Students protest poor classroom conditions

By Holly Vanderlaan
Staff Writer

About 40 students marched into President Warren Baker's office Tuesday afternoon holding signs above their heads and chanting, "we can't breathe, we can't hear and we can't learn."

Students said they were steaming mad about the conditions in Business Administration/Education building, room 214 due to the construction on the building's addition. Baker arrived about 15 minutes after the demonstrators showed up and was confronted by Geoff O'Quest, a political science junior, the designated spokesperson for his Political Inquiry class (POLS 100), taught by Bud Evans.

"The environment as far as learning and teaching goes is intolerable," O'Quest told Baker. "It's too noisy... the fumes, the heat. It's too hot to pay attention."

Baker responded with "we'll look into changing locations of the classes."

That was not the answer the students wanted to hear. About 20 of them responded with "we've heard that one before."

Baker's answer was, "We'll close them down, not use them and find another place."

The students applauded upon hearing Baker's response.

Baker, however, did not say when the classrooms would be closed or where the classes would be relocated.

"I hope we can get them out right away," Baker said. "We don't know where yet, but I think we're going to have to close the rooms."

Baker said before closing the rooms, he must discuss the situation with Frank Lebens, interim vice president for Business Affairs. Lebens was also present at the protest.

"Sweat was dripping off me," O'Quest said. "We can't open the windows because of the dust and fumes."

Other students complained of similar problems.

"I got physically sick after one..."

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Engineer group charges ahead on car made to replace unleaded gas guzzlers

By Scott Abbott
Staff Writer

Take a drive through any of California's major cities, and it's not hard to notice one environmental problem that people will be combating during the 21st century — air pollution.

While the brownish haze is often a combination of pollutants including industrial emissions and solvents in the air, the major contributor to the world's air quality problems is the automobile, according to the California Air Resources Board.

While unleaded gas and high-mileage cars are designed to cut down on pollution, they are not the ideal solution. The ideal solution would be a car that has no exhaust, is cheap to maintain and is free of many of the mechanical problems that plague today's gas-burning engines. If this car sounds like something from the future, it is. And the future is about five months away.

Cal Poly's Sun Luis Project, a group mostly made up of engineering students, has been designing and building the Solstice electric commuter car since last winter. The car, to be completed in March, is designed to be a practical alternative to the gas burning cars of today.

The Solstice, about the same size as a Honda CRX, is a two-seat SOLAR CAR, page 6

Poly earns top ranks in U.S. News report

By Carolyn E. Nielsen
Staff Writer

Cal Poly students can put themselves on the back, according to a U.S. News and World Report article.

Out of the top 140 universities in the Western Region, Cal Poly is listed in the Sept. 30 issue as the hardest school to get into. To boot, Cal Poly is also the second best buy, according to U.S. News' book America's Best Colleges.

In the Western Region, Cal Poly placed 13th overall and third for public schools in that category, just behind the University of Alaska at Fairbanks and the University of Colorado at Denver.

Scores were based on academic reputation, selectivity of the student body, financial support for the faculty, the school's overall financial resources, and the level of student satisfaction as measured by the university's ability to graduate students it admits as freshmen.

Overall, Cal Poly was the only non-private California school in the study's top 15.

Cal Poly, however, did fare well in financial resources, placing 55th.

"We can't do much about our financial resources, but we can work with our student satisfaction," Koob said in response to Poly's 51 percent student satisfaction score. "We challenge students to help bring us up."

Chris Penner, a member of the student-admission organization, Poly Reps, said that he thinks Cal Poly has a positive atmosphere and that most students are generally happy here.

In academic reputation, Cal Poly moved up two spots from last year to take second place behind Trinity University, a private school in Texas.

Koob said Cal Poly's reputation is highly deserved.

Penner, a social science senior, said Cal Poly's reputation is widely known.

"When people where I worked this summer at Apple Computers heard I went to Cal Poly they were really receptive and had good things to say," he said.

