Quick response to fire at SLO building site limits damage

By Yokinda Fisher
Staff Writer

Firefighters responded quickly to a two-alarm fire at an apartment complex in San Luis Obispo Thursday night, August 15.

The San Luis Obispo Fire Department received numerous 911 reports of a structure on fire in the Donnington Motel at 9:17 p.m. The first fire units were on the scene in three minutes.

The city sent all four engines, a ladder truck, rescue squad and 24 firefighters. One engine from Cal Poly responded along with two off-duty California Department of Forestry firefighters.

Fire Chief Bob Neumann said that upon arrival, firefighters found flames shooting out of the front windows of the two-story, 32-unit building currently under construction on 604 Henderson Ave. The fire was contained within 20 minutes. Damage was limited to half of one ten-unit structure.

According to developer John King, the structure is valued at $850,000. Initial estimates of fire damage are under $100,000.

Most of the off-duty firefighters were downtown at Farmer's Market raising $700 for the Alisa Ann Ruch California Burn Foundation.

This gave us immediate access to the additional manpower we needed to stop this fire," Neumann said.

Members of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority may be losing the Donnington Motel in fall if zoning changes are approved by the city.

Christine James, president of the sorority, said the building, which is not yet a sorority house, should be finished around mid-September. "The fire damaged four of the rooms. We were really lucky. This fire wasn't a set-back," she said.

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Power outage leaves 14 Poly buildings dark

■ Short in main powerline under Mustang Stadium is the cause.

By David Beck
Editorial Staff

A short in a main powerline on the south side of campus early Wednesday resulted in a power outage that affected 14 university buildings.

The power outage, which occurred at about 6:50 p.m., affected the following buildings, according to Plant Operations: the President's House, Health Center, Graphic Arts, Air Conditioning East, Chase Hall, Heron Hall, Jespersen Hall, Mustang Stadium, Kendall Gym, Old Power Plant, Student Services and the cottages.

By about 4:30 p.m., power had been restored to all the buildings except Mustang Stadium, Jespersen Hall, Heron Hall and the cottages, said Bob Pattee, associate director of Plant Operations.

He said Jespersen Hall, Heron Hall and the cottages would be powered by emergency generators until the short is repaired. Outside contractors are expected to examine the short on Friday.

Pattee said the short occurred under the north breakers of Mustang Stadium, but that he was not sure what caused it. "We won't know until we pull up that portion of the powerline," he said.

The power outage affected some buildings more severely than others.

In Air Conditioning East, several business classes and all computer labs were closed due to the black-out, said Jeff Nadel, Academic Computing Services lab manager.

In the Graphic Arts Bldg., Mustang Daily, KCPR radio and University Graphic Systems, were all impacted by the power outage.

Mustang Daily was forced to move its

Future of Poly athletics left in hands of students

By Peter Hartlaub
Staff Writer

An administration official announced that in fall 1991, Cal Poly will have a referendum to allow students to vote on increases in tuition to save the athletic program.

CSU budget cuts caused the Cal Poly Athletic Department to take a 20 percent budget cut for the 1991-92 year amounting to $285,000.

Robert Koob, vice president for Academic Affairs, said the future of Cal Poly athletics will depend on the will of the students.

"The students are going to have to decide whether they want an athletic program comparable to what we've had in the past," Koob said.

"We can't raise student fees ourselves. The only way student fees can be raised is with a referendum." Koob said that traditionally, athletics have been supported by two sources: the Cal Poly programmatic budget and outside support.

The student fee support includes both booster donations and student funding through tuition.

While Koob mentioned the possibility of saving a sport through independent, off-campus donations, he said the referendum is the last chance for all sports to be saved.

"There is really nothing administration can do to save a sport," Koob said. "At some point, an unknown godfather could save a sport under the cut, but that isn't something anyone can count on."

Koob said he expected Cal Poly President Warren Baker to contact independent donors if it is needed to save a sport.

He also said the idea for the referendum in the athletic department is not new.

"The athletic department and the IRA (Instructional Related Activities) have been planning this for some time," Koob said. "Probably since the fees have been needed."

Students will decide the athletic program's fate next quarter in a referendum this fall, officials said.

The Instructional Related Activities Board, who will sponsor the referendum, has funded similar projects in the past.

The Rec Sports building was funded by a similar student vote.

In that case students elected to pay $31 per quarter of their fees for an indefinite period to help fund the project.

