SLO Transit to expand city, Poly bus service
By Bryan Bailey
Staff Writer

Anyone who has recently taken advantage of the SLO Transit bus system running through the Cal Poly campus has probably noticed that available seats are now as rare as open class sections on CAPTURE.

Jayme Kline, a business junior who rides the bus both to and from school, certainly has noticed.

"It's been so incredibly crowded," Kline said.

"Before, I would catch it at about 9:30. There was always a seat.

"Now, she said, "there have been a couple of times when I've had to walk."

Richard Vargas, a driver for SLO Transit, said Kline's plight is not unique. "Unfortunately, there are times that we have to leave people (at the bus stops)," he said. "We're only allowed to haul so many people because of safety codes."

"Ridership has picked up a lot, especially this year," Vargas said.

Harry Watson, San Luis Obispo's city transit manager, confirmed the fact that the number of students using the city bus system is increasing. "We had the single largest month that the system has ever had, and it coincides exactly with the start of Cal Poly," Watson said. "We did 93,000-plus riders in one month on four buses (for the month of October)."

"We're currently transporting about 3,700 people a day, 70 per cent of which are Cal Poly students," Watson said. The increased demand for service from the ever-growing student population in San Luis Obispo has been the primary motivation behind an effort by the city transportation advisory to upgrade the SLO Transit bus system by putting $10 million into the system over the next five years, Watson said.

"We just completed a five-year expansion plan no more than two months ago," he said Wednesday. "It looks at producing a 100-per cent increase in service in less than five years, both in equipment and actual service."

"We're looking at throwing a good 70 percent of that total investment at Cal Poly," Watson said. Joe Risser, the Cal Poly representative to the city transportation advisory, said he feels Cal Poly is happy to cooperate with the city on the bus issue. "They're very sensitive to our needs," Risser said.

However, with the increase of student ridership that will come with expansion, "we're a little concerned as to where we're going to get the funding," Risser said.

The money to support the university's bus contract with the city comes solely from fines and forfeitures incurred by such incidents as parking violations on campus, Risser said. When more students use the buses, Cal Poly will eventually have to find other means to pay the bill.

Asking ASI to add the cost to their present fees, or allotting more money toward busing from the funds already available are possible options, Risser said. The university might also attempt to convince the California State University to allow Cal Poly to use parking fees to pay for busing, Risser said.

However, Risser said that there is no immediate action necessary to absorb the cost. "I think that after the first two, we will probably be in that situation," he said.

Watson said that in the mean time, the city has already taken steps to help alleviate the crowded bus conditions.

"We are currently out for bid right now for two new 40-foot buses," Watson said. "Within probably another 60 days we're going out for two more. We're going to be throwing almost an
Team works to destroy Iraq's chemical arms

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Arms experts from 19 nations assembled Sunday in Bahrain before heading to Baghdad to begin destroying Iraq's chemical arsenal.

Heinz Dieter Jopp of Germany, the leader of the 18-member U.N. team, said it could take up to two years to eliminate the more than 125,000 weapons, including more than 46,000 chemical-filled bombs, shells and warheads.

Under the Persian Gulf War cease-fire accord, U.N. teams are supervising the destruction of all of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

The team traveled to Iraq on Monday.

Police slash flowers in anti-heroin crusade

DIAMANTINA, Colombia (AP) — About 250 machete-toting policemen have descended on these mountain jungles to whack away at dazzling red poppy flowers in a huge but inefficient campaign to eradicate the raw material used for heroin.

The raids began Jan. 20 and continued through the weekend in the central province of Tolima. Penetrating isolated rebel-controlled territories, government forces have destroyed 1,267 acres of the illicit crop.

NEW YORK (AP) — R.H. Macy & Co. Inc., one of the best-known retailers in the world, filed for Chapter 11 protection from creditors Monday, succumbing to slumping sales and a mountain of debt.

The filing early this afternoon was confirmed by Michael Freitag, a Macy spokesman.

