The night the lights went out at Poly

By Brad Davis
Daily Cay Editor

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Closer to home, Cal Poly's U. C. closed Monday night along with Kennedy Library. Library assistant Holly Richmond said that at 8:30 p.m., power at Kennedy began flickering, adding that at 9:30 p.m. the power went out and stayed out.

"The library lost its power — it came back on every 10 minutes — eight or nine times it did that," she said. "The last time the library lost power, it went out and emergency lights came on. When the lights go out, our computers go down." Richmond said she wasn't sure when power was restored, but said it was still out when they closed up shop at around 10 p.m.

"There were quite a few people here last night in the reserve room — 25 to 30 people — they really didn't want to leave," she added. "(Security) gates go out after the power goes out for a half-hour, and we have to hand check every one through. Public safety told us we could close because, at that point, campus power was down everywhere."

One Cal Poly dorm resident reported the power outage was "kind of fun." People exited dorm rooms and "hung out in the hallways."

GDP hits Clinton budget, treads gently on many of his goals

By Alan Oom
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the year's first face-to-face confrontations over President Clinton's budget, Republicans picked at the new $1.73 trillion spending plan Tuesday for swelling the size of government but stopped gently on his goals of running surpluses while improving schools and child care.

The day after Clinton introduced his fiscal 1999 blueprint, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and White House budget director Franklin Raines defended it before two congressional committees in unusually subdued sessions. GOP lawmakers promised to push deeper tax cuts and lower spending than Clinton wants, but missing were cries such as the "dead on arrival" that legislators have often used to greet budgets by presidents of the opposition party.

"I think at the end of the day we'll sit down behind closed doors and we'll work it out again," See BUDGET page 7

New spot opens in town to bring community closer

By Nicole Belt
Daily Staff Writer

Body, mind and spirit can unite under one roof to discover inner strength and social cohesion at The Watershed, a communal gathering place which opened downtown in The Creamery on Higuera Street.

Amidst the sounds of the babbling creek, members can gather in a sky-lit room, filled with hanging plants and colorful tapestries, to engage in everything from meditation and massage to political activism.

The Watershed's mission is to "provide individuals with the opportunity to discover the power within themselves, and recognize the magnificence in others, thereby collectively illuminating a path which is in harmony with a natural and universal power."

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Sing Happy Birthday to Washington

If you're relying on the class schedule to tell you when you get a precious three-day weekend, then you're going to enter a very empty campus Monday Feb. 16. A misprint in the class schedule, and some other campus publications, lists Feb. 21 as the observance of the first president's birthday, but there are classes on that Monday. There will be no classes on Feb. 16, and offices will be closed as well, so enjoy the day off.

Deadline for voter registration creeping up

Monday, Feb. 9 is the last chance for San Luis Obispo County residents to register to vote in the March 10 special election for the congressional seat left open by the death of Walter Camp. Registered voters who have changed their residence or mailing address, or their name, need to re-register by Feb. 9 as well. Also on Monday, absentee ballots will be available. March 3 is the last day for absentee ballots to be mailed out. Applications for absentee ballots are available from the elections division and will be sent to all registered voters with their sample ballots.

Registration forms are available throughout the county at post offices, city halls, libraries, banks, notary offices, utility companies and the County Clerk-Recorder's Office in San Luis Obispo and Atascadero.

Miss America comes to Poly

Here she is, Miss America. Here she is, at Cal Poly, talking about HIV education. Kate Shindle, Miss America 1998, will be the keynote speaker at the Second Annual HIV Educational Summit on Feb. 18 in the University Union.

Shindle's visit is part of her national speaking tour as Miss America called "On the Way to a Cure: Preventing HIV Transmission in America."

Registration for the HIV Educational Summit starts at 9 a.m. next Wednesday, and the conference lasts until 4 p.m. The luncheon where Shindle will speak starts at 12 p.m. For more information, call 756-6509 or 784-5540.

Board of Directors position vacant

The ASI Board of Directors has an opening for a member of the college of engineering to fill.

Elections for the position will be held this evening from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in U.U. room 220.

If you always wanted to be a leader, this is your opportunity to get in on the action. For more information call Ben Miskie at 594-1297 or Nicole Waring at 543-9914 or the ASI executive office at 756-1291.

