UNIVERSITY SAN LUIS OBISPO

Engineering freshman pleads guilty to car stereo heists

By Ray Berrett, electrical engineering freshman James Chang, 18, pleaded guilty to a burglary charge at a pre-preliminary hearing last week. The charge stems from his May 28 arrest for breaking into a blue Acura owned by Jana Ferri, a political science freshman, at the Cal Poly dorms.

Ray Berrett said Chang confessed as he approached him. Chang arrived at the dorm when Brodie called for assistance.

"When I arrived on the scene, Chang only had one backpack with a calculator in it," he said.

The slim jim, along with an assortment of stereo installation tools, were later found in a backpack in the bushes behind the south side of Fremont Hall.

After just the memory boards at the Engineering West, Faculty Office Building West and the Computer Science building were targeted. These computers were stolen from the buildings. Another computer was taken completely apart, but nothing was reported missing, Berrett said.

Authorities believe whoever disassembled the computer was after the memory board, but, for an unknown reason, was forced to leave it behind. One of the three stolen computers was found in the bushes behind Fremont Hall.

CSU Trustees meet, approve state budget

By Susie Arredos Staff Writer

LONG BEACH - The California State University Board of Trustees ratified its 1995-96 budget on Wednesday, approving the budget passed by the State Legislature and Gov. Pete Wilson in June.

The budget will cut $17.7 million from state funds to the CSU and raise student fees by 10 percent, from $1,305 to $1,440 per year.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker said the fee increase was mild compared to what it could have been.

"I think the fee increase — $112 for next year — is much better than what students were preparing to pay," Baker said.

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Residence halls offer roommate-free living
Single occupancy now available in dorms

By Jeffrey Jen
Staff Writer

Starting this summer, some dorm occupants won't have to put up with a roommate that snores or blares Air Supply in the wee hours of the morning. Single occupancy rooms are available in the dormitories this summer and during the 1993-94 academic year, marking the first time students can request a single dorm room at Cal Poly.

Stephan Lamb, Cal Poly's housing director, said available space and numerous student requests for private rooms brought about the new single-occupancy policy. The option was also made available to attract more students to the dormitories, he said.

"Many students move off campus because they would like more privacy," Lamb said. "This way we are offering a service that students want to stay on campus and have that privacy at a (lower) cost."

Economic gains for the university also figured into the decision, Lamb said.

A double occupancy room costs $2,283 a year for the academic year, or $761 a quarter. Single occupancy rooms are $3,423 for the year, or $1,141 a quarter.

Currently, 11 students live in single rooms. Eighty-three dorm rooms at Lambert were more than Lamb expected -— have requested private rooms for fall quarter.

One problem, however, with the new option is what to do with the excess furniture in the single rooms, said Alan Pepe, assistant director of housing and conference services. Although one student may occupy a single dorm room, enough furniture to accommodate two students is still stored in each room.

"The problem is where we are going to store the additional bed, desk and drawer," Pepe said.

A decision about where to store the furniture will likely be made before fall quarter, he said.

First-time Poly students get ahead with START

Program aids underrepresented newcomers

By Joy Nieman
Staff Writer

Some incoming freshmen and transfer students are already preparing for fall quarter with the help of Cal Poly's START program.

START is an academic advising and scheduling assistance program for first-time students underrepresented by race, ethnicity or disability.

The six colleges on campus are hosting six, two-day sessions throughout July. Students are invited to attend the session hosted by the college offering their major.

Parents and supporters are also encouraged to attend, said Susan Ruppi, coordinator of START. The program offers social activities for parents and supporters, as well as an opportunity to ask student and faculty host questions.

The program, which began July 1, allows students to experience life in the residence halls, meet with a faculty adviser, schedule classes for fall quarter and interact with peers through planned activities.

Business junior Steve Moore, who coordinates housing for START, attended a session two years ago and said the experience helped prepare him for college.

"I think I was comfortable going to Cal Poly because I had my classes scheduled and met people in my major (through START)," he said.

About 1,500 students and parents will participate in START this year, the most the program has ever hosted.

