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By Aaron Nix
Staff Writer

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Committee fights city smoking law

By Aaron Nix
Staff Writer

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ASI board approves operational budget despite objections

By Kelli Martin
Staff Writer

Almost 150 people crowded into the room holding the ASI Board of Directors meeting Wednesday night to either show support or dissatisfaction with the proposed 1991-92 ASI Operational Budget.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help keep the campus clean

I've been on Cal Poly's beautiful campus for three years. It's a nice campus because most people care enough to pick up their trash as they go.

Last week, one dark-haired young lady with a red sweatshirt was hiking across campus with a load of aluminum cans. Two cans fell out of the basket. She stopped her bike, turned and looked at the street where the cans lay. Then she climbed back on her bike and rode on.

Now this may seem really trite. But what annoyed me was that she didn't bother to retrieve the cans from the street. It is the responsibility of the Department of Housing to collect trash. As a journalism major, I think we all need to do our part in keeping Cal Poly beautiful. Don't you?

And to the girl on the bike, I hope the next time you cross campus, you don't leave a trail of aluminum cans in your wake. If everyone followed your example, Cal Poly would be a garbage dump.

Sam Turner
Social Science

Reporting stolen signs is a pain

One night I saw a couple of young ladies kick down a stop sign across the street from my house. "Wow," I thought, "I guess I should call the police." Since the crew decided to brag loudly to a neighbor and since the sign had been downed twice in as many weeks, I was compelled to "rat" on them.

"An open and shut case," I thought. "Our sign destruction problems will be over."

But the hue of the donut shop is strong, and since I'm just a young parasite-college student myself, how easy it would be to avoid my call and some additional paperwork. Besides, the responding officer was no doubt balancing in balance and reading another chapter in his Louis L'amour novel while handing out more speeding tickets. No small dilemma.

Anyway, a round of phone tag later, (the officer that has been assigned to the case will be in from 6:05 - 7:15 MTP's. Call him then) and I began to feel a peculiar "brush off" sensation. Lathargic once seemed to drip from the phone each time I called the headquarters.

Anyway, the perpetrators are still at large. Who knows, maybe they were the ringmasters of a citywide sign smashing conspiracy. We'll never know.

By the way, in the end I did receive a message on my machine from the police with further exhortations to call at odd times which I tried and finally gave up in frustration. I concluded that there just doesn't much care about $100 signs, then neither do I.

Arjan Duyvestein
Business

Bad experiences cause public to dislike police department

By Laurie La Pensee

Unfortunately, if people have bad experiences with a police officer they may develop a bad attitude toward all police. Such was the case for me.

Late one night outside of a bar, a friend and I sat in our car while deciding where to go to next. About five minutes after she lit a cigarette, circles of light from flashlights were bouncing around and two police were running towards our car.

I was told to get out of the car and to give the police my jacket and drivers license. My friend and I were also told that they were going to search our car.

When I asked what they were searching for and why, they said that if I had nothing to hide I shouldn't mind being searched.

In the end, no charges were pressed, and I was told to have a good night. I really idealize that I should be able to disregard this incident from my judgment of police officers, since only one officer offended me.

But that's not so. Because I feel I was treated unfairly as well as a little ridiculed and humiliated, I now am prejudiced against police.

This attitude may be shared by many people on a larger scale. What a concept.

It's amazing to think of what can happen when many people develop this attitude and form together in massive groups.

Several times the media has displayed group outbursts against police on television, and the viewer finds himself asking "why?"

Last Monday and Tuesday continuous rioting took place in Washington, D.C. after a rookie police officer shot Daniel Green, 30, in the chest.

He was one of four men arrested for cursing in a small park.

Some witnesses, according to the Los Angeles Times, claim he lunged at the police officer with a knife, and others claim he was handcuffed at the time he was shot.

One participant in the rioting crowd explained the situation well.

