Big win for bikers; new lanes OK'd
Marsh, Johnson add new room for riders
By Glenn Lyman
Daily Investigative Editor

Big win for bikers; new Marsh, Johnson add new room for riders

In perhaps the most controversial local development during Cal Poly's quarter break, the San Luis Obispo council voted Tuesday, Sept. 14, to install bike lanes on March and Johnson streets.

Councilman Bill Realman said it would be safe to expect implementation of the new lanes by February 1994.

The decision, based on a recommendation by the city's Bicycle Advisory Committee, came after a long and quite confusing debate, participants said.

Opponents argued that the lanes — which will usurp parking spaces downtown on March Street and one vehicle lane on Johnson Ave. under the recommendation by the city's Bicycle Advisory Committee in February 1994.

Bicycle Advisory Committee member Richard Marshall added, "(The new plan) is a tradeoff, but I think in the long run a good tradeoff.

"We need a safe network to get people on bikes," he said this week. "The way I see it, parking is important, but we also have to look at the safety of the public and the bicyclists in particular.

"On the one hand (we are) saying we want alternative transportation, but then we're taking safe bike lanes because it will take away the car's parking," he said, adding, "The new plan) is a tradeoff, but I think in the long run a good tradeoff."

Lynn Block, administrator for the Downtown Business Improvement Association, disagreed. She said the BIA was hoping to delay the council to delay the new lanes while a different, compromised solution was worked out. In a surprising attitude, the BIA and Club members were working with the BIA to delay the bike lane decision.

"What we were worried about was the (traffic) flow of Marsh," Block said. "Bikes don't like shopping where they think access is difficult.

"We don't mind bikers. But we looked at Berkeley and Davis and Palo Alto and thought we could do really great things (like) that here," she continued. "We're really not excited, thinking, 'This is going to be fabulous.' We want great creative solutions."

Realman and Bicycle Advisory Committee chairman Richard Marshall ar

Aid checks delayed; students await funding

Red tape blamed for late arrival

By Amy Miller
Daily Staff Writer

Some students dependent on financial aid to get through the quarter were welcomed back to school with some unsettling news this week.

Due to budget and other federal regulatory changes, many checks were not processed in time to make it to campus for the first few days of school.

Financial Aid Director Diane Ryan said she was concerned about the way students would react when they learned checks would not be ready on time.

"My concern was that students would be so thoroughly upset that I would have a riot on my hands," Ryan said. Ryan said she had heard of riots at CSU-Chico and didn't want Cal Poly to have a similar problem.

To help alleviate tension, she released a written explanation for the delays and was able to answer some students' questions.

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Study illuminates immigrants' plight

SACRAMENTO — Immigrants in California earn about 24 percent less than U.S.-born residents, but immigrant family incomes nearly match the statewide average because they have more workers per household, a new study of census data shows.

The latest state study of the 1990 census, released Thursday, reported that 21.8 percent of California's residents, or more than 6.5 million individuals, were foreign-born.

That compares to 3.6 million immigrants, or 15.5 percent of the state's population, in the 1980 census.

The study by the California Research Bureau of the State Library also found immigrants were slightly more likely to receive public assistance than U.S.-born residents and had less education, but the difference declined significantly with the number of years in the country.

The study also showed:

- Immigrant families averaged 1.9 children, compared to 1.7 children for non-immigrant households.
- Roughly one-third of all California immigrants have become U.S. citizens.
- Fifty-four percent of all immigrants over age 25 have high school educations, compared to 83.6 percent of U.S.-born residents.
- About 18.5 percent have completed college, compared to 25 percent of the state's U.S.-born population.
- Among immigrants living in the state three years or less, only 48.5 percent are proficient in English. The figure grows to 73.5 percent among immigrants who have been U.S.-born residents more than 15 years.
- Immigrant households average 4.3 persons, compared to 3.1 persons in non-immigrant households.
- The average immigrant earned $13,000 annually, compared to $17,000 for U.S.-born residents.