Neither Koob nor the athletic department would comment on the projected addition to fees an athletics referendum would add to student tuition.

In a June Summer Mustang interview, Assistant Athletic Director Marilyn McNeil said that without outside fund raising, Cal Poly athletics could be cut to eight sports.

McNeil said that men's and women's basketball, track, x-country and tennis would be the surviving sports, although she said that all sports would remain in the fall.

McNeil said cuts would be made through the salaries of coaches, and consequently, whole programs would need to be cut without some form of outside support.

The average full-time Cal Poly coach makes $42,000 with an additional $12,000 in benefits.

Since the June 24 interview, the athletic department has remained quiet concerning possible cuts to Cal Poly sports.

Athletic Director Ken Walker's only comment was that the athletic department was planning on a referendum in the fall and said November is the target date.

Both Koob and the ASI office said that without some form of outside support, the athletic department feels uncomfortable talking about the referendum.

Koob said that the athletic department feels uncomfortable talking about the referendum because they are "uncomfortable telling precisely what will happen until all the cards are dealt."

"One of the reasons that the athletic department feels uncomfortable talking about the referendum is that they can never be sure whether it will happen or not," Koob said.

Frank Labens, interim vice president for Business Affairs, was unavailable for comment concerning the referendum.

The ASI office said Labens knew more details about the referendum procedure.

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Gorbachev returns to power; coup crumbles

MOSCOW (AP) - Mikhail S. Gorbachev was said to be returning to Moscow Wednesday as the coup against him by hard-liners crumbled. Military units deployed after the takeover were withdrawing from the capital and the coup's leaders reportedly fled.

In further signs of the coup's collapse, press restrictions were lifted and Gorbachev's foreign minister resurfaced at a news conference and denounced the coup.

Outside the Russian parliament, which served as the headquarters for Boris Yeltsin, leader of the resistance to the eight hard-liners who staged the coup on Monday, repealing crowds cheered and waved flags. President Bush said Wednesday he spoke to Mikhail Gorbachev, who told him the coup was over and he was returning to Moscow Wednesday night or Thursday.

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Ireland: Israel could help return hostages

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - An Irish lawmaker returning from talks in Iran says Israel could speed the release of the 11 Western hostages held in Lebanon by freeing some of the hundreds of Arabs it is holding. David Andrews was part of a delegation of European lawmakers who met with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

Andrews told the Irish independent radio station Century Tuesday that if Israel freed Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid and others, Western hostages held by pro-Iranian groups might be released "in days rather than weeks."

NEW YORK (AP) - Helmet-clad police patrolled the streets today in a Brooklyn neighborhood where long-simmering tensions between blacks and Hasidic Jews erupted in two nights of deadly violence touched off by an auto accident.

The rioting first broke out Monday after a car in the motorcade of a Hasidic sect's grand rabbi struck and killed a black 7-year-old. Hours later a rabbinical student was stabbed to death in what authorities said was retaliation.

More rioting erupted Tuesday night after black community leaders marched a line of 200 supporters to the scene of the accident to demand the driver's arrest.

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State wildfires below last year's statistics

SACRAMENTO (AP) - Wildfires would usually have raging over more than 70,000 acres by now, but losses have been a tenth the average in what firefighters have dubbed "the year that summer forgot California."

The toll is a whopping 96 percent below last year's acreage losses by this time, fire experts said Tuesday.

The low numbers are reflected in this county, as well.

So far only 45 acres have burned this year, compared to 800 acres last year, said Dick Caddy, CDP spokesman.

In an average year with normal rainfall, this county loses about 4,200 acres to wildfires, he said.

Farmers not allowed to sell surplus water

SACRAMENTO (AP) - An Assembly bill aimed at giving farmers greater freedom to sell surplus water to thirsty city dwellers during droughts was rejected by the Senate Agriculture and Water Committee on Tuesday, triggering angry criticism of Gov. Pete Wilson by the bill's author.

Introduced in response to worsening drought conditions, the bill is supported by major urban water users in northern and southern California and by leading environmental protection organizations. It is opposed by water districts in agricultural areas, whose powers would be diminished, and by other farming interests.

The committee agreed, however, to reconsider the proposal during the 1992 legislative session.

City Council allows increase in garbage rates

San Luis Obispo City Council approved an 18 percent increase in SLO Garbage Company rates Tuesday night.

The rate increase, which is effective Sept. 1, will effect both premium and general services.

