Power short causes cut in electricity use

By Katherine Gill

Campus hallways were dark and computer rooms quiet Tuesday after one of Cal Poly's transformers shorted out.

Edward Naretto, director of Plant Operations, said one of the university's transformers, which feeds power to the campus, went out at about 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Naretto said he did not know what caused the transformer, which feeds the south side of the campus, to fail.

Naretto said workers trying to replace the transformer are having difficulty finding a new one.

"It's an oddball transformer,"Naretto said.

"We've been told PG&E can get one to us by tomorrow, but we're not sure.

Ideally, the transformer was scheduled to go on repair cycle during spring break, Naretto said.

"It didn't quite make it,"he said.

While the transformer is being replaced, Plant Operations is trying to keep the electricity load down so as not to lose the one transformer left on line.

"We're asking that people turn off everything they possibly can"to save energy, Naretto said.

Computer labs on campus were open and functioning despite the power shortage.

"We haven't had any power fluctuations,"said Jeff Nadel, manager of Academic Computing Services Labs. "We have been turning off computers and printers that aren't being used, though."

The downed transformer has not affected the campus radio station KCPR, said disc jockey Elizabeth Abe. The bad weather has caused problems with the station's transmitter, though.

"It wouldn't turn on, but that was just a consequence of the wiring," Abe said.

By Patricia Egan

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"The faculty and staff here at Cal Poly did a great job in keeping the campus running, despite the power shortage," Ochoa said.

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At one point, a student told Baker she was shocked upon returning to campus after a quarter abroad to find Robert E. Kennedy Library closed on Saturdays, and asked when it will expand its hours.

Baker said more hours hinge on a restoration of state funding, which has been repeatedly slashed in recent years.

To accommodate the swelling number of students, Baker said new, non-residence hall student housing could be built on a number of campus lots, including possibly behind the Health Center and in the west area of the campus in the near future.

The new student housing could perhaps be governed by more lenient guidelines. Though alcohol is prohibited in the freshman-dominated dorms, for instance, "rules could be different in upper division."

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MOSCOW (AP) — U.S. food and medical supplies were distributed across the former Soviet Union Tuesday, with officials glad for the aid but wondering how Washington's generosity will extend after the high-profile airlift ends.

While the two-week, U.S.-led relief effort is rich in post-Cold War symbolism, it will meet only a fraction of the need in the struggling region.

It also minuscule compared to the more than $60 billion in aid the European Community has sent since 1990. Germany alone has sent $45 billion.

The United States suggested, however, that it may consider taking part in a multilateral stabilization fund, which would help promote international investment and speed free-market reforms in Russia and other former Soviet states.

"It's a little shameful that my country has come to this. But what can you do? That's life," said Pvt. Andrei Chernya, a 19-year-old recruit helping unload supplies from a U.S. cargo plane as the relief effort began Monday.

President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, who has chastised the West for slowness to respond to his country's needs, expressed satisfaction whether he was satisfied with the airlift.

"We cannot judge whether it is sufficient or insufficient," he said on Russian television. "We're wholeheartedly want to give some help, that it is coming, that at such a difficult time we meet only a fraction of the need in the struggling region.

And I think tonight, one time anyway, this kind of behavior's not been tolerated.

Tyson started straight ahead. His head jerked back but otherwise he showed no emotion as the verdict was read. Guilty on one count of rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct. He had no comment as he left the courtroom.

"A spark of hope in the world" said prosecutor Greg Garrison. "He can brag about it in his books, he can boast about it in his books, he can say he's a champion ever."

"It sure looks that way," said Dick Wagner of the state drought center in Sacramento. "Sierra snow runoff captured in reservoirs is 53 percent of normal."

It was believed to be the worst San Fernando Valley flooding since 1938, said meteorologist Gary Neumann of the National Weather Service.

"All the rain down there (Los Angeles) is going into the ocean," said Wagner. "It's unfortunate it can't be saved. Storage is important because that's what keeps us going your time there.

The American food supplies — mostly rations taken from the Persian Gulf war — should provide only a few days worth of food for the people unable to keep up with rising food prices.

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I'd say Martin Luther King. Especially these days with the racism thing really, really elevated. When you look back on his life you have to wonder what would have happened, what would racism be now if he was still alive.