TelCom Semiconductor will be hosting an Information Meeting on Wednesday, February 4th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, in the Staff Dining Room “B” located at the Dining Complex. All interested students are welcome.

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All of the events are put on by community volunteers who are eager to share something with others. Many of them want to present information that interests them, but is not necessarily related to their profession.

The events emphasize participation and community action. The hosts are there to facilitate activities, not just to lecture.

Friday night's theme will be ecological/political action, and will focus on ways that the community can come together and use its voice in a strong enough way to make changes.

"Meetings will emphasize what we can do as a community so that the forces of the real community are being expressed rather than the forces of the big money," Westcott said.

He said the Hearst proposal as an example of a time when the community voiced enough opposition to make a difference. He felt that all the money behind the Hearst Corp. was not enough in this case because they did not represent what the majority of the community wanted.

Westcott lived all over the country before calling San Luis Obispo home. He said he feels that this town is a very special place with a lot of potential to be a great place to live, if the community bond is strengthened.

By day, Westcott owns a computer business, and by night he organizes Watershed activities. Westcott said he was impressed with the turnout at the first function, the open house.

"The open house consisted of a gathering at The Watershed for massage and conversation, then there was a dance afterward at the Oddfellows Hall where three bands played free of charge."

"Generous volunteers are what allowed Westcott to open the Watershed and keep membership donations on low."
Secretaries say thanks

Editor,

The Cal Poly Department Secretaries wish to thank the campus community for its support and the attempts to achieve greater fairness in minority enrollment. We are encouraged and touched by the faculty, students and other staff who joined us in expressing our appreciation. We are currently in positive discussions with the Administration, and believe that both sides do want to resolve the problem. We also want to clarify the point that Departmental Secretaries who are reclassified will not receive a $850 raise, but rather, a 5-percent raise.

The Steering Committee for 38 Departmental Secretaries.

Street idiots

Editor,

This is my second year at Cal Poly. For the second year I am extremely frustrated by pedestrians. For a school with such intelligent people, there sure is a lot of people who don't seem to care. I've seen all sorts of people go on the sidewalk and not even notice someone who was stepping out. I mean, we've got a lot of people of who are too lazy to walk ten feet to a crosswalk and just run down the street. This is not only a traffic issue but also a safety issue. I don't think it's necessarily the fault of the pedestrians, but rather the rest of us. If we could all just do our part and be a little more aware, maybe we could really make a difference.

Dear Cal Poly,

I received the Glenn A. Hubbard Memorial scholarship from the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association. I received a notification stating that Cal Poly requires me to send a copy of a 'thank you' letter to the university. I greatly appreciate the scholarship and have personally thanked them. It is absolutely absurd that I have to send Cal Poly proof of thanking the donors. This requirement should be removed immediately. It disgusts me, as a tuition-paying student, to think the bureaucracy has grown so large that we have to check each scholarship recipient to make sure a token note of thanks has been produced. I am alarmed by the increasingly paternalistic nature of Cal Poly. I, along with many Cal Poly students, am an adult, please treat us as such.

Scott A. Stearns is a general engineering senior.

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DOMINO'S PIZZA
In the doghouse Spotlight guilt

By Joe Nolan

Anyone who says that we should leave the President alone because what he does in his personal life is none of our business is either naive or is grasping for any lame excuse to defend a poor vote in ‘96.

In case you haven’t been paying attention, the American public is going to wise up. That is why the Clinton presidency has his highest approval rating ever now, and he is showing us why he deserved to get re-elected.

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We Americans are fascinated by scandal. The higher the status of the person involved in the issue, the bigger the scandal. When the person involved is the leader of our country, the news is going to be huge. However, an unfortunate price for the status of being in the spotlight is that the person becomes guilty until proven innocent.

If it were Joe Six-pack with intern Monica Lewinsky, you wouldn’t hear a peep about it. President Clinton, has not been proven to have done anything wrong. Everything that has been presented against him is speculation. There have been incidents in the past where the President has put his moral judgment on the line, but he admitted his wrong doing. This time, however, he emphatically denied having “any sexual relations with that woman.”