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Parking rules revamped to raise revenue

No more free spaces for visitors

By John Hubbell
Daily Editor in Chief

Cal Poly's new university-wide parking regulations are turning many commuters' heads, forcing them to alter their automobiles into much more complex romances.

Sweeping in their breadth, the revamped regulations alter several basic tenets of the university's long-standing parking plan — from who can park where to what time they'll be allowed to.

The changes, several of which became effective Monday, include:

- permits are now required in staff and student lots until later hours,
- students are now able to park in staff lots at earlier evening times;
- an increase in the number of 45-minute parking meters on campus;
- addition of faculty and staff "heading zones;"
- visitors now have to purchase permits for $1.50 instead of being given a gratis pass, and
- new sponsored "guest parking" spaces, which are paid for by the sponsor of the guest.

More changes, from climbing parking fees to permits being required on weekends, may loom in the future, according to Public Safety officials.

The current crop of changes came after Cal Poly Public Safety officials petitioned CSU officials in Long Beach to allow the construction of a new parking garage.

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"I think he appealed to Americans both emotionally and factually. I believe he will succeed," said Garamendi.

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BIKE LANES: Business leaders oppose decision, say compromise was needed

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City Councilmember

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saved, are scheduled to be addressed in council meet­ings in the coming weeks.

Even within the Bike Committee, dissent arose regarding Johnson Avenue.
"I certainly support the recommendation of the committee," Marshall said.
"But Johnson was a lot trickier for us. We were at most evenly divided."

Marshall said he voted against the Johnson Avenue lanes because he
was worried about the effect removing a vehicle lane would have on traffic.

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"We felt we'd just be
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Yeltsin’s salve for Russian tumult: June elections

Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin on Thursday called for early presidential elections for re-elected inside the parliament building.

Yeltsin ordered Interior Ministry police to ensure public safety after accusing his opponents of distributing dozens of guns to anti-Yeltsin demonstrators.

Yeltsin ordered parliamentary elections in December after dismissing parliament Tuesday, which plunged Russia into political crisis. Yeltsin had also said he would call presidential elections but gave no date, leading to accusations from critics that he is chosen. The June 12 election would be held two years ahead of the next presidential term, would run again, although the delay in financial aid processing, Ryan said. For one, applications are up 38 percent from last year.

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"It ended up being a 10 percent fee increase," Ryan said. "It ended up being a 10 percent increase and we had to go back and change everything." It is unclear how long it will be before everyone entitled to financial aid money will receive their funds, Ryan said.

But not all late financial aid checks this quarter have been caused by state and federal delays. Ryan explained that students sometimes are the cause when they fail to send in forms on time.

"We are extremely date sensitive," she said. "If students turn in forms, that’s when we work on them.

Students often think their correspondence with financial aid is complete when it’s not, because the process is cyclical. Frequently, after financial aid receives one form, they need the student to fill out another, she said.

Managing Editor Maria R. van Eekhouty contributed to this report.

FINANCIAL AID: Check disbursements postponed; students manage first week without funding

"I can wait a few weeks, no big deal. I need the money for rent. But what about the people who need the money now?

That’s a problem."

Ray Hammi
mechanical engineering sophomore

Long lines at both the financial aid office and in Chumash Auditorium were the least of students’ problems earlier this week — some students’ aid was tied up in federal timbo. Poly aid officials even bought beach balls to calm the nerves of stressed students. There are 20,864 financial aid applications this year, up from 19,174 in 1992. / Daily photo by Steve McCrank.

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Opinion

Week One at the '93-94 Daily: Good news means bad news

By Matthew Høy

As the self-proclaimed most outspoken — read: obnoxious — writer for the Mustang Daily since the Kennedy Administration I have been given the privilege of writing an introductory piece to this quarter's new student. To those of you returning for your second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh years, welcome back. Be prepared for another year of the same: budget cuts, fee increases, fifth, sixth, or seventh years, welcome back. Be prepared for another year of the same: budget cuts, fee increases, and that picture. Yikes, that picture.