The program operates on fees charged to participants — $25 for low income students in the Educational Opportunity Program and $60 for all others, Somppi said.

Debra Ross, assistant coordinator for START, said all students who have participated in this year's program have turned in positive evaluations.

"They went from feeling completely lost to feeling completely confident about fall quarter," Ross said.

Local gyms unfazed by Rec Center

By Tracy Brant Colvin
Staff Writer

Although crowds of students and staff have been filing into the new Rec Center facilities for the past three weeks, local gym owners said it is too early to tell the exact impact as usual.

Rick Johnson, director of Rec Sports, said about 2,500 to 3,000 students and staff visit the facility daily. "The response has been great," Johnson said.

But the Rec Center boom doesn't seem to be hurting two of San Luis Obispo's local gyms. Their owners said business is better than ever due to long-term planning.

Dan Poubert, owner of Maloney's Gym, and Steve Messer, owner of Cal Poly's Rec Center, will have little impact on their business.

She believes most student members of her gym will use both facilities. She said she is not losing Cal Poly customers because of the new facility.

"You can't beat our services," she said.

Like Messer, Poubert said by offering services such as weight machines and one-to-one fitness relationships, she believes she can draw Poly students by 27 percent.

"I'm glad that the Rec Center has opened," he said. "Fitness should be the goal for the entire community, not just the private sector."

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Genetic researchers succeed again
Extract of ancient plant DNA may lead to medical cures

By Bonnie Dellow
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly biological sciences depart­ment was mistimed in the film "Jurassic Park" as it is now. This time instead of providing an im­aginative stepping stone for the recreation of dinosaurs, the team have extracted the oldest known plant DNA.

Cal Poly graduate student Hendrik Poinar and professor Raul Cano's recent discovery is just one of the pair's many suc­cesses with preserved genetic material. But the plant DNA may lead to answers about plant evolution, give way to new medicines and bring recognition and much needed funding to Cal Poly.

"Cano and Poinar are two of the best people in the field," said professor V.V. Holland, chair of biological sciences. "We are very supportive of what they are doing, and we are trying hard to get them the facilities and fund­ing they need.

Holland said Cal Poly Presi­dent Warren Baker is excited about the project and vigorously trying to raise funds to continue research.

The DNA was extracted from a 35-Ma palm tree, an extinct hymenaea tree, which was preserved in amber in the Dominican Republic. The specimen was the first plant DNA extracted from amber and also the oldest DNA ever taken from a plant, Poinar said.

"Amber is impermeable to oxygen and water, and no ultraviolet radiation gets into it," he said. "It’s the perfect preserving medium."

The whole point behind the DNA project, Poinar said, is to answer questions about the present with preserved material from the past."You look for extinct genes and put them into modern day strains," Poinar said.

With the discovery of extinct genes, DNA extraction may provide opportunities for new medicines, Poinar said. The publicity from the DNA dis­covery has sparked five letters from people with genetic dis­eases encouraging him to con­tinue his work with genetics.

He said the letters inspire him, and he feels the possibility of finding cures for diseases is the most important part of his work.

Poinar said many scientists are concerned with the potential for negative uses with DNA research, noting the movie "Jurassic Park" as an example. He said many scientists fear the movie depicted DNA research as immoral.

Poinar said he views movies like "Jurassic Park" as a way to get young people interested in science. "If it turns one kid onto science it's worth $80 million," he said.

In 1990, although Poinar and Cano's work was published in last June's issue of "Nature," a science journal, the Cal Poly research team has not received the appreciation of the entire scientific community.

"We're doing pretty good work and we're getting some recogni­tion," Cano said. "But we're not getting the recognition and respect we should because Cal Poly is a state institution."

Cano said he feels Cal Poly's research efforts are not given credibility because there is a stigma associated with being a state school.

"In other words, you teach (here) and let the big boys do the research," Cano said.

However, Cal Poly's efforts have been recognized by some organiza­tions with donations of e­quipment and money.