Economy service will remain the same. The economy service rate is $1 per bag of garbage. This service is designed to encourage residents to recycle by charging a low rate per bag of garbage as opposed to charging a monthly rate.

SLO Garbage Co., which is under contract with the city, approaches the council every two years to renew the contract. At that time increases are discussed.

The company went before the council in 1990 where it received a 10 percent increase for the next two years. The company reapplied to the council this year because the Cold Canyon Landfill increased its rates.

Council members Peg Pinatar and Bill Realman did not approve the increase because they felt SLO Garbage Co. will be back in one year to increase the economy service rates.

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School of Liberal Arts to cut 16 faculty posts

By Lori Lautenschleger Staff Writer

The School of Liberal Arts will be cutting back 16 faculty positions in the upcoming school year in order to meet their $755,000 budget cuts, said Harry Sharp, associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts.

The school, however, will not be phasing out any programs, Sharp said.

Sidney Ribeau, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, department heads and Sharp decided in the spring not to replace 16 positions for the 1991-92 school year.

Sharp said that no layoffs have been made because all 16 positions were occupied by faculty members who are retiring, resigning or are temporary instructors who will not be rehired for next year.

The rest of the cuts will be spread across the department, although some will be larger than others, Sharp said.

"Some of it depends, in a given year, on immediate situations in a department," Sharp said.

"If the department has several people on leave, we might reduce them a little more than another."

The number of faculty will be fewer than last year, Sharp said, but "will be more than the year before." Twenty-five new temporary positions were added in the 1990-91 school year, but this year only nine of the new positions will be kept.

The result will be fewer classes offered by the School of Liberal Arts in the coming year, Sharp said.

Sharp estimates that there will be about 60 fewer sections under the School of Liberal Arts each quarter.

These classes will include GE classes such as English, history and philosophy, he said.

"We're not going to not offer any course that is required for a major, but if the department was teaching it every quarter, it may be offered only twice a year," Sharp said.

"It's up to the students to know when the classes will be offered and take them then."

Students may feel the pinch from additional cuts to School of Arch

By Patricia Allen Staff Writer

The School of Architecture and Environmental Design will be making even more budget cuts than it originally anticipated and fears the students will feel the effects, said Richard Zweifel, associate dean.

Zweifel said the school had already come up with a plan to cut the $432,000 needed from next year's budget. But now the Chancellor's office has announced that some of the proposed cutbacks will not generate the savings the school had expected.

Zweifel said the dean of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design had a plan to reduce lecturer positions from all the departments in order to save their salaries and benefits. He has already cut 5.7 full positions.

The school was told last week that the amount expected to be saved from those employees' benefits has been reduced. The school now is being asked to make up a difference of $60,480.

Zweifel said in addition to lecturer positions, there are going to be reductions in equipment money, operations money and student assistant funds.

Reductions in student assistant funds would mean fewer job opportunities for students within the school.

"Each department can hire students to help out in clerical duties, help in labs, be teacher assistants. We will be cutting back on that," he said.

The instructional equipment being reduced includes computers and tools for the classrooms. "There will be fewer things around for the students to use," he added.

Zweifel said the school is in the process of developing the new budget plan this week.

The new reductions will be teacher assistants. We will be cutting back on that," he said.

The School of Business is being asked to make up a portion of the seven positions which have left.

"Some of it depends, in a given year, on immediate situations in a department," Sharp said.

"If the department has several people on leave, we might reduce them a little more than another."

Students should be able to take the same classes during fall as were offered during previous fall quarters, Armstrong said. However, there is the possibility of offering fewer sections with more students per class.

"To my knowledge, there have not been any classes we haven't been able to fill for this fall," she said. "We won't leave critical classes uncovered."

The critical classes will be defined by the department heads, she said.

In order to cushion the impact of these cuts, Armstrong said that each department will also try to recruit more part-time instructors to replace the seven full-time faculty members who have left.

A portion of the seven positions will be filled by part-time instructors, Armstrong, however. See BUSINESS, page 7

Business school hopes students will not feel cuts

By Jane Phillips Staff Writer

The School of Business is hoping their impending budget cut of approximately $266,000 will have a much smaller impact on the students than what might be expected, said Mary Beth Armstrong, associate dean.

Armstrong said students will probably not feel the impact of those cuts barring any new budget surprises from the administration.