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For the most part, we think it's worked. Thanks to you, the readers. The bad news at edition week one: the '93-94 Mustang Daily starts next Wednesday. We'll start next Wednesday. We'll start next Wednesday.

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Freshmen: Welcome to Shangri-La. That's right, your parents are a few hours away and will never know if you get back to the dorms drunk, plastered, stoned, tipsy, blond, intoxicated, smashed, wasted, incapacitated, or even dead.

That is, unless you are stupid enough to return their calls while inebriated. Don't laugh, it happens. Here's a few words of wisdom I've learned from my extensive experience in my four years here at Cal Poly.

Don't offer resident advisors a beerwisk from your refrigerator.

Never, ever say anything derogatory about the Mustang Tavers. I think it's the greatest place in the world.

If you're late with an assignment and are looking for a creative excuse, try: "I live next door to Diablo Canyon and last night my homework ate my dog."

If you get to dinner on campus, sit down, are waded on and have a very enjoyable meal, you are in the Vista Grande Restaurant, not the VG Cafeteria. Your meal card is not welcome in the restaurant.

Another warning to freshmen: my sister is a freshman at Cal Poly this fall. If she wars you not to mess with her or her big brother will beat you up, call Mustang Daily and leave a message for me. Everybody pays for protection.

I would like to dispel a rumor that seems to circulate around freshmen every year. 'Year in, year out, freshmen repeat it as gospel truth and I'm going to quash it right here.

You do not get a 4.0 G.P.A. if your roommate dies. I killed my roommate twice and never got a 4.0 G.P.A.

As freshmen, you will, at the end of this quarter, be privileged to participate in one of the great Cal Poly traditions: the midnight yells.

I am going out on a limb by proposing that you do something that resident advisors and coordinators of student development will punish you for. But remember: as long as you don't get caught, who cares? Yes, yell at midnight, scream, expand your lungs. I don't care, I'll be a mile away from campus.

In summary: have fun, try to stay off academic probation, and don't get caught doing whatever you're doing.

Matthew Høy is a journalism senior and is expecting an irate phone call from his sister complaining about her being mentioned in this commentary. He is a three-year veteran of the Cal Poly dorms.

LETTERS

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Here and moaning in the Cal Poly dorms

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Students: Health plan confusing

Uncertainty, avoidance main reactions to the details of package

By Linda A. Alex
Daily Jeff Welch

Clinton's newly-announced health care reform package caused more confusion than enthusiasm among Cal Poly students this week.

While most of the nation is struggling with the specific details of the plan after hearing the televised announcement Wednesday night, Cal Poly students said they still feel as confused and removed from the process that it is difficult to think about it.

"It's too time-consuming to sit down to pay attention to everything," said Michelle Carson, a recent liberal studies graduate. Many others echoed the feelings of confusion and "cluelessness" about the way the plan would change their own medical treatment.

"I'm confused," said business senior Darrin Brachfeld. "I don't know enough about it to say (what it means for me)."

Meanwhile, Cal Poly Health Center officials and other campus administrators said they, too, are unsure of how the reforms will affect college students. Clinton's plan, as he spread it out Wednesday night to a joint session of Congress, would require those who are youngest and healthiest to pay more.

But how much more and when those fees would start were tough issues for campus health officials.

"There's too many unanswerable questions to know how (Clinton's plan) is going to affect college students," said Dr. Jim Aiken, interim director of health and psychological services.

HEALTH PLAN: Many Californians unsure of package's eventual effects

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dent talked about providing long-term care for the elderly.

"Bravo! That's what my grandparents need," said Langholt, 32, his 1st line flying in the air with each clap.

But he didn't think the plan would benefit him because he doesn't expect to live long enough to see it take effect in 1996 as proposed.

"It's time to fix the health care system, and I hope but I'm not sure that the president's proposal is going to do it."

"Something definitely needs to happen. We can't continue on the way things are now. This road just leads to ruin," he said.