The news media has fallen victim to the ratings game. Last week was sweeps week for the networks. What could sell better than the man who is in charge of the most powerful nation in the world involved in an alleged sexual scandal with a young woman? It would receive more attention that most soap operas.

In case you haven’t noticed, the President Clinton has his highest approval rating ever now, and he is showing us why he deserved to get re-elected.

But, do you remember Jennifer Flowers? Okay, you don’t believe Flowers, but what about Whitewater? Okay, you don’t think the shredded papers would have proven anything incriminating, so what about Paula Jones’ sexual harassment suit? Okay, that case is in progress, so what about Lewinsky? When is the American public going to wise up?

That is why this case is so important. This could finally be the evidence to prove to the ignorant that this is a man we can’t trust. Think about it, if his own wife can’t trust him, why should we?

This case goes further than how much the American public should trust Clinton; it also has to do with how the President represents our country.

As syndicated columnist Thomas Sowell said, “A president whose influence - whose credibility and moral stature - have been reduced by tawdry and ridiculous behavior is not in the same position as a leader that the country and the world looks up to.”

Whether people like it or not, the United States sets an example for the rest of the world. So every time Clinton gets himself involved in another scandal, people must realize that the world is watching.

There are many Clinton supporters who know that this is an important issue, but feel they need to defend their presidential vote.

I can sympathize with this outlook because I realize that it’s human nature to get defensive when you have a choice you made is not working out like you had hoped. I’m sure if we were a Republican in office, the roles would be reversed.

But there isn’t a Republican in office, and anyone who supports the president by saying that republican presidents have done things just as bad are too concerned with saying, “I’m right, and you’re wrong.” instead of taking care of the issue at hand. If you can put aside party affiliation for one second, you would realize that the possibility of the President of the United States of America asking a young intern he had sexual relations with to lie under oath is a major issue.

There are also people who say that this isn’t an important issue until all the facts come out. This doesn’t work because whenever you’re dealing with a powerful man, especially the President, there are three things that could come out as the facts: the actual truth, the facts according to Bill Clinton, or speculation on what may have happened. Since the presidency is so important, the last two are most likely. That means people need to be able to look at the whole situation and make up their own mind.

There are always republicans and democrats who are so stubborn and so ignorant that they will downplay any major issue that involves their party. These are the people who will tell you that the President’s latest scandal isn’t important. Luckily, there are still people who realize, regardless of their own party affiliation, when the President’s own conduct jeopardizes the integrity of the most important position in the world.

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And Clinton’s ratings keep dropping since his allegations were proven false.

“Eviscer Kenneth Starr trying to convince a Washington jury to convert the president for having consensual sex with an adult, which is what this sorry case comes down to, using probably inadmissible tapes illegally acquired and obvious entrapment for evidence.”

President Clinton has been through a lot during his career as a politician. He had to deal with another affair charge with Jennifer Flowers, the continuing Whitewater property investigation, the improper campaign funding issue and the Paula Jones civil suit. He still managed to run the country effectively. I can’t see Al Gore doing as good a job as Clinton has.

NBC has been polling the public and from what they say, most Americans are tired of hearing about the allegations.

“It will go away, it will pass, the president will remain in office.” Lewinsky’s lawyer, William Ginsburg, said Sunday on NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

It would be a huge mistake for the country if Clinton were forced to resign or was impeached. Like him or not, the man has done some great things for the country. Lower taxes, balanced budget, he’s attempting to get Social Security, he wants to hire more teachers, raise minimum wage again, and was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize by three members of the Norwegian parliament for his foreign policy accomplishments.

John Broder of The New York Times wrote, “Fewer politicians of his generation or any other could have pulled off a performance like that of Clinton during the State of the Union address on Tuesday night.” Clinton ignored the allegations and did his job. He said what he wanted to do, and his past record shows he will do it. I can’t seem to find that same vision and persistence in Al Gore.

The media needs to get out of the president’s bedroom. Any problems that he has there are between him and his wife.

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power was on. The recording also provided an update on weather.

Cal Poly energy and utility manager Ed Johnson said the power feed into the university was still damaged as of late Monday and power was being restored by PG&E.

"We have one feed from Poly Canyon. So PG&E had to feed us from another direction. We're still being fed that way," he said, "there are whole substations down ... (PG&E) is scrambling."