"It's important people realize that these are not one time cuts..."  — William Boyes, School of Business
American journalists did not accurately, responsibly report the Soviet Union coup

By Peter Hartlaub

The American media covered the crisis in the Soviet Union with all of the objectivity and accuracy the WWF puts into their coverage of professional wrestling.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the coup has failed, but the impression that print and television news gave of the situation was altered by a sensationalized account of the events surrounding the Parliament building in Moscow.

Wednesday's coverage was restricted to video interviews with people on the scene near the Parliament building and phone interviews with journalists in the Parliament building. While the actions going on in this area were important, they were only a small cross-section on the big picture. Media transmissions were restricted in areas outside the parliament, but radio or phone contact should have been made in areas such as Leningrad, the Baltic states and Crimea, the area where Gorbachev was held.

In the breaking hours of the crisis, CNN had one camera on the same small group of protesters in the Parliament area and kept interviews limited to pro-democracy activists of that group. Some contact should have been made with more volatile areas such as Estonia and Latvia, and there should have been a cross-section of views from all Soviet people.

One fact that was almost never mentioned on CNN, NBC, and CBS news (the three stations I watched during the crisis) was that the majority of the Soviet people have been dissatisfied with the job that Mikhail Gorbachev has been doing.

In the first day of coverage, CNN repeatedly gave the impression that the struggle for power involved eight men and the military against the rest of the nation. CNN repeatedly interviewed pro-democracy activists and kept their coverage exclusively to pro-democracy areas without any explanation about what was going on in the rest of the nation. Television journalism was not the only form of media acting in a biased manner towards the democrats in the Soviet crisis. On Tuesday, the Los Angeles Times splashed its first three pages with news on the pro-democratic revolutions surrounding the Parliament while mentioning the hundreds of thousands of reform supporters in Red Square on page five.

Democracy in the Soviet Union is important for the future of the United States, but the media should not have been blinded to other opinions of the Soviet people. The fact that there was enough of a division in opinion to oust Mikhail Gorbachev and take over the military means that there are some other powerful views in the Soviet Union. These opinions should have been expressed, not forgotten.

During the coup crisis, the media repeatedly reported the importance of the Soviet people's fight for freedom, and it is true that this is a necessary issue. There are some other truths in the Soviet Union that also must be addressed.

The ten-thousand activists covered by the media near the Parliament building were only a fraction of the hundreds of millions of Soviet people and the ten-thousand activists held only a fraction of their views.

In the Soviet Union, many people are starving. There are many flaws in the new democratic Soviet economy that have caused the country to receive tens of billions of dollars in support.

In the Soviet Union, it costs a week's salary to buy a nine-pack of Chicken McNuggets. The coup leaders were not responsible for all of the problems in the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union will not live happily ever after. The Soviet Union will be a nation in turmoil for a long time. It is a truth that the irresponsible American media is not ready to recognize.
Registration delayed after power outage shuts down CAPTURE for one day

By Ann Garrett
Staff Writer

The CAPTURE registration system was besiegled with a series of glitches last week.

Tom Zuur, project leader of Student Information System Plus, said registration was entirely shut down on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Zuur said a power outage on July 30 caused the CAPTURE failure.

"We should have had a thousand people register on Wednesday," Zuur said.

"It is like a 1000 people trying to go through one door."

— Art Chapman, ICO

"We had to back those people up so they were coming in Thursday and Friday."

CAPTURE was extended until 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and was continued on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Another glitch has delayed registration generally throughout the registration period.

In July, the software system was changed from SIS to SIS Plus.

The new software was not communicating adequately with VOCOM, the telephone answering and computer reception center for CAPTURE, Zuur said.

Lines were not being hung up promptly at the end of calls, he said.

"I think maybe 10 to 15 percent of the time the phone lines were not available," said Art Chapman, director of instructional computing and operations.

Zuur said the "all circuits are busy" signal was a result of blocked phone lines because the phone traffic was so heavy.

"Normally we have it set so there is a reasonable flow coming in," Zuur said.

"We have about 450 to 500 people coming in on the morning and another 500 in the afternoon."

"It is like a thousand people trying to go through one door," Chapman said.

"If everybody dialed every ten minutes, they would probably get in just as fast."

The phones are now functioning at 100 percent, Chapman said.

Zuur said the problem has been found and taken care of.

The warm voice that says "Welcome to CAPTURE," resides in a box approximately three feet by three feet by one and a half feet. The box is called, VOCOM.

No one mans the box, although it is checked for errors on a computer screen.

Flashing red and green buttons indicate whether the 32 lines are busy.

