Students won’t pay bus fees after all

Administration tells Public Safety to ‘get creative’ to solve funding shortfall

By Lisa Hansen

pay for bus service any time in the future, administration and ASI officials announced this week.

Following several weeks of questions as to whether student money would be used to subsidize the bus service to campus, ASI President Marquain Pirso said Wednesday ASI will no longer consider the possibility of subsidizing city bus services.

"It is not an issue for us to be worried about," Pirso told the ASI Board of Directors. "The university should be able to take care of it on its own."

Pirso had been expected to speak to the Board about the possibility of a referendum — a vote to get students’ approval for subsidizing the bus service to campus.

But he said Thursday that Cal Poly’s Vice President of Finance Frank Levenson contacted him and told him the university would find its own ways of paying for the bus service.

The city bus contract provides free bus transportation on and off campus for students. Previous Public Safety negotiated the entire service with money from parking tickets.

But the cost soared to $246,500 this year.

Here’s Traffic Nightmare No. 2

Packing may soon feel fun compared to getting here

By Maria R. Van Schywy

Fridays rung in traffic nightmares.

The start of construction for Cal Poly’s new Performing Arts Center has been delayed until March 1, but already, the campus is preparing for the arrival of construction crews.

Throughout the week, PG&E crews have been installing a temporary line on Pacheco Way — the main roadway coming into campus — that will provide the electricity needed to get construction crews’ power tools buzzing.

And as soon as Monday, traffic on Grand Avenue — the main roadway coming into campus — could be greatly affected by the cordonning off of two lanes.

The lanes are to be blocked off to make way for a building, or other construction equipment at the site. In order to accommodate the needed equipment and still keep sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of Grand Avenue, it will be necessary to lose two of the roadway’s four lanes, according to Public Safety Director Joe Rastner.

A PG&E crew member works Wednesday to install a power line on Pacheco Way. Traffic rerouting due to road construction is on the way there / Daily photo by Steve McCrank

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Sarajevo blossoms under new U.N. cease-fire

By Susan Krile

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Along with the shelling and shell ing, Sarajevans watched a new cease-fire take hold Thursday and the time permitted themselves the rarest of luxuries: hope that NATO strikes would end and the Serbs would cease their shelling.

Children came out of shelled-out buildings behind a new U.N. monitoring post on the front line to play on seesaws unused for two summers. An old man swept shattered bricks and glass from a parking lot. Curious and happy faces poked from windows.

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Russe's government criticized the ultimatum and said it would demand the U.N. Security Council discuss the issue. A senior U.S. official in Washington said no further authorization was needed from the council.

One French tank and six armored cars lined up on the infamous "Sniper Alley" near the Brotherhood and Unity Bridge, with cannon and heavy machine guns pointing toward Serb positions across the Miljacka River. U.N. officials said the soldiers had orders to shoot back if fired upon.

The U.N. commander, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose of Britain, led reporters across the bridge between Serb and Bosnian government forces. Fifty yards into Serb territory, near the first trenches and wrecked cars, he talked with reporters within sight of Serbs civilians peeking out their windows.

"It is a small beginning," Rose said. "So far so good, but it is a very early stage."

A government soldier, Jusim Kulenovic, was wounded by a machine-gun bullet that hit both his legs about four hours after the truce began. Kulenovic, who was posted about a half-mile from the Brotherhood and Friendship Bridge, could lose his left leg, doctors at Sarajevo's main hospital said.

It was a day for the children, who waited only a few hours after the French soldiers arrived at the front-line bridge to jump on rusted see-saws in a nearby park with knee-high grass.

British U.N. soldiers, worried about possible mines in the park, tried to a sho the children back into their buildings, but the youngsters crawled away.

"It seems that this cease-fire will be obeyed," said Altim Huljic, 15, one of a group of boys near the bridge.

A nearby Bosnian government soldier, Haris Kulevic, 26, said: "Finally, after two years, we'll be able to throw our guns away."