"Nobody wants violence, but we feel somebody got shot which is our own, said Quigier Acuel. "The problems with the police here are not new. We've been harassed for a long time."

Put simply, the crowd was reacting to what they thought was unjust behavior by a police officer.

According to ABC News, after the Rodney King beating was publicized on national television, gangs in Garden Grove got worse. It's rather likely that many viewers may have formed negative and perhaps rebellious attitudes toward police officers.

Last year when local police officers attempted "crowd control" during Poly Royal, many students felt they were mistreated by police officers. Yet many of them had not been dissatisfied or broken any laws. They too, may have lost respect for police.

Many of these antipolice attitudes could have been prevented or at least modified if police had used a friendly, fair approach while enforcing the law.

As a result of my experience with the police officer, I have changed my opinion of police enforcement.

I'm more likely today to break the law or join the masses displaying mayhem against police if it support the cause than I was before my ''lighting of a cigarette'' incident occurred.

This may be what law-breaking citizens are saying too.

Laurie La Pensee is a journalism senior. This is her first quarter reporting for Mustang Daily.

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World

Flipped truck kills 35 Brazilian teenagers

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A truck carrying 35 teenagers hitchhiking home from a weekend festival flipped over on a curve in a highway in northeastern Brazil, killing 35 of the youngsters, police said Monday.

The driving conditions were poor on a road near Conceiçao da Vitória at about 6 a.m. Sunday after heavy rain apparently fell asleep at the wheel, said state trooper Carlos Gomes. The driver, who suffered minor injuries, is in police custody, Gomes said.

Thirty-three victims were crushed to death under the limestone, Gomes said. Two more died on the way to the hospital.

Soviets destroy final SS-20 nuclear missile

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union on Sunday destroyed its last SS-20 nuclear missile, completing the liquidation of all missiles covered by a treaty it signed with the United States in 1987, Soviet media reported.

The missile was destroyed in a huge fiery blast at 3:50 p.m. at the Kapustin Yar rocket range about 440 miles southeast of Moscow, according to Soviet television.

The words "Last Rocket" were stenciled in a college newspaper?

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□ Bar and Restaurant Guide
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Students build commuter car for the future

By Gabrielle Friedly
Staff Writer

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The project's faculty adviser, Cal Poly mechanical engineer­ing professor Safwat Moustafa, said the solar commuter electric car is a spinoff of the Sun Luis, a solar-powered race car which was completed last summer.

Project Coordinator Carlos Guillermo said, "The general layout (of the car) is completed. We are now working on fund­raising." Moustafa said, "First we had to have a well-thought design to approach sponsors."

The car will require nearly $50,000 in investment. "Most of the money will go toward the battery, and building the motor," Moustafa said.

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was scheduled to begin. No details were immediately released by Cook County Circuit Court Judge Warren Wolfson, who announced the settlement after conferring with attorneys. The lawsuit, filed in 1983, al­leged that McNeil should have known its Tylenol capsules could be tampered with and should have acted to protect consumers.

The seven died after taking Tylenol capsules that had been laced with poison. No one has ever been charged in the deaths.

The poisonings touched off fears across the country about consumer goods, and transformed the packaging of over-the-counter drugs.

In the days after the deaths, McNeil’s parent company, John­son & Johnson, recalled 22 mil­lion bottles of Tylenol capsules, which were ultimately discoun­tined.

TRAVEL

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planning the trip, said the tour will include a variety of group ac­tivities such as snorkeling off the Great Barrier Reef and exploring both the tropics and the glaciers of New Zealand.

Mc-Williams said the structure of the tour is flexible. "We stress optional activities," he said, so that everyone is able to see and do what they want.

The length of the tour is flexible too. While it is planned to last about four weeks, the tickets are open-ended so that travelers can extend their stay if they decide to do so.

The second trip offered is a weeklong tour of Maui, begin­ning June 25. About 20 people will join student escorts Lara Deily, a political science junior, and Joanna Winter, a speech communication senior.