Zuur said approval has been given for the addition of another VOCOM box with another 32 lines.

"It is one of the high priorities and it has approval," he said.

The cost is approximately $100,000.

Zuur said the new box would probably be installed later in the academic year.

Chapman said a queuing system where calls would be received in sequence has been considered.

"Some are real fancy and tell you where you are in the queue," Chapman said.

"It is a significant amount of money for such a system."

"The money we have this year will be direct at additional lines," Zuur said.

Co-op program survives cuts by allocating duties

By Cathy Cameron
Staff Writer

Although more than 40 percent of its budget has been cut, the cooperative education program at Cal Poly is still strong, said Richard Equinoa, director of Cooperative Education.

Despite rumors that there will be no co-op program at all next year, Equinoa said it is still a full service program, said Equinoa.

The co-op program was being restructured when the budget cuts were announced, Equinoa said.

The main changes that will take place in the co-op program will be administration ones, he said.

The number of employees in the central office of the program has been reduced from 8 to 4, Equinoa said.

As a result, resources and responsibilities previously handled by the co-op program will be shifted to different academic departments, he said.

The remaining employees will handle the front end of the co-op process helping students with the basics of career planning, counseling and developing job search skills.

"We are taking the preparatory phase and spreading it out among Career Services personnel," Equinoa said.

Cooperative Education will try to channel students through established workshops to compensate for the cut in employees.

Faculty from the student's individual departments will deal with the student during their co-ops.

"We will handle the more administrative part of the co-ops and have more limited student contact," he said.

Equinoa said he hopes the shift toward the academic departments will help students who take co-ops be better able to tie in their co-op experiences with what they learn in the classroom.

He said he also hopes that academic departments who work closely with the co-op program will start to give "more consideration to blending co-ops into the curriculum."

Equinoa said about 500 students account for 800 to 900 co-op placements a year.

"We are still going strong," he said, "we're just doing things a little differently."

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Rick Uc, a technician for the CAPTURE system, has been working on the Vocom unit 1, shown here, for the last three years. There are many people that work on the CAPTURE system, and Rick is only one of them. He turns the Vocom unit on every day at 6:30 a.m. so that students can register.

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School of Ag deciding how to implement cuts

By Karla Hale
Staff Writer

The decision on how to implement Cal Poly's second largest budget cut is still being considered by the School of Agriculture, said Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Resources, A. Charles Crab. Crab said the decisions have not been made because of additional budget cuts made this summer. Rumors that the sheep and swine units are being eliminated or that the Ornamental Horticulture department is merging with Landscape Architecture are false, said Rob Rutherford, Animal Science professor and sheep specialist.

The School of Agriculture's Dean, Lark Carter, could not be reached for comment.

Crabb said the additional budget cuts occurred when the California Faculty Association rejected the strategy to postpone paying merit salary adjustments until June of 1992. Crab said the merit salary adjustments were like step increases or promotions for faculty.

Gov. Wilson also made changes in the contributions that the state makes in health care benefits and retirement benefits, Crab said.

"The amount of money that schools get for benefits for vacant positions has dropped from 28 percent to 14 percent," Crab said. "The end result is that the schools have to go back and look at other sources of funds that they can use to meet the original budget reduction target."

Steve Angley, the interim OH department head, said the only courses being considered for reduction are floral design classes.

"Right now, there are about 10 different courses in floral design and we may reduce that number to three or four in the winter or spring," Angley said. "The amount of money the OH and Landscape Architecture departments should not be merged together because they train students for different careers."

"The two departments really are two different entities," he said. "Even though we (the OH department) have some design courses, we are a production department as well as being a department that teaches landscape contractors."

The total affect the budget cuts will have on the Animal Science department is still not known, Rutherford said. However, one thing the department will lose is Jim Hyer, current livestock judging team coach.

"Our team has been nationally competitive for years," he said. "It is probably the single most important recruiting tool we have as a school because our judging team goes all over the country. We have name recognition in every state in the nation because of the team."

Rutherford said another known budget cut involves the swine unit.

"The head of our swine see Ag, page 9"
New birth control system Norplant gains popularity

By Patricia Allen
Staff Writer

Every day more and more women are trying the new birth control system, Norplant, and that number will increase as more people become familiar with it, according to Planned Parenthood.

“We have been getting a lot of requests for it. We have put in 12 since the end of May,” said Director Carlynn Christianson. “Right now it seems like a new method. It’s easier to get something done when your friends have done it.”