Penner said that when he gives campus tours to parents, they come with high expectations.

"This is a prestigious academic school in a peaceful community," Penner said. "Parents are impressed with facilities, and they want their kids to go here."

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Thursday weather:

Sunny after morning clouds and fog
High: 80s Low: 60s
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Leningrad changes name with little ado

ST. PETERSBURG, U.S.S.R. (AP) — This former home of Russian czars formally regained its old name Tuesday, but residents seemed more concerned with empty food shelves than with bidding adieu to Leningrad.

The city's 5 million residents voted in June to change back to St. Petersburg, and the Russian federation set Oct. 1 for the official changeover. Local leaders, who have been calling the city St. Petersburg for weeks, said it was an arbitrary date and scheduled no ceremonies Tuesday.

China honors 42 years of Communist rule

BEIJING (AP) — The leadership of China's 3 million-strong army affirmed its loyalty today to the ruling Communist Party as the nation celebrated the 42nd anniversary of Communist rule.

The army's loyalty to the party has become a concern among top party leaders since August, when the Soviet army ignored orders and did not support a hard-line coup in Moscow, allowing it to fail. China's leaders quickly ordered loyalty checks of senior government and army officials.

"The people's army always will be the loyal defender of the socialist motherland," proclaimed an editorial in the Liberation Army Daily newspaper.

U.S.-Soviet open talks to cut nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and the Soviet Union are ready to open talks to implement President Bush's proposal for deep cuts in nuclear weapons stockpiles, the State department announced today.

And the Bush administration would be willing to discuss with the Soviets their proposal that all nuclear weapons tests by the two nations be discontinued, U.S. officials said.

"We would be in a position obviously of listening to whatever they come back with," Margaret D. Tutwiler, the State Department spokeswoman, said.

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Column keeps students aware of ASI issues

At a time when the students of Cal Poly will be facing the impacts of major state-wide academic budget cuts, proposed tuition increases and other pressing issues in addition to the normal strains of college life, it is essential that all students feel comfortable with the decisions that ASI is making. In order for this to be accomplished, it is imperative that everyone understands exactly what is going on.

Every Wednesday, this column will consist of an article submitted by ASI that regards a present or upcoming issue that every student should know about. This column exists purely to provide a means for the students of ASI to keep the general student body informed of some background information, a summary of the issue, some pros and cons with respect to the issue and what the student body should do for this to be accomplished, it is imperative that everyone understands exactly what is going on.

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Police chief: party did not damage relations
By Debbie Aberle
Staff Writer

The large street party on Murray and Hatcaway streets, which occurred subsequent to Poly Royal, has not severely damaged relations between Cal Poly students and the community, said San Luis Obispo Police Chief Jim Gardiner.

Although the back-to-school party got out of hand, "it was not anything of what the police have dealt with in previous years," Gardiner said.

In addition, Gardiner said he did not think this incident has "killed" the positive efforts Cal Poly students have made towards improving community relations after the 1990 Poly riot.

"I would not characterize this party as having any nexus to Poly Royal," Gardiner said.

"There are a number of groups like the Liaison Committee that have been working hard to bridge gaps and open lines of communication. "Events like Neighborhood Cooperation Week, which is coming up at the end of October, is a great opportunity for residents and students to come together, and a lot of positive things have occurred subsequent to Poly Royal," he said.

Staff Writer

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Poly construction on schedule
New additions should meet all work deadlines
By Amy Alonso
Staff Writer

Although there have been complaints about classes being disrupted, building construction around campus has made a successful transition into fall quarter as far as deadlines are concerned.

Deadlines set for summer work on the remodeling of the Business Administration and Education building and Engineering East were met. "I had an accelerated heart beat, but things were completed on time," said Frank Lebens, interim vice president for Business Affairs.