Millipore Corporation recently donated a Bioimage system for DNA analysis, worth $20,000, and a computer manufacturer provided a micro computer sys­tem worth $55,000. Cano said a $30,000 grant from the National Science Foundation and another unspecified amount from the U.S. Agriculture Department are pending.

"To run a biotech lab costs millions," Poinar said. "If you don't get donations, then you're not going to get far."

Poinar said Cal Poly's lab is a rare opportunity for under­graduates to work in a high level research lab. Cano also stressed there is a big push in the biological scien­ces department towards under­graduate research. The depart­ment is currently working on providing an academic environ­ment conducive to research, Cano said.

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Illustrated by the work coming out of Cal Poly's science labs, Poinar said a huge lab to conduct meaningful research isn't neces­sary, but it does take hard work and dedication.

DAY CARE

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Recreational activities include dodge ball, foursquare and swim­ming, said Furgerson, the recreation administration senior.

"They are not always expected to be on their best behavior," he said. "We use the activities to help them become familiar with crea­tures, Poinar said. The kids learned what snails eat, and they taught the snails to do tricks, he said.

On Fridays, the kids watch movies with educational value such as Jungle Book, other G-rated films and programs aired on the Public Broadcast Service.

"We have (them) watch educa­tional movies with a theme, not just something to rot-out their brains," Brown said.

Visits from the San Luis Obispo Fire Department and the City/County Library for storytelling.

"We use the activities to help the kids trust and love us and each other," Brown added. "They are really happy to have a program like this."

On Monday, Nicole Cloud, 4, was covered in chalk as she drew a sun and wrote her name with fat chalk sticks on the asphalt playground.

"This is fun," Cloud said. "The people are nice."

In the opposite corner of the area designated for the chalk murals, Ted Czarneck, 6, drew a palm tree, a bird and ocean waves.

"This is fun," Czarneck said.

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Officials steamed over bad pipes

Replacement of aging heating system to cost $23 million

By Len Arends
Staff Writer

Walking around campus, one may notice an occasional capped pipe, painted to resemble a mushroom, sticking out of the ground and spewing steam. The escaping vapor means a leak has developed somewhere in the network of 60-year-old, underground steam lines that provide room heat and hot water to the majority of buildings on campus, said Norm Jacobson, Cal Poly's energy coordinator.

Jackson believes a new system is needed to replace the ailing network of pipes and boilers, a job he says will take $23 million to complete. A proposal to replace Cal Poly's underground steam heating network is part of a statewide bond measure to be voted on in the upcoming November election.

Construction is planned for sometime during the 1994-95 academic year, pending final approval of funding, Jacobson said. If approved, Cal Poly's steam heating system would be replaced with a hot water system. The liquid system would operate at temperatures between 180 and 200 degrees Fahrenheit — less than half as hot as the steam system. Jacobson said the lower heat of the water is less destructive to piping and would therefore save money on maintenance and extend the life of the system.

Jacobson said as much as 35 percent of the steam energy produced by the boiler plant on campus is wasted. That energy is spent warming the ground and air instead of the buildings.

He said the poor condition of the underground pipes causes additional energy loss. He said the pipes have been weakened over time due to corrosion from below, he said. City Project Designer Barbara Lynch said the pipes are buried in concrete and the soil they are buried in.

But said in the proposals generally limit the effective lifespan of the piping to about 20 years. Jacobson said Cal Poly's steam network, however, is 15 years older than that.

Jacobson's proposal does away with the university's boiler plant and its brittle pipe tentacles. The centerpiece of the project is a utility conduit, dubbed a utillidor. The proposed system consists of a continuous string of concrete chambers, each approximately 12 feet long, eight feet wide and four feet deep, Jacobson said.

The chambers would house the heating system's main feed pipes away from the acidic soil, thereby adding 13 years to the lifespan, Jacobson said. Branch pipelines to individual buildings, however, would be buried directly in the ground, just like the present system.

The self-contained nature of the utilidor would allow crews easier access to the heating system, Jacobson said. If a break or leak occurred somewhere in the utilidor, the 12-foot, concrete lid of each chamber could be lifted to check the piping, at a maintenance cost of about $500 per chamber, he said.