The 134-year-old retailer, burdened by $3.5 billion in loans from a 1986 leveraged buyout by Macy's management, was forced into bankruptcy court after a disappointing Christmas season left it without enough cash to pay suppliers.

TYSON MAY FACE TIME IN JAIL FOR ALLEGED RAPIE

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson is facing his most formidable opponent yet in the form of a teenage beauty pageant contestant who accuses him of rape.

Jury selection was to begin Monday in the case against the 25-year-old fighter.

The 18-year-old Miss Black America contestant told police she met Tyson at a rehearsal for the pageant and went with him July 19 to his hotel room, where he held her on the bed, fondled her, performed oral sex and raped her.

Tyson insisted the woman consented to sex. If convicted, Tyson could face up to 63 years in jail.

HUSBAND IS ARRESTED FOR ABUSE, KILLING WIFE

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A man Julied for investigation of abusing his wife was re-booked for murder after she was found dead in a closet at her home, police said Sunday.

The body of Betty Sanders, 28, was found about 2 p.m. Saturday. She apparently was strangled and had been dead about two weeks, Lt. Philip King said.

Detectives re-arrested her husband, Marvin White, for investigation of the slaying on Saturday at the Long Beach jail, where he was being held for investigation of spousal abuse, King said.

Yosemite National Park changes in Yosemite

Yosemite National Park, Calif. (AP) — The public will get four chances this week to have a say about Yosemite's proposed master plan amendments, which some environmentalists already are attacking.

The National Park Service wants to replace 581 tent-cabins and cabins that mostly don't have private baths with 299 motel rooms in Curry Village and at Yosemite Lodge. In addition, the food facilities at Yosemite Village would be expanded to seat up to 625 people, about double the present capacity.

Public discusses hotel changes in Yosemite

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Ethnic clubs protest dismissal

By Deanna Wulf
Staff Writer

Heads of several Cal Poly ethnic clubs rallied last Thursday in protest of Professor Jorge C. Aguiniga's recent dismissal from the political science department.

About 20 students gathered in the University Union and marched down to the political science department to voice their complaints to Department Chair Diane Long.

On the march down, they expressed their anger and frustration.

"He was a really great teacher," said Carmen Barragan, an architectural engineering senior and vice president of MCESA. "I learned a lot from him, and I can't understand why he isn't teaching this quarter."

Armando Peso, the leader of the protest and the president of MCESA, expressed similar concerns.

"We want to know why he was removed," Peso said. "Right now, all that we heard was that he was a disruptive influence."

In response to Peso's questioning, Long explained why Aguiniga wasn't hired back by the political science department.

"He doesn't have his Ph.D., he isn't qualified and there is no budget allocation for him," she said. "He was hired only on a temporary and emergency basis by the university. There were no guarantees."

The students weren't satisfied with her answer.

"We finally have a teacher, knocking on the door, who is smart, who is good and who is an ethnic minority, and he is being rejected," said Cyro Rodrigues, an agricultural engineering technology senior. "He even has a J.D. from Yale Law School and a B.A. in political science from UCLA."

Aguiniga was unaware of the student march until this Monday.

"I am grateful and overwhelmed by the student protest," he said. "It really shows they are positive about my performance."

However, Aguiniga has received little explanation for his dismissal from the political science department.

"I was only told that I was a disruptive influence," he said. "I wrote a letter to the department Jan. 6, but I have gotten no response."

"My contract stipulates that I teach two political science classes each quarter, for seven quarters through spring quarter 1992," Aguiniga said. "I am at a loss as to why or how this could have happened."

While Aguiniga's salary is paid for by the School of Liberal Arts, the tenured faculty of the political science department decides whether Aguiniga teaches or not.

"I just hope they reconsider their decision," he said.

But the students aren't satisfied. As a result of this and plan to meet again to discuss what might be done to get him reinstated as a teacher.

The protest isn't on the winter or spring schedules," Peso said. "and we would like to see that change."