"A lot of trees went down Monday night and that's what the big problem is, ... we lost four trees, on campus, some really nice ones ... and lots and lots of branches.

That's what's been causing all the chaos—taking down the electrical lines to restore them."

Johnson added that no serious damage has been reported and that he was looking forward to Tuesday night's storm, which by the time this report was written, was said to look as bad as Monday night's battering.

While Cal Poly was still in the mode of business-as-usual Monday, Cuesta College and the San Luis Obispo Unified School District took the day off due to conditions created by the blustery weather.

Cuesta's main information line posted a recording which reported that the college was closed for the remainder of the day and evening because of emergency conditions.

Anyone needing additional information was encouraged to contact local TV and radio stations for updates.

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BUDGET

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with last summer's budget agree- ment, the Senate Budget Committee chairman, Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, told Raines that in June Democrats were "living more teachers are all very won- derful and powerful objectives," said Clinton, but he added, as Rubin appeared before the Senate Budget Committee.

The GOP proposals reflected the poll-tested domestic initiatives that dominated Clinton's budget plan — plus its 89.6 billion over plus, which if achieved would be Washington's largest since 1990.

"If you use the form-group atti- tude to budgets and pick every- thing their program advocacy you can have a highly popular budget, and that's what he's got," said Rep. Rob Livingston, R-La., who chairs the House Appropriations Committee. "That leaves it up to us to do the dirty work" and make sure there is no excessive spending.

The GOP cut also under scored that many of them may end up working with Clinton to achieve some of his objectives, though in different form. Child care tax credits, increases for Head Start and transportation, an expansion of charter schools operating under less government control, and using money extract- ed from the tobacco industry are all Clinton goals that many Republicans could embrace. In fact, Kasich added a new twist on tobacco Tuesday. He sug- gested to reporters that if a settle- ment with the tobacco industry cannot be exacted, Republicans might consider simply raising the cigarette tax and using the pro- ceeds for an income tax cut.

Clinton has proposed using $55.5 billion over five years that may come from tobacco legisla- tion, plus billions more from increased taxes and user fees, to finance an array of programs.

They include school construction, day-care block grants to states and an array of anti-smoking ini-

The administration officials expressed confidence that their agenda would prevail over the GOP's preference for deeper tax cuts.

"Let's put them both on the table" and let the voters decide, Raines said.

But that didn't stop Republicans from challenging Clinton's preference for limited tax cuts, such as child care credits for middle-income people and breaks for people who purchase cars that are energy-efficient.

"If the taxpayer jumps through the hoops you want them to jump through, then they get tax cred- its," Kasich told Raines. "We're for a broad-based tax cut."

And at the Senate budget panel, committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said Clinton's plans for $150 billion over five years in spending increases and tax credits was too high.

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**SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY**
- Men’s basketball vs. Long Beach State in Mott Gym at 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**
- Women’s basketball vs. Long Beach State at Long Beach at 7 p.m.
- Men’s Tennis vs. U.C. Santa Barbara at Santa Barbara at 12 p.m.

**SATURDAY**
- Softball vs. St. Mary’s at Cal Poly softball field at 12 and 2 p.m.
- Wrestling at California Collegiate Tournament in San Francisco at 9 a.m.
- Wheelchair at U.C. San Diego for road race

**SUNDAY**
- Wheelchair at U.C. San Diego for criterion
- Women’s basketball vs. University of the Pacific at Stockton at 2 p.m.

**CRAFTON PLAYS WITH INTENSITY**

By Andi Joseph
Daily Cal Writer

Cal Poly didn’t recruit her, nor did any other university, but Kelly Crafton plays basketball with intensity which makes that fact hard to believe.

Women’s basketball head coach Faith Mimnaugh said Crafton is as driven as athletes come.

"If we had a team of Kelly Crafton, we’d be in real business," Mimnaugh said. "Her greatest strength is that she has a fire in her, a burning desire to be the best she can be in everything. She’s really got a god-send for our team.

Crafton was originally headed for University of Arizona and rather than play basketball, she was going to "just be a regular student." But a chance meeting with Marv Concepts, the Cal Poly women’s assistant coach, at a basketball tournament changed her plans.