"We're off to a pretty good start considering everything that had to fall in place in a timely way did, which is due in a large way to the extraordinary moving crews working in conjunction with the contractors to make it all happen. Those two facilities were extremely critical to us in order to maintain access for instructional purposes during the year," Lebens said. There was a Sec CONSTRUCTION, page 11

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Should abortion continue to be legal in the United States?

Abortion

In 1973, the United States Supreme Court, in its landmark Roe v. Wade ruling, recognized the woman’s ability to have an abortion as a constitutional right.

As our Supreme Court leans more towards the right with the addition of three conservative justices in the last five years (Justice Thomas in 1991, Justice Souter in 1990 and Justice Powell in 1986), changes in the present national abortion laws in the near future are a significant possibility.

Already this year, the Supreme Court ruled that individual states could dictate their own abortion laws. In addition, federally funded clinics cannot recommend abortions to pregnant women.

It is possible to get a legal abortion during the full nine months of pregnancy. In 1990, 91 percent of all abortions were performed in the first trimester.

The fetus’ heart begins to beat at about 18 days and brain waves are detected at about 40 days.

There have been over 20 million abortions since abortions were legalized in 1973, and the present rate of abortion is just under 2 million every year.

State-funded abortions, paid by Medicaid, are provided in 14 states.

The last major abortion case settled in the Supreme Court was Thomburg v. A.C.O.G. in 1986. In this case, abortion rights were reaffirmed with a five-to-four majority.

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By Erik Axtell and Stacey Cunningham

Abortion – an act of violence to the woman and to the pre-born child is the most common surgical procedure performed in the United States. More abortions are performed than heart surgeries, circumcision or any other operation. According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute there were 1,588,600 abortions performed in 1980 and some speculate that the number is now close to 2 million per year. In some cities, such as New York, there are more abortions taking place than live births.

Many do not know that abortion is currently legal for the full nine months of pregnancy or until birth, for any reason or no reason at all, and in many cases our tax payers pay for it. No parental or spousal consent is required – even minors who are not mature enough to buy tobacco or beer, or join the army and who need parental permission to get an education at school are deemed responsible enough and able enough to make a decision to end an unborn baby’s life through an abortion.

Indeed, the essential question on which the abortion debate pivots is whether the unborn is human life. All legal and moral arguments are superficial and meaningless compared to this question. What is inside the mother is a mere “piece of tissue” or “glob of cells,” then our society is certainly justified in treating the unborn the way we do. Yet if we discover that the unborn is human life, then it deserves a paramount right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness which our constitution guarantees — and no economic, social or emotional reason would justify the extermination of 2 million unborn babies per year.

If your answer to the question is “no,” you should stand against honest looking and misleading ads, harassment and violent attacks, attempts to once again criminalize abortion. Many Christianson, director of SLO County Planned Parenthood files.

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Resident/student BBQ molds good neighbor relations

By Lori Cheeseman

Sometimes being a good neighbor means picking up someone's mail if they go away for the weekend, or watering their yard. Other times it means informing others about a party and keeping the noise level down as the night goes on.

But for Tom and Audrey Smith being good neighbors goes beyond even this.

"There is something that goes along with being neighbors and being friends, and that is respect," said Tom, a retired manager of the County Employee Association.

The Smiths have lived on Hermosa Way in San Luis Obispo for 19 years. They said they have always had good relationships with their student neighbors, but it has taken a little work.

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The Smiths said they often act as intermediaries between student neighbors and permanent neighbors when they have a conflict.

"We have established ourselves as the guardians of the neighborhood," Tom said.

Audrey said the relationships are not one-sided. Over the years, their student neighbors have watched over their house when they were on vacation and helped them out with difficult jobs. She said they have learned as much from the students as the students have learned from them.

Both Tom and Audrey recommend their "Good Neighbor Plan" to other permanent residents of SLO. Their "plan" has not gone unnoticed by the community. Dotty Conner, chairperson of Residence for Quality Neighborhoods, learned of the idea after seeing the letter and invitation printed in the Telegram-Tribune. Intrigued, she called the Smiths to get more information.