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U.U. bathroom walls contain ultimate wisdom

By Peter Hartlaub

I have a favorite philosophy: If there were as many Hindu Krishnas in this world as amateur philosophers, the remainder of the earth would have a difficult time walking through airports.

I've always known there were amateur philosophers at Cal Poly, but it wasn't until I stumbled upon the nerve center of intellectual wisdom that I came to believe in the healing power of mankind.

It's like Simon and Garfunkel say: "The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls... and University Union bathroom stalls." Or something like that.

Let me tell you my story.

It was last Friday. It was the worst day of my life. It was the day I got the letter from my first grade teacher.

"Dear Peter," it began. "I read your newspaper and I saw all the bad things that are going on in the world. It speaks very poorly of your academic achievement when you resort to a slang expression of bodily waste to describe your state of being."

"My heart jumped into my throat. My stomach dropped into my shoes. I wet my pants."

"I'm used to anonymity. I get enough hate mail to choke a hip, pop-star. But it was beyond hate mail this time. This was the woman who taught me to sing "Puff the Magic Dragon."

"I stood zombie-like for several minutes. You can only imagine my pain as I weaved out of the newborn and headed upstairs to the administration building. I deserved punishment. I deserved to be with others like myself. It was time to drop all my classes, wash my mouth out with soap and enroll at Chico State."

"I stumbled through the U.U. looking like a man who had gone to hell and back and was too confused to remember what it looked like."

Cliff Knechtie saw me and stopped preaching. Even the guys who handed out the little green flyers were awed.

Then nature called. I meandered into the University Union. I headed through the sacred doors. And I saw. Screaming at me on the scribbled floor bathroom walls, I have unearthed on the University Union bathroom walls? The beauty of the free debate. Witty and poignant expressions. Phrases numbers to meet all kinds of wonderful people. And yes, metaphorically speaking."

"This is how we communicate with one another."

"As a patron of the arts, I've decided to print some of Cal Poly's wisest philosophers in upcoming columns. Kind of an extension to the letters page. Just write on the boards in the stalls classifieds. If you're a second floor bathroom wall and submit your 'own' submission "Dear editor," I'll collect your wise words next Friday for Tuesday's column."

HART ATTACKS

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Will the people in my psychology class stop setting their watch alarms to keep five minutes before the class ends? You're not fooling anyone. If I'm going to pay $400 per quarter for tuition, I want to milk every minute of instruction out of it."

"I think people who pack up before class ends and keep their watches should have their wrists cut off (or at least be forced to sit through the Super Bowl halftime show)."

"I am ready to give my sister's hand in marriage to the god-like being responsible for putting in a bid to get Public Enemy to play at Cal Poly."

"To my good friends at ASI. Be the tattoo."

"When we said 10,000 votes, we meant 10,000 legitimate votes by 10,000 different people. Let's wait for some real results, and not this ballot-stuffing, Central American, Norteguasque "voting process."

"Peter Hartlaub is a journalism junior. Despite his frequent criticisms of ASI, they are becoming endearing to him in an Oscar/Felix "Odd Couple" sort of way."

Peter Wilson is making a mistake. Pete Wilson appears to have a moderate, any cuts to health education. Cutting ads against smoking at the local level is a good precedent to the future of health education. Pete Wilson has already developed a general healthy, smoke-free society. The tobacco industry, as our recession continues, is in a position that if harmful product decline in society. Pete Wilson has stated his intent is to keep business from paying for these smoking permits. This policy will kill our business and the state and San Luis Obispo is a classic even that cities can have in creating head and social policy. Pete Wilson seems destined to be the healthiest president California."

"Stopping a successful campaign another bad mistake."

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Mustang Dai
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Athletes contribute to academic well-roundedness
By Russ Livingston

I am writing this to Mustang Daily because I believe it is a better part of the Cal Poly Pol. I'm not usually the type of person that gets into public forums to air my thoughts and things that don't pertain to me; however, I feel strongly about this issue.

