground," said a Fish and Wildlife Service news release.

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Cal Poly's nationally ranked rodeo team prepares for another winning season

Story by Kathryn Brunello

Photos by Kevin Cannon

Bulls, broncs & barrels

Cal Poly's nationally ranked rodeo team prepares for another winning season

Mustang Daily Friday, February 3, 1989

Lifestyle

M an versus bulls and broncs. It's a battle to stay on top of a bucking animal. It's a battle against the clock.

This competition goes on almost every day at Cal Poly. Most people in the Rodeo Club participate on the team, and many students don't know the first thing about the rodeo team that practices way back yonder in the rodeo arena.

Wranglers, 4 X 4's, Hank Williams Jr. and The Judds, chewing tobacco and cowboy hats are not all that these rodeo-ers are made of. It takes pure dedication to be a participating member of the rodeo team.

"There's so many different events," said senior team member Clay Hurst. "With most sports, it's the same bunch of people doing the same things. Here, we have a bunch of individuals."

Calf-roping and break-way roping practices start at 6 a.m., and steer wrestling (also known as bulldogging) and team roping take place between 2 and 6 p.m.

"We practice four days a week," said rodeo team coach Clay Robinson. "and we have jackpots almost every Friday."

These jackpots, mini-rodeo competitions, help keep the members conditioned. It allows them to have competition during the off-season and make money for the team.

"We charge a small entry fee, and most of the participants are Cal Poly students," said Robinson.

There are six standard rodeo events for men. Rough stock competition includes riders who are judged on their performance during a specified amount of time, usually less than 15 seconds. Bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull-riding are rough stock competitions. Calf-roping, steer-wrestling and team-roping are timed events for men. The three events for women are goat-roping, barrel racing and break-way roping, which also are timed events.

The rodeo team is not primarily funded by ASI, and there are three standard events for women (competition) in their region."

The rodeo team belongs to the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) and participates in about 10 rodeos a year. They adhere to the same eligibility requirements as teams in the NCAA. However, members of the rodeo team are allowed to compete professionally while still competing at the college level.

Cal Poly belongs to the West Coast Division of the NIRA. If Cal Poly wins its regional finals, it will advance to the national competition in Bullman, Montana on June 11.

"Poly usually has the most people there," said Robinson. "Very few schools win both men's and women's (competition) in their region."

Cal Poly is presently ranked third in the nation in men's events and fifth in the nation in women's.

Jeff Fontes, regional director for students and a member of the national board, is a fifth-year senior but still able to compete because of his position as regional director.

It costs a rodeo-team member about $250 to travel to a rodeo. The entry fees are about $120 per member per rodeo. The top nine competitors receive about half the total cost from ASI to help them with their expenses.

The winners can receive money when they compete intercollegiately, but the amount varies depending on the points earned at the rodeo.

Many of the team members travel more than 18 weekends a year. They also have to miss a lot of school in order to compete in rodeos.

"Some of the teachers are cooperative," said Fontes. "especially the agriculture teachers. Most of our teachers let us take our tests early, but in terms of helping out our grade because we travel for the Cal Poly Rodeo Team, we're just like anyone else in the eyes of the teachers."

"We encourage them to talk to their teachers way ahead of time," Robinson said. "It doesn't keep them from getting behind, but it helps. These kids are really challenged academically. It isn't easy."

The rodeo team travels during fall and spring quarters. They are recommended to take most of their classes during the winter quarter so they can have more time to travel during the rodeo season.

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The jackpots put on by the team at Cal Poly are usually every Friday and open to the public.

"It takes a lot of people to put on a rodeo," said Robinson. "I suppose we have a sort of home-court advantage when it's here. But it puts a hardship on the students in terms of production."

The next home rodeo is during Poly Royal, and Robinson said he expects about 190 participants.

Several of the team members, as well as the coach, compete professionally, adding to the demands of a busy life of a rodeo competitor.
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**CULTURE**

From page 1 added:
Syszlik said it is essential for people to recognize that other cultures are important and they affect everyone's lives.
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**INTERVIEWS**

Tuesday, February 7th
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has informed Congress he may authorize the sale of 315 front-line Abrams tanks to Saudi Arabia and 200 to Kuwait while providing a third Arab country, the United Arab Emirates, with 40 F-18 fighter jets, informed sources said.

Egypt, meanwhile, would get 150 Hawk missiles and Israel 200 shoulder-fired Stingers, while Jordan again would receive no American weapons this year, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The potential Arab purchases could touch off another row with Israel's supporters in Congress, who were successful during the Carter and Reagan administrations in blocking U.S. sales that were considered theratino to the Jewish state.

But the skillful management of James A. Baker III, then the White House chief of staff and now secretary of state, and other Reagan administration operatives overcame stubborn resistance to the sale of Awacs radar planes to Saudi Arabia which the Senate approved 52-48.

The Abrams tank is considered the best in the world. Recently, U.S. and Egyptian officials completed arrangements for co-production in Egypt with the aim of providing the Egyptian army with them.

The weapons list sent to Congress last Thursday is classified. Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee that deals with the Middle East, is understood to have cautioned other members of Congress and staff aides not to leak any of the items.

Meanwhile, the White House, in a cover letter, informed Congress the Saudis were in the process of deciding whether to request U.S. or European fighter planes to replace their F-5s in the next decade, the sources said.

The letter said the Saudis were considering jet fighters to be jointly produced by Britain and West Germany and the French Mirage 4000, as well as U.S.-built F-16s and F-18s.