The group will stay in con­dominiums and has trips planned to Kauai and the Hana Highway.

McWilliams said the Travel Center tries to offer two trips every quarter break. One stu­dent escort usually accompanies the tour group, although both tours this time have two escorts. The escorts were selected from about 40 applicants.

Anyone can apply to be an escort, although the Travel Center tries to select people with sig­nificant travel experience and leadership skills. McWilliams said that escorts need to be familiar with the regions of the tour, either from personal ex­perience or through research.

Because the escorts are responsible for 12 to 20 people, Mc-Williams said it is important that competent leaders are selected.

The price of the South Pacific trip is $3,099 which includes all travel expenses except accom­modations and rental car. The Maui trip costs $649 to cover airfares, accommodations and rental car. Spaces are available on both trips.

The Travel Center offers free workshops every week on topics such as youth hostels and rail travel in Europe. More informa­tion on these workshops and the tours offered is available at the Travel Center downtowns in the U.S.

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SMOKE

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initiative to focus primarily on ex­
empting bars from the smoking ban. Dropped from the proposal were exemptions for restaurants with separate smoking areas. Bearce pointed out that San Luis Obispo was still the only city in the nation restricting smoking in private bars.

Bearce said that other cities with no-smoking polices have steered away from enforcing the ban. He pointed to Santa Cruz, Walnut Creek in Northern California recently rejected bar restrictions for three reasons: 1) No one under 21 is allowed in a bar; 2) the bars that cater to a more blue-collar clientele suffer the most; 3) most people associate smoking with bars and feel adrift can make their own decisions about where to smoke.

The committee expects to have the final draft of the initia­
tive back from the city attorney and circulating for signatures sometime this week, according to Gary Kunkel, committee direc­tor. Two thousand and four hundred signatures (10 percent of city voters) are needed by the group to place the initiative on the November ballot. Kunkel said the ultimate goal of the com­mittee, either through the City Council or through the voters.

"We really don't see any problem in getting the necessary signatures because so many feel the ban is unfair," Kunkel said. "In a citywide survey our group conducted, we found that while most of people opposed repealing the smoking restric­tions, over 65 percent supported exempting bars from the plan."

Both Bearce and Kunkel said however, that the initiative was not created to promote smoking.

"I am a nonsmoker, as are most of the people involved with the committee," Bearce said. "I strongly oppose all substance abuse, including cigarette addic­tion. This initiative is not pro­tobacco but rather a show of sup­port for small-business rights."

"I dislike smoking, but I dis­like government abuse even more," Kunkel agreed. "Just as the Boston Tea Party was not really about drinking tea, this ini­tiative is not about smoking. What it is about is local govern­ment trying to drive out busi­nesses they don't like by over­stepping the bounds of their authority. This proposed amend­ment is pro-freedom, defending the rights of business owners to conduct their shops as they like."

In addition to spearheading the initiative drive, the commit­tee is also fundraising to pay for the court costs of bartenders fined under the ban. Bearce said a recent barbecue raised $700 for the fund and that the $2,500 total raised to date should cover all court fees and the cost of ratifying the initiative.

CAR

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the house to recharge, Mountasta said.

"The idea of the solar com­
muter car is to have solar cells, enough to allow for the batteries to be charged while sitting in the parking lot," he said. "The car will use the energy that has heated your car all day to charge it.

"In the commuter car, the " My committee, the panel of solar (cells) is smaller than the Sun Luis because you have a lot of time to charge it," Mountasta said. "The design will allow for two passengers with luggage space and solar cells half as big as the Sun Luis."

The average commuter car is parked for eight hours during the day. "This approach is very attractive because you don't need a lot of area for solar cells," Mountasta said.

"Our goal is to help open the idea. General Motors recently intro­duced the GM Impact, an electric car that soon will be available to consumers.