The Clinton plan also was endorsed by Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

"Tonight, finally, after years of seeing people pay more to get less, we have a groundbreaking plan that could improve the quality of life for all Americans," Boxer said in a prepared statement.

Gov. Pete Wilson applauded certain aspects of Clinton's plan, but said it would eliminate more than three million jobs nationwide and leave California "holding the bag in the face of new and unfunded federal mandates covering undocumented immigrants, the medically indigent and long-term care."
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I might as well wear a sign saying, ‘Babe and I are walking home alone’,” said industrial technologist Tillyard.

Tillyard was responding to the new parking policy implemented throughout the summer and this fall, which extended the hours permits are required for on-campus parking.

The new rules have raised serious safety concerns for Tillyard and others. “I think it’s very unsafe for women because it forces them to walk home if they have a late class,” she said.

Other students agreed that permits should not be required at night.

“It (permits) shouldn’t have to be required when they have a late night class,” said Steve Moore, a business junior. “It’s a stupid way for the school to raise revenue.”

Tillyard said she has not been a permit holder this year and will walk home from late night classes even if she has a permit. “I think the school should offer a reduced permit price for students who are on campus only part of the time. Perhaps they could verify our classes,” she said.

Despite concerns expressed by some students, not all the changes are bad.

“This is the first quarter that I live far from campus but I like the idea that we can park on staff spots after 5 p.m.,” said Aaron Anastasi, a physical education junior. “I also think it’s a lot safer for women because staff spots are closer to classes. I don’t object to the new policy because a lot of schools do it that way already.”

Aeronautical Engineering freshman Jayne Wallace lives near the dorms. During the day her parking permit allows her to park anywhere, but not at night. But after 5 p.m. she can use all the staff parking spaces.

“Now I can sleep late at night, but since they have the new rule I can (still) drive to the parking lot in the morning,” she said.

City and Regional Planning sophomore Christine Wilson said the policy, overall, makes sense, although she doesn’t agree with one detail.

“I don’t think paying for the visitor parking is fair, for example, (for people who are) lecturing,” she said. “But I think a lot of people abuse it and that’s why they changed (the rules).”

PARKING:

Increased revenue from tickets to fund PAG parking garage

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The garage, to be built on the tennis courts behind Mott Gym, would serve those attending events at Cal Poly’s Performing Arts Center.

The center will be located behind the student union building on a grassy, sloping knoll. Construction is not to begin sometime this quarter or in early 1994.

Construction of a new garage would also compensate for the inactivity of number of parking spaces recently lost to new buildings on the northwest end of campus.

But CSU officials told Cal Poly that current parking regulations would not provide enough money to build the new garage.

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Sydney had offered a powerful symbolic impact of holding the Games in a nation of 1.2 billion people as it opens its modernization of the rest of the world.

But awarding the Games to China would have prompted further outcry from human rights critics, including members of the U.S. Congress. There may also have been concern over the uncertain political future in China, ruled by 56-year-old Deng Xiaoping.

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Dropping out in the previous rounds were Istanbul, Turkey; Barcelona; Boston; Detroit; and Berlin.

The decision to return the Games to Australia for the first time since the 1956 Melbourne Olympics was announced live to a worldwide television audience by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch.

In choosing Sydney over Beijing, the IOC went for the safer, but less glamorous, of the two candidate cities.

Sydney’s victory resulted from steady insistence that the harbor city could provide state-of-the-art infrastructure and cater best to the needs and wants of the athletes.

Bob Scott, head of the Manchester bid committee, said there was a definite "stop-Beijing" movement among IOC members, what they perceived as heavily-handed support China had received from IOC officials.

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Sydney had been considered to be at a disadvantage because of the 16-hour time difference with the eastern United States. But Sydney has strong ties for winter sports.

Sydney Games are planned for the last two weeks of September.

The IOC’s voting members began their session of secret balloting Wednesday with a record 59 votes, the fewest in the 110-year history of the Olympics.