A repair to the present main feed system, which runs right down the middle of Perimeter Road, requires major excavation and typically costs $30,000, Jacobson said. Repairs also hinder traffic and damage the roadbed.

The concrete lids of the utilidor are proposed to serve as a sidewalk along its path, following North and South Perimeter roads and running across the west end of campus to form a complete loop.

Jacobsen said besides the easier maintenance advantage, the utilidor would allow room for additional utility systems normally buried under campus.

In Jacobson's present plans, the utilidor would house upgraded electrical and domestic water systems as well as the heating pipes.
Campus Watch gears up to take a bite out of crime

By Michelle Oelke
Cal Poly

Digital science senior Trina Clayton feels unsafe when walking alone on campus at night. "I don't feel comfortable walking to and from classes (through) areas that aren't lit or (through) parking lots that are far away from the library," she said.

Clayton said her fear grows every time she hears of a crime on campus or in San Luis Obispo. "When you hear about sexual assaults and crimes happening so close to where you live, you tend to become more aware ... and afraid," she said.

To help quell the fears of students like Clayton, political science seniors Mike Crutchfield and Mike Yenigues recently developed the Campus Watch Program.

The program is an offshoot of the Community Safety Awareness Club (CSAC), started by Yenigues spring quarter. "When you hear about sexual assaults and crimes happening so close to where you live, you tend to become more aware ... and afraid," he said.

The club is not intended as a crime intervention program, he said. If program volunteers see a crime in progress, they are trained to take notes, get an accurate description of the individuals involved and call for help on their police radios. Police will respond to the crime within two minutes of a call, Crutchfield said, so chances of an attacker getting away are slim.

There are approximately 30 student volunteers currently involved in the program, Yenigues said. By full quarter, he expects the program to have 200 trained volunteers.

Although it is a volunteer program, it is also a professional organization, Yenigues said. All volunteers participate in one week of training, which includes crisis intervention, assault prevention and first-aid certification.

He said volunteers must sign a criminal history disclosure sheet and submit fingerprints to the Department of Justice. The fingerprints are used to identify and subsequently reject from the program any individuals who committed a felony.

Additionally, all volunteers are screened by a committee made up of a Public Safety officer and two Campus Watch leadership students. The screening ensures no volunteers hold racial or gender biases, Yenigues said.

"It's very important that volunteers are friendly with people," he said. "It's important that they're out there to assist (and) they don't have an attitude of enforcement or authority, because they don't."

During summer quarter, one or two pairs of volunteers per night will patrol specific areas on campus targeted for monitoring. Areas such as the Rec Center, the library and the University Union will be heavily patrolled from sundown to midnight.

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Dorms and parking lots R-1 and R-2. Other areas of focus include the campus perimeters and parking lots.

Male and female volunteers will be teamed together to ensure objectivity, Yenigues said.

"We like to think of it as people helping people, instead of making it a gender issue," Yenigues said. "A male may have a different view of a (sexual assault) than a female, so if you have both genders (viewing the same crime), it will ensure the truth."

Each Campus Watch volunteer wears a jacket and an official photo identification. See CAMPUS WATCH, page 11.
Not long ago I was talking to a policeman, and he was asking me, or lack thereof, that people seem to have for my feelings? I was more troubled, I was not going to my parents aren't even going to think about the feelings of the other people involved, but then we just go ahead with our plans. That's just the way life is around here.

Because I have lived on the East Coast for most of my life and have only recently moved to California, my friend assumed, "Do unto others what you would have done to yourself. Everyone has something to offer, no matter how much of a difference in the lives they might possibly gain from the relationship. Some people say, "Do unto others what others have done to you." One person who just finished his freshman year with me said he had been teased by underclassmen. But he was ex- cited about coming back this fall as a sophomore. The reason? He was eager to dish out similar new paths to some students.