Guillermo said that by the year 2003 all major car makers will be required to sell a certain percentage of electric cars. "Once you have an electric car, it's low maintenance. The only major cost would be a new battery every two years or so," Guillermo said.

"When we went to apply for a license for the Sun Luis, the DMV asked how many miles the car got. He told them, 'We get a million miles the gallon because we don't use any gas!' While this project may help promote the future auto in­dustry, Mountasta said the primary reason for putting time and energy into these projects is so students can put to work Cal Poly's famous motto, "learn by doing."

Guillermo said he hopes they will have a showable car by January. "We are lined up to show it at the Greater Los An­geles Auto Show," he said. The show is the largest auto show in the United States. All the major car manufacturers show their latest inventions at the Greater Los Angeles Auto Show, Guillermo said.

Currently the team is looking for new solar students that are interested in working on the project. All majors are welcome to par­ticipate on the project. Business, journalism and art and design majors are especially encouraged to work on such projects as promotion, newsletters and graphic designs.

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Tennis falls short in bid to retain national crown

No. 2 Mustangs lose to No. 3 Rolls University in final match.

By Geoff Scortti

The Cal Poly men's tennis team fell one match short in its bid for a second consecutive Division II national team championship Sunday in Edmond, Okla. Unfortunately for the Mustangs, who were ranked No. 2 nationally in Division II, the new title belongs to Rolls University. Rolls is a strong, experienced team from Florida that was ranked No. 3 in Division II prior to the national team championships. Rolls defeated a strong Mustang team 5-3 in a match that was decided in the No. 1 doubles slot.

The Mustangs were down 4-2 after singles play. Mustang Head Coach Kevin Platt said in a telephone interview Sunday night, "Being down 4-2, it kills you. It's very hard to come back. Rolls played a little better than us, but our guys fought hard to stay in it. It was a close match, we had some chances, but Rolls is a little more experience."

Down 4-2, the Mustangs No. 2 doubles team of Max Allman and Marc Oliver defeated Mike Hernandez and Dave Salcido of Rolls 6-4, 7-5, pulling Cal Poly to within 4-3.

Then, the No. 1 doubles team of Eric Sasao and Alex Havrilenko pulled ahead 5-4 in the first set of their match. They were serving for the first set but couldn't hold the lead and eventually fell 7-6 (7-4), 6-2, 6-7, 6-2, letting Britt Field and David Prince clinch the victory for Rolls. The loss prevented the Mustangs from tying the score of 5-5, thus giving Rolls more confidence. Our guys were starting to get a little nervous and we went down after that," Platt said. Rolls played a solid match and the Mustangs were a little nervous at a couple of positions. "That happens when you have players on the team who haven't played at this level of postseason competition before."

No. 5 Marc Oliver and No. 6 Ricardo Reyes are both freshmen on the team this year. "We beat two good teams to get to the finals," he said. "We should be very good again next year. Only two players, seniors Sasao and Havrilenko, are leaving the team."

The No. 3 doubles match was halted when Rolls clinched the win at 5-4. Mark Nielsen and Ricardo Reyes of Cal Poly were leading 4-0 when Rolls were playing. "That would be a worst-case scenario," Platt said. "We lost the top two singles matches in three sets. No. 1 Sasao defeated Field 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-3) and Havrilenko beat Price 6-4, 3-6, 6-2."

The remaining singles scores were: No. 3 Allman lost to Lemnicz of Rolls, 7-5, 6-3.

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The four outdoor courts located between Mott Gym and the Health Center have been condemned by university officials.

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calls to Recreational Sports and ASI from recreational basketball players asking what was going on.

Mark Appel, assistant coordinator for Rec Sports, said his department has received "several dozen" phone calls since Thursday from people asking why the courts were shut down. ASI President Adam Taylor said his office also received a large number of calls.

"I got nearly 60 complaints last week (about the shutdown of the courts)." Taylor said as he examined the empty courts Monday afternoon. "People were complaining because (the courts) were the only source of stress relief, their only source of exercise."