The Serb pledge to cease fire at noon came just hours before the NATO allies issued an ultimatum Wednesday night for the Serbs to pull back their howitzers, mortars and anti-aircraft guns or face bombing raids.

Rose said he gained a verbal agreement from the Serbs in talks Wednesday to put their heavy weapons under NATO control, but not to move them at least 15 miles from Sarajevo as demanded by NATO.

Gen. Manojlo Milovanovic, the Bosnian Serb officer who negotiated the agreement with Rose, was quoted as saying that "the withdrawal of the artillery is out of the question."

The report on his remarks by Bosnian Serb radio was monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp. in London.

Another top Serb general, Milon Gvores, said aid workers would not be allowed to leave Bosnian Serb territory if NATO attacked.

Gvores made the comments amid reports of aid workers being withdrawn for consultations and indications that Serbs were preventing some from leaving.

BUS SERVICE: Burden shifts to Public Safety to solve financial shortfall

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Lebens said the steps being taken now are only an approximatively $71,000 during the past four years, it is not nearly enough to keep up with the bus fee increases, according to Public Safety Director Joe Risser.

Lebens said he wants Risser to shift funding from other sources into the bus subsidy. He's also looking to redirect some grants.

"This single program does more to increase our average vehicle ridership than any other," he said. "You might as well put your money where the results are."

Average vehicle ridership gauges the mean number of people arriving in each single vehicle that comes on campus.

Lebens said the steps being taken now are only enough for this year, but he's searching for long-term solutions as well.

"We're looking at a couple of grant opportunities," he said.

The university needs to move as far as possible from funding its bus service through parking tickets. Because higher bus ridership means fewer cars to ticket, this creates a "downward spiral" of funding, he said.

Although San Luis Obispo's mayor and a councilmember last week blasted the university for considering a cut in bus service or a charge to students, Lebens said his decision this week was not influenced by their comments.

"They've never discussed this issue with me," he said.

Mayor Peg Pinard could not be reached for comment on Thursday.

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Los Angeles — Two policemen accused of firing shots at a California Highway Patrol officer on a busy freeway were treed on bail Thursday, authorities said.

The arrest of Officers Michael Herrera, 30, and Ted Teyechea, 29, stunned fellow lawmen at the 77th Street station, where the pair worked the graveyard shift.

"It's a sad thing. Everybody's just shocked ... disbelief, basically," Officer Terrance Mitchell told KTLA-TV.

Herrera and Teyechea were released from jail early Thursday as Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office officials tried to sort out details of the case, said Sheriff's Deputy Britta Tubbs.

The officers were arrested Wednesday afternoon after a CHP motorcycle patrolman reported that he was fired on by someone in a passing pickup while writing out a ticket on the Harbor Freeway in Gardena, said Deputy Britta Tubbs. No one was injured by the gunfire.

"There are indications that alcohol was involved," said Sheriff's spokeswoman Angie McLaughlin.

KCAL-TV reported that a test given to one officer showed his blood alcohol content was .14, while the other officer refused a test. The legal blood alcohol limit for a California driver is .08.

Deputies said they could not immediately confirm the report.

Reports that the initial shots were aimed at a Metropolitan Transit Authority bus were incorrect, Tubbs said.

In an amended press release, sheriff's investigators said the CHP officer simply heard the shots as the bus passed by.

"He turned and looked at the officers and determined they were firing at him," said Tubbs. "He had no idea these were LAPD officers."

The officers were arrested after the pickup turned onto the Artesia Freeway and became mired in a traffic jam, said Tubbs.

Two handguns and empty shell casings were recovered from the truck, said Sheriff's Lt. Ray Peavy.

The Police Department declined to answer questions about the case, including whether the officers would remain on active duty during the investigation.

"We will have no comment," said Officer Rigo Romejo.

The District Attorney's Special Investigations Division, which is responsible for prosecuting law enforcement and other public officials, and the sheriff's office were investigating the case, authorities said.

No formal case for prosecution had been submitted to the district attorney as of Thursday, said spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons.
It's 4:45 on Valentine's Day — Where's the florist?