I would not allow myself to believe it. My friend felt that I was just being naive because I came from a well-to-do family. He said I was like a spoiled brat that lived in a big mansion and ate Grey Poupon all the time. Hey, my family is well-off — but we aren't millionaires. Far from it. Heck, I've carefully watched the development and growth of Cal Poly. These descriptions seem to indicate the majority are still working experience. Does a potential instructor have to have modestly to many of the fund drives, taught seminars at Cal Poly and would like to continue to do so. However, I feel that the basic premise on which Cal Poly has grown can seriously be questioned by a staff of people who don't really have the knowledge of what is needed in the work place.

I hope this is an illusion and the impressions given in publications and press releases are somehow incorrect. That is why I'm appealing to you to explain clearly to me and all those who support the "Charterm Campus Concept" needs, that the student body of the university will retain this original premise. A "Learning By Doing" education is still a positive need for students entering the work place today as well as the future. I really believe the growth of Cal Poly; please help me to do so.

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Village revives 16th century England
Central Coast Renaissance Festival returns to El Chorro Park

The Central Coast Renaissance Festival is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at El Chorro Regional Park, near Off Highway 1, between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay. Free parking is available at Cuesta College with a shuttle service to Morro Bay. Tickets are $10 for adults, seniors and children ages 6-12, $5, and children under six get in free. 

Exhibit brings recognition to student artists

While some students at Cal Poly take a class and spend that time doodling on pieces of notebook paper, other students are graded for the drawings they do in class. Some of this artwork can be seen at the Student Art Show Gallery exhibit in the University Union Galerie from July 7 through September 3.

Graphic communications senior Jennifer Healy is a student assistant at the Galerie and said most of the work came from class assignments in the art department.

"Eight students are a part of the show, with artwork ranging from watercolors and figure drawings to black and white and color photography," she said. "I contacted some art majors I knew in town for the summer and basically asked for anything they had," she added.

Healy also has some of her own artwork on display in the show. One of her pieces is a face with the eye, nose and mouth on the upper right-hand corner of the page. "I think the Galerie is a good place to get recognition for all the hard work each artist puts into each piece," she added.

Art and design senior Ruben Carbajal also entered some of his artwork in the exhibit. "I think the Galerie is a good place to have your work seen," he said. "I was pleasantly surprised with what people saw (at the Galerie)," he said. "The show... is an opportunity to experience something else as well as develop your art." 

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Opera comes to the coast

News and Events

By Suzanne Hook

A romantic night of "Opera Under the Stars" is planned this Saturday amid the acres of vineyards at the Martin Brothers Winery's outdoor amphitheater. "It is a gorgeous event," said Cynthia Reed, public relations manager for the Martin Brothers Winery. "The beautiful evening offsets wines, romance and the opera."

The elegant evening features a performance by the San Francisco Opera Center and the San Francisco Ballet. The troupe is performing for its fourth year in a row at the Martin Brothers amphitheater. Singers from the center perform on stages all over the world. In recent years they have won some of the music field's most prestigious awards, including the Tribulovsky, the Richard Tucker and the Macchi competitions.

Cabot's Catering of Paso Robles will offer guests a delicious opera menu featuring a variety of Italian lasagna and meatball dishes. Martin Brothers Winery will provide souvenir wine glasses upon admission and guests will have the opportunity to purchase wines by the bottle from the winery's new Italian varieties.

By Heather Lynch

Simply Shrimp Restaurant will host its second Winemaker Dinner featuring Victor Hugo Roberts of award-winning Creston Vineyards on July 25. Roberts will discuss each wine and why it was chosen for each course of the five course meal. Dinner begins at 4:30 p.m. Pre-paid tickets are $42 per person and include dinner and all beverages. For more information contact Mike Coats at 543-0257.

Seapines Golf Resort in Los Osos will host a hole-in-one shootout and golf fair on July 24 and 25 to benefit the Greenhills School of San Luis Obispo. Golfers will pay $1 per ball to shoot at a hole 100 yards away. Anyone landing a ball within three feet of the hole advances to the semifinal round. Golfers with the 20 closest balls to the hole in the semifinals will have a shot at a hole in one and $25,000. Finalists will be awarded prizes and the winner receives a trip for two to San Diego. Local golfing pros will conduct free lessons to groups of 20 on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Fred Verhoeve at 544-3767 for more information.

