CAPTURE adds hours following breakdown

After a one-day breakdown, Cal Poly's CAPTURE system was back on-line before noon Tuesday.

"Things are back in order," said Tom Zuer, manager of Student Data Systems. "Students are calling and getting through."

Zuer said more registration hours have been added to accommodate those students who were inconvenienced by the breakdown. CAPTURE was open until 10:30 p.m. Tuesday and will remain open for registration tonight until 8:30.

The system will be open for regular hours on Thursday and Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Zuer said CAPTURE phone lines will also be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Despite recession, SLO businesses, such as Mervyn's at the Central Coast Plaza, hope this Christmas will bring a shopping boom.

"I hope to host a holiday buying boom," said Mick Calcagno, financial controller for Mervyn's.

Riley's department store, said, "We had a pretty good day." She said there were a lot of people visiting from out of town which kept business moving.

Store manager Betsy McCormick expects to see business pick up in the coming days. "I think it will be real crazy the last two weeks" before Christmas, she said. McCormick said people are making appearances on behalf of FFA to officials in government, education, business and agriculture.

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Nationally, FFA has 382,700 members in 7,744 local chapters preparing for careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture, according to FFA statistics. After graduating from Cal Poly, Brown plans to obtain a law degree and pursue a career in agricultural lobbying.

Election results finalized

ASI official count narrows approval to 245-vote margin

By Lori Chee'Seman Staff Writer

After cross-checking the referendum votes by computer Tuesday, the ASI Elections Committee found the margin of approval for the IRA athletic referendum was even smaller than the previous tally of 267 ballots.

The official results show a 245-vote difference with 5,307 students voting in favor of the increase and 5,062 students voting against it.

"We've done the counting and double-checking for double-voting," said Bob Walters, assistant director of Student Life and Activities. Dan Nail, chairman of the election committee, said the committee found three student identification numbers repeated. One I.D. number appeared three times, and two other students' numbers appeared twice, he said.

Nail said these students will be called before a Student Review Committee for a hearing to discuss the double- and triple-voting and how it occurred.

The library fee, non-athletic, and ASI vote totals remained the same.

The ballots were given a final count and student identification numbers were cross-checked by computer Tuesday morning.

"It's the same process we go through every election," Walters said.

Wednesday night the ASI Board of Directors will review the official election results.

At that meeting, Nail will recommend that the board accept or reject the election results based on the process of the election. Walters said.

The three protests involving double-voting, allegedly biased information sheets at polling booths and the alleged use of coachees' phones to call voters will also be presented and discussed, Walters said.

Student wins national FFA post

Vice president position brings year of prestige, travel

By Scott Abbott Staff Writer

A Cal Poly agribusiness sophomore is the newly elected vice president of the national FFA student agriculture organization.

Louis Brown, Jr., of Stanford, best 39 candidates for our vice president positions at the national FFA convention in Kansas City, Mo., on Nov. 16.

"When my name was announced it was probably the most exciting moment of my life," Brown said. "There were a thousand flashbulbs going off and people cheering. It was tremendous."

"Located since February," Brown said. "I took the fall off, traveled a lot, studied agriculture issues and gave speeches. It was 100 percent dedication."

Brown, who spent this quarter preparing for the election, will take a year off school to fulfill his duties as vice president.

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Calagno said Brown would be especially effective in bridging the gap between agriculture and city-oriented people.

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Mideast hostage crisis approaching rapid end

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — American hostage Alan Steen was freed by Shiite Muslim extremists in Lebanon Tuesday, and informed sources in Damascus said the last American captive, journalist Terry Anderson, could be released as early as today.

With two other American hostages freed in the past 24 hours, the hostage drama in Lebanon appeared to be headed toward a rapid end.

One source in the Syrian capital, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday: "Anderson could be out very soon, as early as tomorrow. The pace of the releases over the last two days is a good indicator."

Another source, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the release was expected today although there were no guarantees about the timing.

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Arab nations want Israel at peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arab delegations began arriving today for Middle East peace talks and immediately challenged Israel to show up for talks scheduled to begin Wednesday morning. Broader talks were set for Moscow in late January.

The United States and the Soviet Union announced today that the multilateral talks in Moscow would deal with arms buildsups, water shortages and other Mideast regional problems.

Poll tells about U.S., Japanese relations

NEW YORK (AP) — Most Americans and Japanese say relations between their countries are good, but Americans are pessimistic about competing with Japan, a poll says.

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Officials release names of I-5 accident victims

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Officials Tuesday released names of the last two fatalities from a massive Central California traffic accident caused by a blinding dust storm.