Carolyn Nielsen

Remember when life was simple and the most stressful part of Valentine's Day was picking out the coolest valentine Thirsty's had to offer? We gave our favorite ones to our friends and the ugly ones to the nerdy guys in the class.

Now the choice is no longer between Superfriends and Smurfs. Now we walk the aisles aimlessly perusing Hallmark after Hallmark looking for that perfect sentiment. It's those "we're seeing each other" relationships where there is a preoccupation with hidden meanings that may or may not come, is transformed into a nervous disaster simply because the date happens to be Feb. 14.

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The closure of the two lanes will take place either this weekend or next weekend, Feb. 19-20.

We're still not certain when we're going to do it,” Risser said. “The roadway closing was scheduled to take place this weekend, but we may not do it until next weekend. It's going to depend on weather and when the contractor is ready to start on the project.”

Risser is advising students to try a different route to campus during the two-and-a-half years projected until the completion of the multimillion-dollar Performing Arts Center. Risser said it would be best for students to take Highland Drive and park in the lots on the north side of cam­pus.

But for those still wanting to park in the R-2 and G-5 lots, Risser said they can expect delays in getting to the lots as traffic is expected to be slow and clogged. Risser said the lane of Grand Avenue coming into cam­pus will be forced to turn left into the parking lots just north of the stoplight. The other lane coming into campus will continue to be a thoroughfare.

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The lanes leaving campus on Grand Avenue will no longer be available. However, drivers may still leave campus by using Tahoe Road to Pacifico Way, then onto Slack Street to Grand Avenue. Tahoe Road — which runs next to the Music building and Mott Gym — will no longer go through to Grand Avenue.

Risser explained that the parking spots along Pacifico Way just east of the track were block­ed this week by the PG&E project. Risser said the parking spots will not be permanently lost. Those spots are expected to be reopened to students by today or Monday.

Cal Poly Architectural Co­ordinator Peter Phillips said a predicted rainy weekend also is likely to affect the overall con­struction plan for the Performing Arts Center. Construction for the center has been delayed twice before due to funding problems, but was expected to start by the end of this month. However, March 1 now seems like a more realistic date, Phillips said.

With final approvals of the contract with Centex Golden Construction Co. of San Diego expected any day, Phillips said excavation of the site will be the first step in starting the con­struction.
The Board of Directors is examining all facets of AIS for cost savings because AIS is carrying the burden of the Children's Center debt, also more than $100,000. That debt already has forced the first ever AIS-wide hiring freeze. AIS Concert Chair Mike Wasserman said he supports the Board of Directors' actions. But as a result, negotiations with alternative rock group Nine Inch Nails have been suspended and there are no plans for future shows.

"We understand that the Children's Center has placed AIS in the hole," he said. "But you have to persevere 16 instead of 12. In a tight vote, those extra four votes could make a difference."

Law said he expects the Board of Directors to pass the moratorium at next week's meeting.

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John Lew, AIS Board vice chair, is surprised by the majority vote of the Board of Directors. And that $7,500 could be pursued would be a majority vote of the Board of Directors. And that would only occur if the Board of Directors felt the show would be creditable.

According to AIS Board Vice Chair John Lew, the third-fourth amendment was a shift to the moratorium.

"It is significant because it makes it very difficult to pass any shows costing more than $7,500," he said. "With 23 people (on the Board of Directors), you have to persuade 16 instead of 12. In a tight vote, those extra four votes could make a difference."
Poly wrestlers feast and famine in first two matches of four-match Oregon trip

The Cal Poly wrestling team began a two-day, four-campus tour of Oregon Wednesday, topping Portland State State before falling to No. 5-ranked Oregon State. As a team, the Mustangs are now 8-7 overall and 3-2 in the PAC-10 Conference.

In a 34-6 romp of Portland State, Mustang freshman Tyson Rondae started the match with a 6-4 decision in overtime in the 118-pound weight class. Currently ranked No. 3 in the nation at the 150-pound class, Mustang senior Jake Gaeir pinned Portland State's Brad Smith for his second match of the day with an 8-4 decision.

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