I have to say that is one of the biggest losses in history ever. If he were around he would have made a really big impact. His theory was a non-violent approach. I think he was on his way to breaking a lot of violence in the world.

Malcolm Gandhi came to mind. He stood for progress through nonviolence. And he enlightened a lot of people including Martin Luther King Jr. and Steve Jobs, and they followed in his footsteps, but he was the first one to take steps to use nonviolence as a way to get something done.

If he was around right now, things would be different. Like the Gulf War last year might have been different and could have been solved in a different way if we had someone as powerful as him.

Definitely my mother because she's really inspirational and she has always driven me to work really hard.

I have an older brother and sister and I've always been inspired to work as hard as they have. I've been taught to overcome difficulties like dyslexia and my mother has always stood behind me.

It's always been really trying, but I've worked hard. My mom is a really hard worker. Everything she does is with grace and dignity. She also treats people the way she would want to be treated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another idea about racism

The advent of Peter Hartlaub's platitudinous, "It's-so-and-It's-such-a-good-cal POLY-made-me-a-racist-and-I-can't-help-it!" column seems to have touched off an array of letters and racially thematic columns in the Mustang Daily. I think that the remedy that he espoused for his vexing problem may actually be even more rectifiable than perhaps he previously had thought; however, there's just one slight, paradoxical quirk that Mr. Hartlaub either over-looked or neglected to realize.

While college time is virtually running out for Peter as he is a junior, and, coupled with the fact that the tortoise-paced bureaucracy of Cal Poly won't quickly facilitate the informative ethnic diversity courses that Mr. Hartlaub says will effectively ameliorate his complex, I suggest that he convene for an objective, fact-finding meeting with Blacks, Asians, Chicanos, and other various races, so that he may successfully wipe the slate of his misconceptions clean over the guilt and sadness he feels over harboring the racism within which he purports Cal Poly apparently has instilled.

In that way, he may pridefully depart from Cal Poly refreshed with new knowledge about his peers — just as he says he aspired to upon entering the university, and just as he complained about in his column over the injustice committed as his hopes with respect to acquiring that knowledge had unfortunately been dashed.

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Political Science

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I'd say Jesus of Nazareth. I think he was a very remarkable individual. He was a revolutionary, he went against a lot of political and religious leaders of his time.

His message was that there is forgiveness and there is an opportunity to have a restoration to God. What he was, was God, who took the form of man, so that we could relate with him.

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Tattoo artist Kaplan Sharpe creates his favorite kind of art on a canvas from which his work cannot be destroyed, skin.

**Tattoo trend touches society**

By Katherine Gill

Lisa Prostavich

Twenty years ago, there were about 300 professional tattoo shops in the nation. Tattoos were worn mostly by men wanting to look tough and manly. First it was soldiers and sailors, then bikers, then fraternity brothers.

Now there are close to 4,000 tattoo "studios" and the art form is a growing fashion trend among young professionals, both male and female.

According to tattoo artists, tattoos are becoming popular in part because of the number of movie stars and celebrities wearing them. People such as Cher and Kiefer Sutherland sport colorful designs on their bodies.

People are also getting tattooed because they like the idea of having their own personal work of art on their bodies to look at. It makes them feel unique.

Artists say getting a tattoo is more irritating than painful. A tattoo can take from 20 minutes to over six hours to create, depending on its size and detail.

In most cases, artists use an electrically powered, vibrating needle that punctures the skin 1,000 to 2,000 times per minute as it traces the outline of the design. The needle pierces the top four layers of skin and pushes the ink into the fifth. To color in a tattoo, artists use a cluster of needles.

Afterward, the tattooed area is sometimes bandaged, and can take up to 10 days to heal.

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Though the traditional skull is still requested, custom-designed images are increasingly popular, especially with women. Tattoo artists with formal art training have been able to create realistic "portraits" of people's spouses, kids and pets. Tribal and Celtic designs are also in high demand. Tattoo artists charge $100 or more, per hour, for their services. A three-quarter body suit can run from $3,000 to $10,000. A person can have practically any body part tattooed, including hands, feet and genitals.

Tattoos are basically permanent. They can be burned off with a laser, removed through plastic surgery or scraped away, but all three methods leave a permanent scar. Artists suggest people think long and hard about what they want, and if they really want it, before getting tattooed.