The Fresno County Coroner's Office said the two victims whose names had not been released previously were Richard W. Routkop, 55, of Ceres, and Carl L. Tippish, 71, of Sanger.

They were among eight people who burned to death in the worst of the wrecks scattered over more than a mile of Interstate 5 the afternoon after Thanksgiving.

Guatemalan murder suspect apprehended

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An ex-member of the Guatemalan army's presidential guard was arrested in Los Angeles for the murder of a gang leader.

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ASI directors review campus issues weekly

ASI Board of Directors meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 220 of the University Union. All meetings are open to the public.

The last meeting of fall quarter is tonight. The Board will be discussing a resolution regarding the expansion of library hours.

The first meeting of winter quarter will be held on Jan. 15.

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Center serves up vacation variety

By Christy Rinauro
Staff Writer

Tucked into a downstairs corner of the University Union is a small business that wants to help students see the great, wide world.

The ASI Travel Center, consisting of a student-coordinated travel advisory section and Traveltime, a professional travel agency, is geared to aid students in every aspect of travel, from packing a suitcase to helping students research and coordinate low-budget trips.

"We're here to answer any type of travel question, even if you only need to know how to drive to Chico," said Liam Doust, student travel adviser.

Doust, an agribusiness junior, and fellow travel advisers Jaimie Peckham, a recreation administration senior, and Tim McWilliams, a biology student, find that they are often used as reference tools. They answer questions and make suggestions to help students plan trips. All are experienced international travelers.

The three students also conduct travel presentations and workshops, and coordinate student-escorted trips. Actual booking of flights, cruises, train rides and rental cars or hotels can be done by Traveltime.

The ASI Travel Center operates on the mission of "education through travel" and features student-escorted journeys which often take groups as far away as Europe and South America during school breaks.

The ASI Travel Center is constantly looking for well-traveled individuals who are willing to guide a group through a familiar area.

Once a potential escort contacts the student travel advisers with an offer to lead a trip to a particular destination, he goes through a regular interview process.

ASI then decides if it is a trip to see TRAVEL, page 8

At the ASI Travel Center in the U.U., student travel advisers Jaimie Peckham, left, and Liam Doust flip through the vacation guides.
I am a 20-year-old design student and I was deeply concerned about an issue that directly affects me, one which you are undoubtedly frequently addressing these days: the right to freedom of choice in regards to abortion. Like many other young women around the country, I stand by watching this precious constitutional right being whistleblown away, feeling powerless to prevent it.

The "moral" majority (and I use the term loosely) is now engaged in a fight against pro-choice activists who systematically deny all women the right to choose how they govern their own bodies — a fight which I hope, for the sake of women everywhere, pro-life advocates do not win.

While abortion is intimately linked with morality, it should not be dealt with the moral scruples of the nation taken as a whole. It should deal with the morality of the individual considering the decision at hand. To his/her moral, beliefs and the fact that she is the only one who can know for sure which decision is best.

Even if considerations warranted drastic action, I do not know that I would want that option to exist.

The United States government cannot, though it admirably tries, succeed in curtailing the rights of women in our country. One moral that you are unrelentingly trying to impress upon our society is that of choice in regards to abortion.

The "silent majority" is finally finding it useful to perform their work. Hail to the ladies in our country. We try to perform our jobs, demanding that the right to choose, the option to have a legal abortion, be immediately terminated, regardless of the individual's moral beliefs.

This is not a practical mental postulate, nor is it the mentality upon which to base a thriving modern society. And the idea upon which the argument is founded, a penalization based ultimately on religious preference, directly contradicts American constitutional rights.

Another point worth mentioning is the common misuse of labels in the whole abortion question — the terms pro-abortion, pro-choice and pro-life. Pro-choice is a far cry from pro-abortion. Pro-choice advocates do not condone abortion, nor do they try to influence unwilling individuals to have one. They do exactly what their title implies: they educate, advocate and fight for the right to choose.

Richard A.B. McLeod History Division I is not the best answer

On behalf of the 5,051 students who are very unhappy at the prospect of an extra $44 dollars per quarter to keep 5,318 students happy. I would like to suggest that the inclusive IRA referendum shows need for a different solution. Most students have talked to who voted "yes" did so because they did not want any sports cut, not because they wanted to move to coarsely Division I if the referendum, "sign or die," is the classic extortionist's threat.

President Baker, if you really want to know what the students think, hold another advisory vote, and ask: "Would you be willing to pay $X more per quarter to keep our Division II athletic program from suffering cutbacks?"

Unfortunately, no one has been able or willing to tell us what the $X required would be. The sharply divided result of the advisory vote does not indicate that the students support a move to Division I. Rather, it indicates that if President Baker accepts the "all or nothing" package presented by the athletic department, he will outrage half his voting constituency with either stance. This is what is known as "C.L.M." or "Cost Limiting Move." Now is the time for a little political sage, right also known as "compromise."