On the list for the Saudis were seven multiple-launch artillery rocket systems, for battlefield use, and seven of the box-typerockers for Kuwait along with 1,500 Tow anti-tank missiles.

Egypt was listed to receive 150 Hawk anti-aircraft missiles and Israel four helicopters along with the Stinger missiles.

Iranians attack anti-Khomeini students

PERUGIA, Italy (AP) — Iranian fundamentalists burst into a student center on Wednesday when the group of pro-Khomeini activists burst in, ANSA said, quoting witnesses.

Several students kicked out part of a locked door and fled, while others were assaulted, the agency said. The assailants fled before police arrived, according to ANSA.

The injured included three Iranian students and a representative of an Iranian group opposed to Khomeini, ANSA reported.

In regards to being carried by Sonic Cable, Huddy, "we don't know why they (Sonic Cable) won't. But we know we're worthwhile — it might just take them a while to see how good we really are."
Wilson sets up committee to explore run for governor

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Sen. Pete Wilson, re-elected to the U.S. Senate less than three months ago, plans to set up an exploratory committee to weigh his chances for a run at the governorship in 1992, according to a published report.

Wilson, a Republican and the former mayor of San Diego, is expected to formally announce his decision on plans for the governorship this month, according to an aide. He has said publicly he is considering the job.

California's two-term Republican governor, George Deukmejian, said he will not seek a third term, causing a scramble among politicians from both parties with an eye on the state's top job.

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A rat a week keeps snakes, owners happy

By Steve Harmon
Staff Writer

What's long, multi-colored, slithers and sometimes attends ASI Concert Committee meetings at Cal Poly? Lionel, a 5-foot-6, Burmese python.

The snake is actually female. But she doesn't seem to mind the name "Lionel" as long as she gets her weekly dose of rat from owners Chuck Woodard and Dale Magee, both Cal Poly biology seniors and members of the committee.

"I've brought her to the meetings every once in awhile and people want to touch her," Woodard said.

Woodard and Magee own three snakes and keep them in a 2-by-4-foot aquarium in their apartment. They said the complex doesn't allow pets but they asked the landlord if they could have an aquarium and he said yes.

"I think he assumed we meant for fish," Magee said.

Lionel weighs in at 15 pounds and is the largest of the three. Next, there's "Julius Squeezer," a 8-pound, 4-foot Burmese python that Woodard and Magee hope to someday mate with Lionel. The smallest is "Mr. Boajangles," a 4-pound, 4-foot Red Tail Boa from South America.

Lionel was a Christmas gift to Woodard from Magee last year and they've had the other two snakes about a year, he said.

All three snakes get along with each other, sleeping most of the day and instinctively waking up

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Some of the returning starters are Rich Sheppard, 1988 All-American Honorable Mention; Pat Kirby, 1988 All-League, and Doug Noce, 1988 second team All-League.

The team is starting this season differently than last season when the Mustangs finish tied for third in the CCAA with a 28-26 overall record and 16-14 in conference play.

"Last year some people didn’t get along well and it affected our performance," Sheppard said.

"This year we get along really well so the team is playing much better," McFarland said.

The Mustangs have every right to be anxious. They are ranked 10th in the nation in a preseason poll after finishing 16th in Division II last year.

"We’re pretty optimistic going into the season, our recruiting was outstanding and we got two new transfers from four-year schools," McFarland said.

Ron Crowe, a third baseman from Nebraska, and Bobby Ryan, a pitcher from Lewis and Clark transferred to Cal Poly during the summer.

The new recruits bolster a squad consisting of seven returning starters.

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NFL free agency system starts today

Under the old plan, players offered a contract by another team could move only after their team waived its right of first refusal. The new team would also have to compensate the old one with draft choices.

Only two players in 10 years moved under that system, most recently, linebacker Wilber Marshall of Chicago, who signed a $6 million, five-year contract last year with Washington.

"It doesn’t matter who we play, we have to play up to our capabilities to win," McFarland said.

The pitching staff will need to perform up to expectations for us to win, Sheppard said.

"Hitting is our strongest point right now, but pitching will tell the story for us," Sheppard said.

The Mustangs will face a tough challenge when they face San Jose State today.

The Spartans are 5-0 with a recent upset of 1988 Division I national champion Stanford.

Although these early games are tune-ups for league, they still count on our overall record and our national ranking," Sheppard said.

To maintain their ranking and win the league title, the Mustangs have to accept the challenge from schools such as Pomona.

"Right now, we feel that we are in a position to make a run at the (league) title," Sheppard said.
\"Red tide\" puzzles science

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists say they are certain that a natural poison caused the massive die-off of bottlenose dolphins in 1987 and 1988, but they still are puzzled by the persistence of the deadly \"red tide\" that arose in the Gulf of Mexico and moved up the East Coast.

\"We have never found this before in history,\" said Joseph Geraci, a wildlife specialist who headed a team of federal researchers.

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SACRAMENTO (AP) — State schools superintendent Bill Honig said Thursday that today's California school children generally perform less well on physical education tests than did youngsters in the immediate post-World War II era, and he called for improvements in health and physical education programs.

"The evidence substantiates that too many of our children are making poor health choices," Honig said at a Capitol news conference. "In addition, disturbing behavioral trends among the young (use of drugs, aggressive.

Honig proposed an eight-point program for local school districts, with an emphasis on health education, nutritional services, counseling and psychological services, parent-community involvement, health promotion for teachers and physical education.

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