My attention has been attracted to Cindy Summerson's petition in the Jan. 27 issue of Mustang Daily. I read the article about the referendum vote on the front page and could not help but voice my opinion. It seems to me that the main argument against the referendum is the importance of education versus athletics. Considering this with an open mind, I continued to read the article. Cindy Summerson is quoted as saying that we should be concentrating on academics over athletics. I totally agree with Ms. Summerson that we should concentrate on academics, and I'm sure the athletes do as well. I do, however, find it highly absurd that instead of something as creative as making movies, writing novels, or creating music, we would all be better off with just making our school better academically.

I would also like to address the issue of difference in majors. Ms. Summerson as well as the majority of those who are against the referendum are engineering majors. I am fully aware of the amount of time and the effort this major requires of its students. I suppose that you can spend your four or five years here at Cal Poly and never learn to type, less impress your superiors more than getting your major or occupation. My ideals are not quite as lofty as Cindy's, though. Last quarter, I felt that I could probably handle the extra work and be the best at it. We as a campus must realize that this is reality, facts. Everyone is aware of this, but let's not say anything about our ability to handle this.
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At the time of the Erikson firm's demise, the design phase was about 70 percent complete, Irvin said. The structural design (air conditioning, heating and electrical) was only about 30 percent complete.

When the project was shut down at the end of the summer, the university hired The Luckman Partnership Inc., a Los Angeles architectural firm, to analyze the general condition of the project.

"The project was 30 percent above budget," Irvin said.

The total construction cost has been budgeted at $22 million with an additional cost of $375,000 for landscaping and equipment.

"The state has agreed to pay two-thirds of the construction cost and will pick up the tab for the landscaping and equipment,\" Irvin said. That total is more than $15 million.

"And that is all they are paying," he said, although the state will pay for increases due to inflation of construction costs.

"The project was 30 percent above budget," Irvin said. Although the state will pay for increases due to inflation of construction costs, the other one third of the construction cost is divided between the university's partners in the project: the City of San Luis Obispo ($4 million invested) and the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center ($5 million invested).

"And they do not want to pay any more, either," Irvin said. "We need to find $7 million."

The new architects and the steering committee — consisting of representatives of the university, the city and the foundation — are in the process of bringing the facility within budget.

"There will be tradeoffs and really difficult decisions," Irvin said. In its original design, it is "just a phenomenal facility," he said.

The foundation is moving quickly towards attainment of its monetary contribution to the project.

James B. Jamieson, executive director for the foundation, said that as of Dec. 31, 1991, the it had raised slightly more than $6 million.

The foundation needs to raise another $1 million towards construction costs this year and $2 million by 1994 for the endowment, he said.

Endowment funds are invested and the interest generated is used to help operate the center.

"We are on the downhill run with the wind at our back," Jamieson said.

If the wind keeps blowing in the right direction, construction is expected to commence in December 1992 with completion of the center in December 1994, Irvin said.
Speaker brings charisma to Chumash Wednesday

By Christy Rinauro
Staff Writer

Fortunately, a professor's ability to inspire his students' minds with the fine wines of knowledge is not a rare thing. But when a professor is so mag­netic that his Boston University classroom must be moved off campus to a local movie theater to house his 700-student class sections, you've found someone unusual.

The Boston University Professor Emeritus Howard Zinn will be bringing his charismatic ability to fill classrooms to Chumash Auditorium Wednesday night.

Zinn, a nationally known histo­rian and playwright, will speak on "Columbus in Perspective: 1492-1992." Zinn's presentation of who Columbus was and what he did is "...to educate people and get them in­volved with the community. It is political and environmental con­cerns," he said.

She said the Global Issues Network will sponsor a Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant tour in the next few weeks and is trying to get together a panel discussion on AIDS for the dorms. Stine said everyone is invited to come to these events. She also said the group is working on getting speakers and local bands together for this year's Earth Day.