"She asked, ‘Why aren’t you playing just to play, but not the way I go? I want to get better at stration, and I want to be consistent. My parents because of them selves," she said. "My mom has always taught me, on and off the court, to carry yourself like I was on a basketball court, not just raisi me very well and I look up to them because of the way they would act and how they taught me.’"

Where the future is concerned, Crafton said it’s a little early to decide for sure where she wants basketball to take her. But she said coaching is ruled-out.

"I don’t know if I’d ever be a head coach or anything like that because that’s a lot of stress and I don’t know if I’d be able to handle that. There are so many situations," Crafton said.

Coach Mimnaugh said Crafton has done nothing but impress her since her arrival at Cal Poly.

"I’ve been impressed with what she brings to our team with her competitiveness," Mimnaugh said. "She’s the kind of kid who doesn’t mind contact, she loves to bang, she’s just got a true grit about her."

For this recreation administration freshman basketball was just one among many sports that she played growing up. She said she began playing basketball in the third or fourth grade.

"It’s like playing basketball and tennis a little bit, but when high school came around, I decided on basketball because I just had more talent in basketball than anything else," Crafton said.

At Point Loma High School in San Diego, Crafton played varsity for three years. But her senior year was spent elsewhere.

"For six of us on the team (at Point Loma) left the team because of an incident with the coaching staff, and so my senior year I went to University of San Diego High School," she said.

Crafton helped lead the team to become the Western Champions during her senior year. She was also the Western League Player of the Year at University of San Diego High School.

Though the awards have come with much effort, Crafton said there are a few aspects of her game she is working on.

"I need to be consistent," she said. "Because I’m a freshman, I’m kind of playing just to play, but not the way I go. I want to get better at shooting and running."

In frequently has been cited by IOC officials as the sport most in danger of being dropped from the Olympics. As the games get bigger and bigger, the IOC has continued to add new sports without eliminating any.

Women’s basketball will have 16 competitors, the same as the men’s event. To secure women’s participation in what has been a male-dominated sport, the international federation of modern pentathlon decided to keep the total number of competitors the same at 32.

Sydney officials said the move boosts the total proportion of female athletes to 42 percent, an increase of 5 percent over the previous record at the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Women’s water polo and women’s weightlifting.

Now, in the latest bid to ensure a record number of female athletes at the Sydney Olympics, get ready for women’s pentathlon.

The decision Sunday by the International Olympic Committee’s executive board to add women’s pentathlon to the competition not only boosts the total number of female athletes at the next Summer Games to a record level, but it also could save the sport from extinction.

Modern pentathlon is one of the original Olympic sports, dating to the 1896 games in Athens. It combines horseback riding, fencing, shooting and running.

IOC accuses U.S. pro sports of ignoring drug testing.

"It was the IOC which started the fight against doping," Samuragochi said. "I’m not the only one who speaks about our country’s athletes, but this is not against them."

"I’ve already been involved in some of these drugs, but not the other ones," Samuragochi said.

"The American market is in the wake of recent doping scandals, including several Chinese drug cases at last month’s World swimming championships in Australia, which has tarnished the image of Olympic sports," Samuragochi said.

Samuragochi did not single out which organizations were involved in drug testing. But IOC officials, including the highest-ranking American in the Olympic movement, said Samuragochi’s remarks were directed mainly at pro sports in the United States such as football, basketball, baseball and hockey.

While football is not an Olympic sport, professional baseball and basketball compete in the games and NHL players will make their Olympic debut at this month’s Nagano Games.

The Olympics have also opened the door to pro baseball players, though major leaguers are not expected to compete in Sydney 2000.

"We have achieved this without increasing the total number of athletes (10,269) previously approved by the IOC for the Games," said Peter Ueberroth, chairman of the Sydney 2000 organizing committee.

"The Sydney Games will now have women participating in every sport except boxing, wrestling and baseball," said Michael Knight, president of the Australian Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games. With softball and synchronized swimming being exclusive women’s sports, the balance of representation has been further boosted.

The inclusion of women’s pentathlon brings the total number of medal events in Sydney to 127, compared with 273 in Atlanta.

"Our position was that we wanted to see more women competitors if possible," John Coates, president of the Australian Organizing Committee, said. "We have achieved this without increasing the total number of athletes (10,269) previously approved by the IOC for the Games."