"I thought it was a positive way to handle things," Conner said. "I really wanted to point out a positive approach to some of the members. A way to open a door of communication and foster better relationships in the community." Karen Mills, a recreation administration graduate, who lives next door to the Smiths, said the barbecue was a good way to meet the people on her street.

"It gives you a feeling of community, and everyone really appreciates the respect. This way of communicating seems to work," Mills said.

Lori Cheeseman is a journalism senior. This is her second quarter reporting for the Mustang Daily.
By Laura Carrillo  
Staff Writer  

Despite the seemingly endless burdens of budget frustrations, not all the news coming out of Cal Poly has been bad. Officials say there is a bright side: "Cal Poly receives more money from parents than any other Cal State University," said Bob Maners, the executive director of University Development for the CSU campuses. In a survey of private gifts received in 1990 by 151 public universities across the nation, four CSU campuses came in at the top, Maners said. San Diego State University ranked first with $10.8 million, Cal Poly Long Beach was second with $10.6 million and Cal Poly Pomona placed third with $10.4 million and CSU Fullerton placed fourth with $7.9 million. 

The reason I believe Cal Poly has received such generous monetary gifts is that it has a lot of specialized programs, and the alumni are very loyal to the school," said Galen Bentley-Adler, spokeswoman for the CSU Chancellor's Office. Adler said that San Diego State University probably beat all the other CSU schools for the No. 1 ranking because it is the biggest of the universities and has active alumni as well as strong funding programs. The sources of voluntary support addressed were alumni, corporations, non-alumni, foundations and others. The CSU system receives its greatest amount of private gifts, 53.8 percent, from corporations. Non-alumni provide 26.4 percent, foundations 7.4 percent, alumni 4.2 percent, and other sources 6.2 percent. "We would like to see more of an impact coming in from parents and alumni," Adler said. "We don't want to become as dependent on state funds as we have been in the past." 

Maners said that considering corporate donations, Cal Poly received the most corporate dollars and equipment in the CSU system. "Out of the total monetary gifts, $10.5 million, $8 million came from corporations, and half of that is donated equipment," Maners said. "There is a need for the CSU system alumni to support their institutions," Maners said. 

Alumni of CSU campuses donate the fewest number of gifts compared to other public and private universities. The CSU’s 6.2 percent falls far short of other public schools’ 17.4 percent and private schools’ 27.7 percent. "Cal Poly graduates make as much as comparable graduates from Stanford or USC, but yet they fail to support their alumni fund in a comparable manner," Maners said. "I don't know why." 

COMMUTER CAR  

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seat, three-wheeled car designed to get about 100 miles to a charge from a 1-foot by 1-foot battery tunnel that runs most of the length of the car. 

Aimed at commuters, the Solstice is designed to run 40 to 60 miles, where it will be partially recharged by the sun with the help of a satellite-grade solar cell panel on the top of the car. After it is driven home, it will have to be plugged in and charged overnight for use the next day. 

The Solstice’s 40 horsepower motor will give the car a top speed of 80 mph with a cruising speed of 55 mph. 

The car has a 100-mile range that may seem limited, said Eric Cusick, project coordinator, but that is something people will have to get used to. "People aren't always going to be able to drive as far as they can in a Metro," Cusick said. "People are going to have to change their habits." 

Those habits may be changing soon. A California Air Resources Board regulation adopted last September requires auto manufacturers who sell more than 5,000 cars per year to convert at least 2 percent of their automobiles companies’ willingness to comply with the law. "The water's really muddy right now," Guillermo said. "I think a lot of companies would rather pay a fine." 

Cusick said the Solstice is an effort to demonstrate to the public that car manufacturers are not doing as much as they could to research alternative fuel transportation. "We're doing this to show them that while the companies are complaining (about building alternative fuel cars), we're some snot-nosed students working on a showing a better way to get around," Cusick said. 