Gerald said the courts will not reopen because the court surface is too damaged for repair, and the courts are scheduled to be demolished when construction begins on the Recreational Sports and Physical Education (RSPE) building.

"It would cost about $50,000 to $60,000 to replace the courts," Gerald said. "It would be ridiculous to spend the money on it if they'll be taken away right away."

The RSPE building committee was planning to replace the present courts soon after construction on the RSPE building was supposed to begin in June. Budget problems, however, will delay the start of RSPE construction and will put the feasibility of immediately replacing the courts in doubt.

John Sakamoto, chair of the RSPE building committee, said the committee planned for the present basketball courts to be replaced by three-and-a-half new courts located between Mott Gym and the tennis courts. The new courts were to be completed within 90 days after construction on the RSPE building began.

Sakamoto said construction of the RSPE building has been delayed indefinitely, however, because the lowest bid was $1.8 million over budget.

Sakamoto also said that the committee's base bid did not include replacement costs of the basketball courts. Sakamoto said costs for replacing the courts comes under a separate bid called an additive alternate. The lowest bid to build the three-and-a-half replacement courts was an additional $115,000, he said.

Sakamoto said the RSPE committee is having trouble finding the money just to finance the RSPE building itself, so additive alternate projects such as the basketball courts may not be built until after the RSPE building is finished.

"That would be a worst-case scenario," Sakamoto said. Sakamoto said the committee would meet with Gerard and other university officials Friday to discuss these budget concerns. In the meantime, basketball players who used the courts on a daily (and nightly) basis will have to play elsewhere. Players and Rec Sports officials, however, say there are not many other places to play.

Mire Beryhill, an office supervisor for Rec Sports, said that Mott Gym is still open to recreational players. But he also said Mott has only three courts, and its hours are very limited because of intramural and other events. Basketball courts located behind the Yosemite and Sierra Madre residence halls are not supervised by Rec Sports.

Agribusiness junior Brian Jewell, who frequently used the basketball courts, said that Poly's courts were the only adequate facilities around town.

"Most other schools (around town) have under-used courts and no lights," he said.

The new bill would require all motorcycle, motor scooter and moped riders to wear state-approved safety helmets when riding on streets or highways.

Failure to wear a helmet would be an infraction carrying a fine of up to $100 for a first offense. Failure to wear a helmet, only passengers under age 15 must wear helmets.

Such a helmet law was refuted claims that a helmet law would save lives and reduce public spending on care for motorcycle accident victims who suffer injuries but have medical insurance.
Spring rains don’t end Poly’s water woes
By Laurie La Pense Staff Writer

Despite the rain that fell last quarter and the green hills surrounding campus, Cal Poly continues to conserve water.

This academic year Cal Poly has reduced its water usage by 27 to 29 percent, said Norman Jacobson, energy coordinator for Plant Operations.

“Unless we get a normal rain level this year, we will continue to cut back watering certain areas of campus,” Jacobson said. In the future, Cal Poly may convert to watering lawns with recycled water. Such a process would be labor intensive and expensive, Jacobson said. It would be expensive to pay for the transportation of water to campus and for the labor involved in the process.

Jacobson said the resources available now are not feasible. The most recent conservation effort used on campus has been the “burner” around trees. By placing circles of dirt around trees, less water is required for proper plant growth. However, this water goes directly to the trees.

Plant Operations has tried to water campus lawns as little as possible without losing the grass, he said. Less than one-third of lawns on campus is watered on a regular basis to keep them green.

Meanwhile, Plant Operations continues to plan for drought-resistant and resistant plants to be used around new buildings under construction. More shrubs are likely to be seen on campus this year.

Cal Poly owns one-third of the water in the city’s reservoir and one-third of the water in the city’s treatment plant. Cal Poly has always used less water in the city than the city’s maximum allocation. Jacobson said a drought.

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