Lois Barther of Mothers For Peace helped organize some ear­lier Create Peace Weeks. "At first we were mainly trying to stop nuclear proliferation, the produc­tion of nuclear weapons," she said.

Mothers for Peace sponsored the film "Primary Colors" together for this year's Earth Day. It seemed like we'd had a war economy for so many years. We always need a movement to en­counter our society's decision to use weapons..." she said.

"There are lots of people that want to go out and impact con­sciousness in the country," she said. "It seems like we've had a war economy for so many years. We always need a movement to en­counter our society's decision to use weapons..." she said.

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REACTION

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taking the same posture as
(Summerson),” Walters said.

He confirmed that the petition required valid signatures from 5 percent of the student body to require ASI to hold another election.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker said he has finalized approval of the referendum.

He said he is waiting for the results of an investigation performed by Hazel Scott, vice president for Student Affairs.

She, at Baker’s request, has been looking into issues raised by the election. He said that he has been in touch with her, and he foresees no further roadblocks to impede ratification of the vote.

He expects to give his approval to the fee increase sometime this week.

Even if Summerson’s petition drive is successful, Baker said, “I probably will not delay, and continue the process (toward finalizing the referendum).” It can always be rescinded later.

On the basis of the referendum, we have made budget decisions. We’ve made commitments,” he said.

We need to continue along those lines.

On the other hand, I think the issues that are of concern to the students need to be addressed,” he said.

Baker noted that there are different procedures for different types of votes. He believes that the outcome of the referendum may not be appealed, but he was not certain.

John Richards, chief of budget operations in the CSU’s Budget Planning and Administration office in Long Beach, said that the only way to change an IRA fee was through an IRA-sponsored referendum.

Vicki Stover, business affairs associate and IRA board member, said, once approved, an IRA fee change may not be increased or decreased for a period of three years.

Richards said, even with an IRA referendum, the required student vote would only be advisory in nature, just as last fall’s vote was. President Baker is only required to consider a multitude of sources when deciding on the approval or rejection of an IRA fee increase. He is not bound to any source’s opinion, or even the vote of the student body, Richards said.

Richards said the students, by petitioning to rescind the previous vote through ASI, would only again be advising Baker on the issue.

Stover said students may be confused that last fall’s IRA athletic referendum vote was an act of ASI, since ASI administered the election.

She agreed that, if Summerson’s petition to ASI was successful and an election ensued, the outcome of that ASI election would again only be “advisory” to the president in nature.

Baker directed further questions to Scott, who was unavailable for comment before press time.

Dan Neil, ASI elections chairman, denied Summerson’s charges that the election process was flawed.

“We put up a lot of barriers that would prevent the ability to commit fraud,” Neil said.

He said ASI ensured privacy around the voting booths and that the ballots used were specifically marked prior to distribution to prevent photocopying. He said that when the ballots were counted, each was checked to be certain that it was marked with the same red ink.

Signatures were cross-checked against their associated student ID number and then checked against the fall enrollment, Neil said. He is confident it was a secure election.

“T’ve been around for three ASI elections,” said Shawn Reeves, ASI vice president for finance.

“I think the security checks they had (for the IRA athletic referendum) were probably better than they had any time before.

“Any time you have that many people vote, (accusations) are going to come out. The more people that do anything, the more errors there will be.”

He added that “there were more than 10,000 people voting and only minimal errors. It’s impossible to make things perfect.”

Walters said there were four duplicate votes during last fall’s election. Additionally, he said six students may have come from students who may not have been enrolled fall quarter and 81 ballots which were counted in the results had illegible student ID numbers or signatures.

TASK FORCE

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The mayor and the police chief are behind it, because they’re really interested in keeping students on campus,” Salcido said.

Salcido believes SBFT gives students more rights rather than infringes on the ones they have. SBFT meets about twice a month at the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

The ISC, or Independent Student Council, is the newly formed student government on campus. "The ISC is doing a lot of potential," Walters said.