The estimated cost of the Solstice is $70,000, all of which must be raised from donations. Polls give nothing to the project except its name, space and tools. Cusick said about $10,000 has been raised so far, but donations are always needed. 

The car would come down drastically, to less than $20,000, if parts for it became mass produced. Now, the motor system alone costs more than $10,000 because the company that builds it is still paying off research, design and tooling costs, Guillermo said. However, the motor may be a bargain right now with even its high price. Guillermo said electric motor will be able to run for as much as one million miles before having to be replaced. "A lot of the cost is design," he said. "It (the motor) is just copper and magnets. There's just so much we can do to go wrong. It's so weird to think about having a car without the problems of a car. It's going to be a culture change." 

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Poly pedalers wheel away waste, recyclable items

Campus Recycling Coalition volunteers empty recycling bins with bikes, trailers

By Carolyn E. Nielsen

Thanks to Cal Poly's ped power, campus waste production is being cut nearly in half.

The Campus Recycling Coalition is in charge of emptying the 65 aluminum and glass recycling bins throughout campus, and they do it without using a drop of gasoline.

Several times a week, three CRC volunteers hop on their bicycles to pull three bicycle trailers around campus to empty the recycling barrels.

Eco-Slo, a local recycling center, picks up the empties weekly at the site behind the campus security building.

Club member Pete Nortman, an electronic engineering graduate student, said that Eco-Slo collects about two tons of recycled material from Poly each year.

"Every pound of cans that is recycled contains the same amount of energy as one gallon of gasoline, but we don't use any gas to collect the cans," he said.

"It was part of our mission to show that 'soft path' things work," Nortman said, explaining why the club opted for bicycles. "It's very labor intensive, but it's also a lot of fun."

Under a new state law, Assembly Bill 929, Poly must reduce the amount of waste it produces by 25 percent next year, Nortman said. A 50 percent reduction is required by 1995.

Nortman said that recycling can be a large part of this.

"Recycling beverage containers would cut waste production by 10 percent or 15 percent, and recycling paper can cut out 30 percent. That is a 45 percent waste cut using recycling alone," he said.

The 3-year-old club started a paper recycling program last spring quarter.

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Although the CRC set up the program, it is now being run by the Cal Poly Foundation. The Foundation supplies the bins in the library, department offices and around campus to collect used paper and newspaper.

The CRC, which receives no university funding, began when eight people put out 10 beverage container recycling barrels during Poly Royal in 1988.

They decided that campus recycling was a worthwhile pursuit, Nortman said.

The club then made a presentation to the Foundation, which purchased 10 more barrels for the CRC.

Last year, Nortman coauthored a $28,000 grant from the California Department of Conservation. Since receiving the grant, the club has increased its membership nearly fivefold and is now responsible for 65 recycling barrels.

Nortman said the money from the grant was used to buy more barrels and to advertise the club.

"The whole idea was to get people interested in recycling and to get new members. We want to be more visible and accessible," he said. "The club's membership has nearly doubled each year, but with twice as many more people, we could be twice as involved and have twice as much fun."

Nortman said the club has a diverse membership ranging from art majors to engineering majors.

"These people are really involved in participation in solutions to problems. This is not a sit-on-your-butt type club," he said.

The club's vice chair, Carina Carra, a nutritional science senior, said that the recycling profits go into the club's budget.

"It's a lot of work, but we try to make it fun too by having pizza parties and things," she said.

Carra feels that Poly students really do their part to get their cans into the special barrels.

"It feels good to be involved. You really see results. I think people want to recycle, and Poly is really cooperative," she said. "Now that all of the lower campus is recycling, the next target the club wants to take on is the residence halls."

Nortman said the residence halls have recycling barrels for cans in their lobbies. If they want to do anything beyond that, each residence hall must individually file an application with the administration and renew the permit annually.

"They don't want to do anything beyond that," Carra said. "All they need is just a small crew of volunteers to run the program, but there's a lot of red tape to get through."