Dr. Deanne Milakovich said Norplant just got FDA approval this year, but it has been used for many years in other countries. Milakovich gave a seminar on birth control at French Hospital on Aug. 13.

The Norplant System, manufactured by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, is made up of six slender silicone rods which are inserted in the upper arm, just under the skin. The rods contain the hormone progesterone, which is slowly released over a five year period.

Norplant works in several ways to prevent pregnancy, and is 99.8 percent effective, according to the manufacturer. A pamphlet distributed by Planned Parenthood says some of the advantages to Norplant are its extreme effectiveness and it’s ability to be removed at any time. Christianson said the body’s hormone levels return to normal within 24 hours of removal. Also, Norplant gives long term, continuous protection for up to five years.

“Much less hormone is put into the body, because it is continuous. The one major side effect most women have is changes in their menstrual cycle,” she said.

Milakovich said women could experience irregular bleeding, but “it usually clears up by the end of the first year.”

To insert Norplant a very small incision, less than 1/4 of an inch long, is made under the skin of the upper arm where the six rods are inserted in a fan-like pattern. Christianson said the procedure takes only about 15 minutes with local anesthetic.

“You just have to take it easy for a few days, but there are no stitches,” Milakovich said. One woman at the seminar had just received the insertion. She was bruising and had a little swelling, but she said she felt no pain, and

“...we have in the past,” she said.

No layoffs have taken place because six employees chose early retirement and one employee resigned, Armstrong said.

The early retirement plan allowed employees to receive the same benefits as they would have if they retired two years from now, she said.

Part-time employees do not receive benefits and they are not required to participate in professional development or committee work, Armstrong said.

This allows them the time to teach more classes – up to 15 units per quarter – compared to the average full-time professor who teaches 12 units a quarter and participates in the professional development and committee work, she said.

The business computer lab will gain popularity and it’s ability to be removed at any time. Christianson said the body’s hormone levels return to normal within 24 hours of removal. Also, Norplant gives long term, continuous protection for up to five years.

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By Christine Kohn
Senior Staff Writer

Driving along Elks Lane in San Luis Obispo, SLO Police Officer John Paulding makes his usual rounds.

It's a typical spring Thursday night. Since his 7 p.m.-to-7 a.m. shift started, 37-year-old Paulding has patrolled the south side of town, checked a building after its alarm went off, searched for an alleged hit-and-run vehicle and stopped two men carrying open beer containers.

Now he sees two men sitting in a small car at the side of the road near the Sunset Drive-in.

He slows.

As the patrol car moves past, two white, blank faces stare. It looks as if they are putting something under the front seat.

Paulding moves past but watches the vehicle in the rear view mirror. He sees the car start and leave.

The people who try to be sneaky are always the ones who get attention from the police.

He flips a U-turn.

By now they've already seen him.

Paulding speeds down Elks Lane, turns right on Prado Road and enters northbound 101.

"This town has a drinking problem."

— John Paulding, SLO police officer

Spedding to 90 mph in order to catch up to the car, he pulls behind it and flashes his lights. The vehicle pulls over.

After calling in his code number and the vehicle's plate, he exits the patrol car and walks to the auto's passenger side.

The men in the car display their hands on the dashboard, and Paulding peers through the front and rear windows using his flashlight. He asks for the driver's identification.

Walking back towards the patrol car, Paulding calls in the report, he stares at the car.

Thinking. Searching. Staring.

The voice on the radio says the car must have California plates if the owner is a California resident and works in the state. The driver tells Paulding that he is a Cal Poly student working in town but driving his mother's car.

Paulding writes a citation.

"The ticket won't cost much, if anything, it will just require him to put a California plate on the car."

He walks to the auto and asks the driver to get out of the car. The man nods and signs at the ticket. "Keep the ticket with you so if you get stopped by another car, you can show you've been cited," he says politely as the driver walks away.

He watches the auto enter traffic.

"I think they had beer in the car. They were probably drinking and watching the movie (at the drive-in) but I didn't have enough proof."

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evidence to search.”

In his job - inherent to police work - "I think it would be fairly easy to prove that reducing sheep numbers on this campus would not affect the cost of the operation of Cal Poly. In fact, it will cause a significant loss to the Cal Poly Foundation," he said.

The entire staff of the sheep unit in only two student shepherds, who would still be needed even if the number of sheep were reduced, Rutherford said.