The presentations included appearances by three prime ministers — Tana Ciller of Turkey, John Major of Britain and Paul Keating of Australia.

England 11, Berlin 9, while Istanbul was eliminated on round 7. In the second round, it was Beijing 67, Sydney 62, Manchester 13 and Berlin dropping out on 9. In the third, it was Beijing 40, Sydney 37, Manchester 11. One voter did not cast a ballot in the round.

In the end, the voters from Berlin and Manchester swung the balance for Beijing. John Coates, head of the Australian Olympic Committee, said Sydney received enough votes to cause "an earthquake in Manchester and 7 from Berlin.

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FOOTBALL: Cal Poly Mustangs tackling defense problems, aiming for first American West Conference championship

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But in the six games the Mustangs have played the standings have come through, giving the team a 3-3 record, Nelson leads the team in goals with five, and he has one assist for a total of 11 points.

The women's team also has played to a 3-3 record this year. And except for a defensive breakdown in their last game against Stanford, the team is playing in winning form, according to head coach Crie Crozier. The Mustangs allowed Stanford five goals, which resulted in a 5-0 loss to the Cardinalis.

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Poly joins multi-sport conference

By Brad Hamilton and Joy Nieman
Daily Staff

Cal Poly athletics has found a new home in Division I.

During the summer, President Warren Baker announced the creation of the multi-sport American West Conference. The conference spans Cal Poly with CSU-Northridge, CSU-Sacramento and Southern Utah University in eight sports.

AWC competition will begin this year in football for all colleges. UC-Davis begins this year in football with CSU-Northridge, will participate as an associate member in football only. And starting in fall 1994 the colleges will compete in men's and women's basketball, track and field, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's volleyball and men's and women's tennis. Not all AWC schools offer the same athletic programs, so remaining Cal Poly sports will align themselves with other leagues or compete as independents, according to Eric McDowell, Cal Poly sports information director.

Men's and women's soccer, swimming, men's tennis, softball and baseball will compete in Division I as independents, while wrestling remains in the Pacific 10 conference.

"The independents may have AWC teams if (those) sports are offered with the exception of the league," McDowell said.

Kent Agler, Cal Poly assistant basketball coach, said his team is seeking alignment with the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), which includes key conferences in the Pacific. The Mustangs lose their season opener, Sept. 11 at UC-Davis, 27-26. They rebounded last week with a 17-0 road victory against CSU-Humboldt. The team opens at home Saturday, Sept. 25, against CSU-Chico.

Coming off a 4-5-1 season, head coach Kyle Sateren said he expects the team to be better than last season. "If we don't have key injuries and some players progress well, we have a chance to be a pretty good football team," he said.

The football team's roster got a boost when its first two opponents, Santa Barbara and Cal Poly, closed down their football programs. Ten players transferred to Cal Poly, including starting quarterback Mike Fisher, linebacker Alex Garwood and defensive lineman Dirk Gianinni.

The opener was a disappointing loss, Setzenich said. Cal Poly had been picked co-favorite of the experts.

Absence of Poly volleyball's best blocker leaves young team faceless but balanced

By Kristi Rampbell
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly's record this year is 7-5. Cum- mings said Cal Poly dominated the offense and defense.

"We've had a lot of players have to learn new roles," said head coach Craig Cum- mings. "But the members of the team have done a tremendous job learning their roles and being competitive."

Cal Poly's record this year is 7-5. Cum- mings said the team's goal is to make it to the Division I NCAA championship tournament. He said 10 wins usually qualifies a team for tournament play. However, last year's team record was 22-11, the most wins since 1985. They ranked fourth in the Northwest Region, but were passed over for the playoffs.

One of the team's greatest strengths this year is the ability to work well against Pepperdine University, Cummings said. "Their support of one another is fabulous," he said.

Lack of experience could be a weakness for the team, but he said he doesn't consider it a problem.

"I don't think it's really a weakness because of the attitude and confidence the players possess," he said.

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