The Campus Recycling Coalition has volunteered bicycling away tons of recyclable cans. Eco-Slo collects them from CRC.

Recycling beverages could cut Poly's waste production by 10 to 15 percent, a CRC member said.

"I think people want to recycle, and Poly is really cooperative," Carina Carra, CRC vice chair, nutritional sciences senior
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By Allison Bosselmann

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dents often express concern with Cal Poly's low acceptance rate, Penner said. "Parents know how hard it is to get in here, and they're really concerned about their children getting accepted."

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Seminar will examine women's studies issues

By Minka Parsons

Cal Poly's first forum on subject will coincide with new minor program

Cal Poly's first ever women's studies lunchtime seminar, designed to promote research in the academic field of women's studies, will be held today in Staff Dining Room 9, Oct. 7.

The speaker, Margaret Camuso, will discuss the nature of feminist research and explain what women's studies is all about. The seminar is coor­dinated by Camuso and assistant history professor Carolyn Stefan­co.

Camuso, office administrator for the Academic Senate, said she will look at 30 years of the evolution of women's studies, emphasizing the highlights of its development and content.

Some of the topics Camuso will address are how gender determines our identities and relationships, whether women had a Renaissance and what political structures enforced relationships of power.

"I think the whole series will provide discussion on academic topics concerning women that don't have a forum for discussion at this time," Camuso said.

Women's studies courses were first offered in the United States 21 years ago. In September 1990, Cal Poly joined more than 600 other U.S. institutions in forming a women's studies program.

Camuso supports the academic interest regarding women's studies.

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Stefanco hopes to broaden the students' knowledge in terms of women's studies.

Later this quarter, Donald Ryujin, an associate professor in the psychology and human development department, will speak on "Women's Fear of Suc­cess: The Myth." Also, Noel Norton of the political science department will speak on "Reproductive Policy Decisions: The Family Planning Inner Circle."

Ryujin is scheduled to speak Oct. 26. Norton will speak on Nov. 18.

The seminar will run from noon to 1 p.m. in Staff Dining Room 8.
FIDO program works toward development of Poly faculty

Skills taught to improve classroom teaching methods

By Jane Phillips  
Staff Writer

Several Cal Poly faculty members have begun meeting every other Tuesday in order to create and exchange new teaching ideas — and to eat a free lunch.

The program, Faculty Instructional Development, is a professional development activity sponsored by the Academic Senate Instructional Committee and the vice president for Academic Affairs.

Steven Marx, an associate professor of English and a member of the committee, said about 40 faculty showed up at the first session on Sept. 16.

Marx said many universities have this program or one like it.

"We are hoping this program will be a success," he said. "Probably the main emphasis of this program is that the resources for FIDO are our own faculty."

This program will attempt to increase or improve the teachereffectiveness in the classroom by sharing and using successful teaching methods, Marx said.

"Sometimes when you are teaching and doing research, which are unending tasks, you need to be shaken to see other areas of importance," Marx said. "If you are boring yourself in the classroom, then that's a problem."

FIDO's activities are designed and implemented by Cal Poly faculty members. The guest speakers for fall quarter are also Cal Poly faculty.

Funding for the free lunch is provided by the Cal Poly Foundation through discretionary funds.

This money was not received from the state and therefore can be spent as deemed necessary, said Glenn Irvin, associate vice president for Academic Affairs and administrative representative to the ASIC.

Irvin said the FIDO program has not fallen prey to the budget dilemma because it draws its funds from sources other than the state.

"The money for the FIDO program, which is approximately $2,500 for this fiscal year, was previously earmarked for faculty development," he said.

"It's important to understand that the money in the Foundation comes to us from a number of sources, including alumni contributions or donations, auxiliary services on campus such as the bookstore and food services and student fees," he said. "It is a limited source."

"All universities have this program where the students will directly receive the benefits."