This Sunday, The American Cancer Society and Talley Vineyards presents "Summer Jazz Sunday" featuring the San Luis Jazz Band from 12 to 3 p.m. at Talley Vineyards. Live music, wine tasting, children's activities and a raffle will highlight the day. Old Country Deli will provide free entertainment for the event. The American Cancer Society will sponsor Lee Broshears' "Pilgrimage," a collection of traditional children's music. Parents are encouraged to bring blankets, however chairs will be provided. Doors open and food service will begin at 6:30 p.m. The South Bay Community Center is located at 2180 Palisades Ave. in San Luis Obispo. Tickets are $2 per person or $7 per family. For more information contact Moya at 528-4169.
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**PARTNERS**

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"But I'm out of blue. And I'm not done. I need to write my name. I need to get some blue chalk to write my name."

Sam Turner, the program's site coordinator, said Garzaek, Cloud and an average of 18 other children participate daily. He also said the students hope to see that number grow dramatically.

Last week, the students handed out family packets containing information regarding the program to half of the designated low-income housing complexes around San Luis Obispo.

They gave flyers to homeless shelters in order to attract homeless children to the program, Turner said. Next week, they plan to visit the other half of the low-income complexes.

"There is a serious need for this program in our community," Turner said. "San Luis Obispo is caught between two big places, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Most money given to these types of programs are given to those areas."

In past summers, Salvation Army Capt. Norean French provided a drop-in program, but it was not an organized education program like Partners in Serving.

"This year's drop-in program couldn't have been done without the students from (Cal Poly)," French said.

"We are thrilled to be working with Partners in Serving," French added. "We always go to Cal Poly for volunteers. This time they outdid themselves."

Partners in Serving received funding from a $26,000 federal grant given to ASI, said Sam Lutrin, Cal Poly's community service coordinator.

"The grant was difficult to get," Lutrin said. "Our proposal competed against several hundred applications for similar programs from other higher education institutions."

Brown said the Commission on National and Community Services presented the grant to Partners in Serving because of the lack of similar programs in San Luis Obispo County.

By receiving the grant, the program is at least able to operate on a low budget, Brown said.

And operating and getting to know the kids has been the best part of the program, said liberal studies junior Yvette Sanchez, the program's assistant site coordinator.

"The other day we made greeting cards, and I got tons of them that said 'You're great and wonderful,' " she said. "They are now on my refrigerator at home."

Sanchez wants to become an elementary school teacher and Partners in Serving is preparing her for that job, she said.

Browne said his recreation administration major requires volunteer work. He views Partners in Serving as a great opportunity to fulfill this requirement while contributing a needed service to the community.

Furgerson said cooking, planning activities, working with the kids and taking courses at Cal Poly takes a lot of time. But it is time well spent, he said.

"It's a good experience and being a recreation major, it's right up my alley," he said. "I'm doing it for the kids so they are not left at home."

When the program ends on Aug. 20, Partners in Serving will survey families, Sanchez said. The surveys will help assess the effectiveness of the program. The results will be a major factor in determining if it will be funded as an after-school program in the fall.

The group is also planning to take the kids through a ropes course at the end of the summer as a measure of the program's success. "It's a good experience and I think the kids will be able to enable the kids to realize how they have learned to trust each other," he said.
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BUDGET

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CSSA lobbied for a 10 percent fee increase in opposition to the Trustees' 37 percent plan, he said.

"The CSSA would have preferred no increase," he said, "but thankfully we got what we asked for."

During the meeting, Moton described other options he wished the Trustees would have considered before increasing student fees.

One option he proposed was teaching innovation, or finding cheaper, more effective ways to teach students, he said.

The CSU should also negotiate for secure funding from the state, he said.

Just as funding for K-12 schools is protected from budget restrictions, he said, the Campus Watch proposal is very thorough.

"I'm quite impressed," Topham said. "It sounds like a very effective program. It seems like they (Crutchfield and Yenigues) have done a lot of research and planning in developing the program."
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