I'm sure Division II would be excruciatingly unhappy if available to play more and emphasis on athletics relative to academics, but if this is your dream, you probably would be able to. Do you really want Cal Poly to be just another Division I dynasty?

Lynne Hannah Mathematics
Big brothers, big sisters bring friendship to SLO kids

By Amy Alonso

"Getting him to open up was a slow process, it took two months before we could really joke with each other."

—Domingo Basilio (right) says of little brother John Cummings.

"Sometimes I think I get more from her than she does from me."

—Mary Heron (left) says of her little sister Heather Equinoa.

"I learned a lot about compassion from her."

—Amy Tembrock

"It means a lot more to the program is going to play video games. He also agreed that he was better at the games than Basilio.

Industrial technology senior Amy Tembrock and Mission College Preparatory high school junior Lydi Sweeny met for the first time at Sweeny's eighth-grade basketball game.

"She came up to me after her game with a big smile on her face, and ever since we have had the best time," Tembrock said.

Sometimes it is difficult to tell there is any difference between them, Tembrock said.

"Sometimes I would wear my hair up in a ponytail and people would think I was in eighth grade with her," she said.

"We're sisters for life," Tembrock said.

"I've learned a lot about compassion from being around her." Sweeny comes from a family with four brothers. "I just wanted someone to talk to and go home covered with mud," she said.

One of her favorite memories of their outings is their mud fight. "We went up to the grade for a picnic with some other big brothers and sisters," Sweeny said. "We just started throwing mud at each other, and we came home covered with mud."

Tembrock and Sweeny agree they will always keep in touch. "We're sisters for life," Tembrock said.

Parents with children involved in the program agree that a consistent time commitment is essential.

"The time in the program and consistency is important," said Donna Jacobson, mother of four and a nursing student.

"It means a lot more to the kids if the time is consistent because they can plan and look forward to seeing their big brother or big sister," she said.

Cichowski also emphasized the importance of student commitment.

"It's not like a class that you can drop after a couple of weeks," she said. "Kids think they did something wrong if the college kid flakes out on them."

The program requests that students spend at least an hour once a week with their little brother or sister.

Don Hannula has two daughters in the program.

"When the match works, it's great. But if it doesn't, they get disappointed," he said. "It's hard."

Little sister Lydi Sweeny (left) and her big sister Amy Tembrock, say they're "sisters for life."
Poly Review editor to travel with Buchanan

By Brian Volk
Staff Writer

Journalism senior Mat Higbee will not join fellow classmates in the pursuit of "capturing" next quarter's classes, but has chosen a race of a different kind — the 1992 presidential campaign.

Last week, Higbee, 22, accepted a senior staff position on the Pat Buchanan for President campaign. Higbee will travel throughout the country with the noted conservative columnist and serve as his attache.

Higbee is the founder of the conservative campus newspaper Poly Review, which began publication in May. He announced his resignation as editor and publisher upon his acceptance of the new position.

Higbee said he got the job because of earlier work as an assistant to Buchanan's sister, Bay Buchanan, on her campaign for the California state treasurer's seat. Through this job, he met conservatives Pat Buchanan and William F. Buckley.

Higbee said he has been interested in politics for the past three years and attributes a large part of his involvement to the efforts of his father, who clipped and saved Buchanan's articles for him while in high school. Higbee said that while at his junior college his dad would leave the editorial page for him to read at breakfast before school.

Higbee also attributed his involvement with Poly Review to helping him get the job as Buchanan's attache.

Nishan Havandjian, journalism department head, said Higbee should be an asset to Buchanan in the candidate's pursuit of the presidency.

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wanted in the slaying of a social scientist who studied victims of military violence was arrested in Long Beach, an official said Tuesday.

Noel de Jesus Beteta, 26, was arrested Nov. 29 at a Long Beach residence by police and turned over to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, said John Brechtel, an assistant INS Los Angeles district director.

Beteta remained in custody Tuesday at the INS' Los Angeles Naturalization Service, said Brechtel. Deportation proceedings were pending, he said.

Beteta is wanted in the Sept. 12, 1990, murder of anthropologist Myrna Mack Chang in Guatemala City.

Her death prompted an international outcry. The case was one of six human rights cases cited by the U.S. Congress last July when drafting a bill that links economic aid for Guatemala to respect for human rights.

Beteta served in the elite presidential guard during the administration of President Vinicio Cerezo. At the time Mack was killed, Beteta was a security officer in the chief of staff's office.