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Learning disabled make the grade at Poly

By Shirley Meissner
Staff Writer

"My problem is that I cannot remember. I have a person who takes notes for me since I usually can't remember most of what the teacher said. I have to keep thinking I am not stupid. I just have this disability, like Einstein," said Kristine Kent, a physical education senior. She takes between 16 and 22 units a quarter and maintains a B average. Kent is one of the 400 students at Poly with a verified learning disability.

A learning disability is a neurological problem, for laymen it is like a short circuit in the brain, they process information slower," said Harriet Clendenen, coordinator of Disabled Student Services on campus.

"The disability does not affect many different areas of the brain," said Clendenen. The most common learning disability is dyslexia, she said, and it affects reading.

"Individuals with learning disabilities have had negative experiences, they have been stigmatized by their teachers," said Clendenen. Yet, they have learned to compensate, she said and "I would have to write down every word that the teacher said and study twice as hard," said Kent, who did not seek assistance from DSS until two years after she came to Poly.

"One day I was talking to a friend who had a friend who had a problem similar to mine and she suggested I get tested," said Kent.

The test Kent is referring to is used by DSS to determine if a student has a learning disability. Initially an extensive two-hour interview determines if the student needs testing, said Kenneth Chep, a learning specialist for DSS. He said about half the students interviewed are referred to DSS by teachers and half come in on their own.

"I ask pretty personal questions," said Chep, since a person's genetics and personal history influence their disability. Liza White is a writing specialist for DSS. She works one-on-one with students. "Some of them are not so smart they could not be competing on the university level," she said.

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Many students and faculty think disabled students and learning disabled students are admitted to Poly only on the basis of their disability, said Clendenen. She said this is not true.

"In fact only a small percentage of students are recommended to admissions through DSS," said Clendenen. Some recommendations are evaluated on their grades and SAT scores, said Clendenen said, just like any other student.

"On one-on with students. Some students are afraid of their disability and don't come in," she said. Yet, White said she can understand since students have such "emotional ties" to their work, especially writing, and they don't want to be judged.

"Sometimes I am like a counselor to them," White said, since often stress from teachers and classes is great.

Confidentiality is important to learning disabled students, said White, an English graduate student who has been working at DSS for four years. "They don't want to be thought of as disabled," she said.

Laura Perkins, also an English graduate student and a writing specialist for DSS, said people do not understand about learning disabilities.

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Cuesta College Theatre presents Australian comedy's U.S. debut

By Jane Phillips
Staff Writer

Central Coast theatre buffs will be given the opportunity to indulge themselves in comedy in a local production.

Cuesta College's Central Coast Repertory Theatre is presenting the American premiere of a new play, 'Double Act.'

The play's producer is Australian playwright Barry Creyton, which will open Aug. 23 at Cuesta College's theater and run for four weeks.

Aanet Gillissee Carlin, executive producer, said the play is "Neil Simon with a few more barbs." She said, "It's a real laugh-out-loud show," she said.

The story is about a couple, Galloway and Arlene Banas, who were married for 10 years, got divorced and five years later meet and take another shot at their relationship.

"It's an adult comedy and takes you through some of the incidents of adult relationships," she said.

This play has been performed throughout the world. George Segal played "George" in the Canadian production. It was also performed in London and Australia, Carlin said.

"The story of the play are Don Galloway and Arlene Banas. The executive producer and artistic director really casted well," said Karen Linn, Cuesta College's public events coordinator.

Galloway played in several TV programs such as "Bronside" and "General Hospital" and in many movies, including "The Big Chill." Banas was one of the "Mighty Carlsen Art Players" on "The Tonight Show.

The play only has two actors and Kevin Geczy, Central Coast Repertory Theatre's producer and artistic director, said he is currently looking into the possibility of taking the production to Broadway.

"You have to get heat under a play before you can take it to New York," he said. "Because it has already been successful in other countries, this gives it an even better chance at making it to Broadway.

"This play is what Broadway is looking for because it's not an expensive production, but it's also a wonderful play. It's bound for Broadway," she said.

"I'm excited about this production," the director is Jeanne Heggie, a British and American stage star who is an incredible actress. She worked with Laurence Olivier.

Carlin, who also teaches at Cuesta and formerly owned the Great American Melodramas in Oceans for 15 years, also believes the play can make it to Broadway.

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"This play is first-rate and provides local residents with the same-quality production that they would find in a major city."