Some of the topics to be discussed during the Tuesday sessions will include multicultural perspectives on teaching and scholarship, the construction and use of classroom tests, multimedia and computer-assisted instructional techniques, problems in multicultural and gender communication and some solutions and advice on giving interesting lectures.

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"Since I've retired, everyday is like a Saturday, and I like it," she said. "I also said she is not worried about getting bored during her retirement because she has enough things to do to keep her busy.

At the top of her list are redecorating parts of her home and working in her garden. She said she is also looking forward to traveling. They say travel is broadening, and it is so true. I am excited that I now have the chance to travel again."

One thing Arvidson said she will miss being informed of the latest campus happenings.

"One thing I won't miss is the drive to work in the winter and on those foggy mornings..."

Arvidson said she plans to stay in the area.

"I love this place, and it will be home to me until I die."
SLO Police Department preaches bike safety

By Ann Garrett
Staff Writer

Bicyclists get in trouble when they do something a motorist does not expect them to do, said Sgt. Bruce LaHargoue of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

LaHargoue stressed the importance of safe bicycling near the Cal Poly campus.

At the beginning of the school year, police officers are posted at locations which are frequent sites of bicycle accidents.

LaHargoue said officers are posted at Foothill and California Boulevards in the mornings. "We ticket the bicyclists going the wrong way." Students that live at Stenner Glen ride up the bicycle lane on the wrong side of Foothill and go against the flow of traffic. That causes problems at the intersection of Foothill and California, LaHargoue said.

Also, cars coming out of Mustang Village and turning right do not expect to see bicyclists coming the wrong way. "We have a major number of collisions there," LaHargoue said.

"We set up at Grand (Avenue) and Black (Street), too. That intersection is dangerous. Bicyclists run the stop sign coming out of campus. Boom. You have a wreck," LaHargoue mentioned other trouble spots in that area include the portion of Grand Avenue where the freeway exits into the street.

Most bicycle collisions are not the bicyclists' fault, LaHargoue said. "But a bicyclist really does contribute to his own demise by violating certain laws, like riding on the wrong side of the road and not having the right lighting equipment."

Bicyclists have to obey all the laws that apply to cars, LaHargoue said. "If people fail field sobriety tests, there is probably cause right there to arrest them," LaHargoue said.

Three-hour bicycle violator classes are offered through the San Luis Obispo Police Department. The classes were instituted in San Luis Obispo approximately a year-and-a-half ago.

Crocker, instructor for the class, said the next class will probably be offered in October. "We have had approximately 176 students," he said.

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class," said Kristin Bertolina, a student in POLS 100.

Another student said he had to leave the room in search of fresh air because he felt faint from the heat.

Some students said they are unfortunate enough to have more than one class in room 214.

"After three classes in this room, I have to take a shower afterwards," said Jeff Quarles, a political science junior. Students were not the only ones complaining of headaches and disruption due to the constant vibrating and rattling of tractors, the "beep, beep, beep" sound of trucks backing up and the pounding of jackhammers. "Can you hear me?" has become a common question in professor Randall Crouchshanks political science 105 class.

When the answer is no, he whips out his bullhorn which sits on the desk as a constant reminder of the problem.

Not only is noise a continuous problem, but also the heat in the room is unbearable, students said.

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CONSTRUCTION

The new Faculty Offices East was completed in August, and the move-in took place during the last two weeks of August. The University Times has been progressing nicely, Lebens said, but students need to be patient. "There were a few little bugs, but once things settle down, it will be fine and the end result will be worth it," he said.

The child care facility is not really moving along yet, Lebens said, "It's kind of exciting to see it unfold. I'm very pleased with the way of classes. He said, however, that there is some concern with the noise caused by the construction of the Business Administration building.

"It's kind of exciting to see it all really get under way," Lebens said. "There are some delays with the approval of the drawings. Overall, Lebens said the construction should not get in the way of classes. He said, however, that there is some concern with the noise caused by the construction of the Business Administration building.

All current construction should be complete by the summer of 1993.