Cerezo, whose five-year term expired in January, was recently questioned by a judge investigating the case after twice ignoring orders to give a deposition.

The judge also questioned former Interior Minister Carlos Morales and former National Police Chief Julio Enrique Cabello.

Brechtel said the INS was contacted about Beteta by the Los Angeles Police Department's Foreign Prosecutions Unit, which had been alerted by Guatemalan authorities.

Beteta entered the United States illegally in November 1989. He lived in Long Beach and worked at a Long Beach boat rental business, Brechtel said.

Beteta was arrested by Los Angeles and Long Beach police officers at a Long Beach residence at 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 29. He was placed in the custody of the INS shortly thereafter, Brechtel said.

"He's an illegal alien. We're going to deport him," Brechtel said. He didn't know whether Beteta would fight deportation.

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TRAVEL

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students will be interested in. If
so, the student travel advisers
then work with the escort to set
an itinerary and find the jour­
ney's base prices before offering
it to the student body.

Deust said one or two trips
are usually scheduled each
break.

Peckham said, "We can plan
any trips we want. We plan
things we think will be success­
ful, and we usually find trips
that work for reasonable prices."

ASI Travel Center's latest trip
was during Thanksgiving break
and was coordinated in conjunc­
tion with ASI Outings. The trip
took 30 students to Baja for a
five-day, sea-kayaking adven­
ture. Both novice and seasoned
kayakers attended and were in­
structed by a professional.

Planes are currently in the
works for a spring break trip
to Costa Rica and a 10-day journey
to Spain in early summer. The
Spain trip will include an open­
ended ticket so that those who
wish to continue traveling
throughout Europe can do so.

Peckham said ASI Travel
Center trips appeal to inex­
perienced students because they
offer structured trips, security,
reasonable prices and oppor­
tunities to meet other Cal Poly
students.

“We do have people coming
more and more that want to go
on group trips, and we’re finding
more and more people that just
want to meet new Cal Poly
people,” Peckham said.

During winter and spring
quarters, the ASI Travel Center
will conduct workshops and
presentations to help prepare
students for efficient travel. The
workshops cover a range of
topics, from obtaining lodgings
and passports to packing bags
and answering questions. The
presentations give overviews of
destinations such as Hawaii,
Africa and Europe.

Peckham said the majority of
the student travel advisers’ time
is spent finding travel expense
information for students as well
as obtaining Youth Hostel passes
and International Student Iden­
tification cards. Peckham also
said students can check out
travel guides from the student
travel advisers.

Both Deust and Peckham
believe the center is outstanding
though not overwhelmingly used
as a campus resource.

“The biggest problem we have
is that students don’t know we
exist. Students just need to know
we exist and we’re here for
them,” Deust said. "We’re here
mainly to help travelers get their
feet wet, to help them make the
decisions.”

HIGBEE

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"He is able to articulate well the
ideas and concerns of the conser­
vative wing of the Republican
party and by judging Poly
Review, quite a few students
share his ideas."

Higbee will leave for
Washington, D.C., after fall
finals and will be back next fall.

He said he has no immediate
plans for a political career but
will likely do something in cam­
paign management or press rela­
tions after graduating in 1993.

He has advice for anyone want­
ing to get a similar position.

"Find a candidate that you
believe in and work harder than
anyone else,” said Higbee.
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A poll was conducted by The
New York Times, CBS News and
The Tokyo Broadcasting System
and was reported in Tuesday's
Times.

Sixty-three percent of the
Japanese surveyed said the
United States is in decline as a
world power, while 44 percent of
Americans agreed with that as-

essment.

Fifty-two percent of
Americans and 3 percent of the
Japanese surveyed agreed that
"Japanese companies are com-

eting unfairly with American
companies" and 47 percent
agreed that "The United States
is blaming Japan for its own
economic problems."

The poll was based on
telephone interviews with 1,106
Japanese and was reported in
Tuesday's New York Times.

Senior correspondent for The
Associated Press, was kidnapped in
Beirut on March 16, 1985. He has
been held longer than any other
hostage.

There was no official confir-
mation, and no statement from
Islamic Jihad, the Iranian-allied
Shite group that holds the 44-
year-old Anderson.

After reaching Damascus
Tuesday, Steen told reporters:
"It's great to be out."

The 52-year-old Steen said
one of his captors told him
Anderson would be out "in about
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—Domingo Basilio, big brother

There are 85 matches now, and Cichowski said it will stay at that size. "With this size we can keep track of how the matches are going," she said.

Any parent eligible to apply for the program. They are required to come to an orientation meeting and a personal interview.

Any parent who feels their child needs a friend is welcome to apply.

Amy Alonso is a journalism senior with a concentration in agricultural journalism.

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