Sharpe says people should also be patient with their tattoos. "You can't be too jumpy about anything right after it's done," he says. "Tattoo change with time. Some think they look best right after they're done. I think it looks its best after three or four months when it's had time to set into the skin."

Sharpe has done many of his own tattoos, including a "veritable plethora" on his legs. "It's hard to tattoo oneself," he says, "but it depends on which part of the body is being done. His arm is tricky, Sharpe says, but he has no problem working on his legs.

"My tattoos all have some sort of significance too," Sharpe says. The heart inside a web above his left ankle symbolizes the feeling of being trapped in love. A snake tattoo close to it involves telling a lie.

Sharpe's right leg is devoted to Japanese images, the theme he has chosen for the rest of his body. Sharpe says he has spent two years researching and designing the pictures he will have tattooed, which will include dragons, Japanese horsemen and geishas. He plans to cover three-quarters of his body with the tattoos.

Sharpe says tattoos are a completely different way of life, as far as society is concerned. He knows of two other underground artists in San Luis Obispo County, one in Arroyo Grande and one in Morro Bay. Sharpe considers the art a lifestyle, not a hobby. "I think about tattooing every day," he says of its addicting nature. "It's not something I can forget about or leave.

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"I'd like to get people to realize that tattooing isn't just gang affiliated or bad," he says. "People should look at it as an art form more than anything else because that's what it really is. Even doctors are getting them." —Kaplan Sharpe

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Santa Barbara supervisor runs for Congress

By Dan Sharget
Daily Writer

A Santa Barbara County supervisor announced her congressional candidacy Monday for the new 22nd District at the San Luis Obispo County Government Center.

Gloria Ochoa, the first and only announced Democratic candidate for the district, was surrounded by more than 40 supporters on the steps of the government center when she made her announcement.

As congresswoman for the 22nd District, Ochoa would represent most of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.

Ochoa, who has practiced law since 1976 and has been a supervisor since 1988, spoke mostly of the economy and a cleaner environment when stating her goals for the district.

"These are the priorities of the people of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties, and those are my priorities," Ochoa said. "Now it's time to make ends meet" gives her the simple reason.

"Our government should help people solve problems, not create problems for people to solve," she said.

Wearing bicycle tights and holding a sign reading "Bikeers for Gloria," Bill Denneen of Nipomo said after the speech that he supports Ochoa because she is a "good environmental person."

Denneen said he is aware of her performance as supervisor. She has tried to control growth and has shown her opposition to offshore oil drilling, he said. And she has supported the construction of more bikeways in Santa Barbara County, he said.

Three San Luis Obispo County supervisors, Laurence "Bud" Laurenti, David Blakely and Evelyn Delany, and one city council member, Bill Rushman, attended the announcement to show their support. Delany said she has worked with Ochoa and that she admired her performance.

All congressional district boundaries were recently redrawn to accommodate changes in population. What is now the 22nd District originally was split into three different districts: the 16th (Luan Panetta, D-Monterey), the 19th (Bob Lagomarsino, R-Ventura) and the 20th (William Thomas, R-Bakersfield).

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student housing," he said.

While Baker said the recent wave of student crime simply represents "some of the issues that go on in everyday life," he continued by pushing for a reinvigorated course in ethics to be installed into the curriculum.

Baker said his role as univer-
sity president is evolving, in-
ceasingly finding him to travel
away from campus to lobby for
private-sector funding.

"My role is changing," Baker
said. "We do need to raise more
money. I have to represent the
university in national forums.
That pulls me out of touch with
day-to-day operations of the camp-
us."

Baker also heard from minority students skeptical of newly installed Ethnic Studies Director Bob Gish, with one saying attempts to give input to
the developing program have been "brushed off."

It seems to go through (Gish)," said Darla Sabo, a jour-
nalism junior with the African-
American Student Rally Com-
mittee. "We come to him and he
takes a defensive measure against our presence."

But Baker defended Gish, en-
couraging Santa and others to
keep after faculty members to
get their viewpoints across.

Baker emphasized the ethnic studies committee's incarna-
tion, and a timetable for its im-
plementation has not yet been
established.

Most who participated in the discussion — including Baker —
said the enrollment gathering was a success and said they'd come
to talk again.

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