"Double Act" will also benefit Cuesta students. The performers will hold a workshop towards the end of the play allowing students a chance to get to know more about theater life, Carlin said.

"Things like that you can't learn in a classroom," she said.

Last week for 'Drawing' in Dexter

By yolanda Fisher
Staff Writer

This is the last week to see the special exhibit, "Fantasy Drawings" at the Dexter Gallery. This is a pencil drawing exhibit done by a Russian man and woman team, Alex Doblinski and Loudmila Bourdainsky.

Chuck Jennings, chairman of the art and design department, said this is a unique exhibit.

"Two of these are Russian immigrants who had barely enough money to come from Los Angeles to Dexter. They told us they wanted to defect from Russia. I laughed and told them they didn't need to defect anymore. They have acquired a working visa and plan to live in San Luis Obispo."

Most of the works in the exhibit are drawings; three or four paintings can be seen.

The two want to do their own work professionally. The artwork is on display from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dexter Gallery Friday, August 23.
State workers Rick Russo (left) and John Fisher work on the problem.

**POWER**

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operation to El Corral Bookstore, where it borrowed Macintosh computers to produce today's edition of Summer Mustang.

"We came in (to the Mustang Daily office) Wednesday morning and we were out of power," said A.J. Schuermann, Mustang Daily's business manager.

"Reporters were waiting to do their stories and all our editorial computers and Macs - every bit of equipment we have - was shut down," said Schuermann.

Schuermann said he had to arrange to have the paper printed off-campus at the Five Cities Times-Press Recorder in Arroyo Grande because UCR, who normally prints Summer Mustang, was also shut down by the lack of power.

"We had to put together the paper with Scotch-tape, spit and glue," Schuermann said.

For KCPR, the outage meant a complete shutdown in its broadcasting ability - and a waiting game for its DJs. Neil Losey, a history major, said that in the outage and DJ responsible for their shift had to remain at the station in case power was restored.

The Health Center, which still had power in part of its building, was basically unaffected by the outage, said Joan Cronk, nursing administrator.

"We've turned no one away, so we've been fortunate," she said.

The story was much the same for the Student Services building.

Pat Stout, placement center secretary, said despite the blackout, the center was still seeing clients and had not cancelled any appointments.

"Our computers are down, but I guess that's the case for everybody," she said. "Otherwise, we're doing fine."

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**MATH**

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are like step increases or promotions for faculty.

"It was the governor's hope that those salary adjustments would be put off until June of 1992. But the unions did not agree to that strategy, so the salary adjustments had to be paid."

When the governor decided the MSA must be paid by individual agencies, this equaled to a budget cut for the campus, Crabbs said.

"We have identified how much that MSA cost is and we have distributed to the schools the cost of those merit salary adjustments," he said.

Bailey said the amount of the MSA for the School of Science and Math was $15,000.

"A couple of other things have happened," Crabbs said. Basically, the governor has made some adjustments to the benefits that faculty and staff receive. He changed the contribution that the state makes to health care benefits and he also changed the contribution that the state makes to retirement.

Although the legality of such changes is controversial, the governor has said since the benefits are not going to be paid, the Department of Finance does not have to give the CSU the money to pay those benefits.

"The significance of this (the benefit reductions) comes into play when the schools are using vacant positions, positions generated by retirement or layoff to meet their target reductions," Crabbs said. "This is because the value of those positions has just dropped."

The schools had been told to figure the salary of the positions plus benefits costs, or 26 percent of the salary, he said. Since the benefits have been reduced, schools are now being told to add only 14 percent.

"So now, even though the schools had a plan in place in June, that would allow them to meet budget reduction targets, the value of the positions they were using to make the budget reduction has just eroded. The end result is that the schools have to then go back and look at other resources of funds that they can use to meet the original budget reduction," Crabbs said.

"We might as well take this opportunity to look at things in a more critical way," Bailey said.

**ARTS CUTS**

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Force Committee last spring and agreed upon by President Warren J. Baker.

Another $107,000 comes from costs that the university has to absorb for pay raises for both faculty and staff. The pay raises were agreed upon in union contracts. State legislators and Governor Pete Wilson did not fund the raises, but the school is obliged to pay them.

**FIRE**

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Kring was not available for comment.

Firefighters remained at the scene throughout the night overhauling fire damage and bracing weakened structural beams.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Denninton Mosai's insurance company has placed a 24-hour guard on the premises. Only construction workers are allowed on the property.