Attempts to publish student evaluation of faculty members have made little progress in the last three years, but it appears the Political Action Club has things rolling.

According to the club President Shari Mullin, a trial run student evaluation of eight political science classes will be conducted at the end of this quarter. The classes to be evaluated are ones offered only in the fall.

ASI Vice President Nick Forestdre, a political science major, said he encourages any efforts toward student evaluations of faculty. He said the past attempts of the PAC Publishers Board have made limited progress and he sees little chance of progress this year because of financial difficulties. He called the PAC’s attempts “change of focus.”

PAC member Mike Jeffara, said the club hopes other schools, clubs or student councils will follow with their own evaluations. The ultimate goal is to have a campus-wide student evaluation. “Call Poly is one of the few universities that doesn’t have a student evaluation,” said Jeffara.

He said the main reasons for conducting the evaluations and later publishing the results would be to help students in choosing instructors and to help faculty members to improve their instructing techniques.

“It’s not meant to put anybody down,” said Jeffara.

Hornstein had a file from former ASI internal affairs assistant, Ted Hannig, who provides considerable amount of research on student evaluations. He said the information was “very positive.”

The PAC’s hopes of inspiring student evaluations in other departments may be answered. Kathy Perry, a social science student, said she is working to set up a student evaluation program in the social science department. She said it would be conducted jointly with the PAC program.

BY MIKE TRACHIOHIS

A political club to conduct trial run

Sigma Kappas show a lot of heart

Little Sigma Kappas show a lot of heart

BY MIKE TRACHIOHIS

AND

MICHAEL WIRSMY

“One heart, one way,” that’s our motto. It describes the togetherness of our sorority,” said Agent-96, a soft-spoken dark-haired sister of Sigma Kappa.

“I developed a lot of friendships that I probably wouldn’t have if I wasn’t a sorority,” added You Guss, president of Sigma Kappa. “I enjoy being involved and having close friends that I can see year to year,” she said with a grin.

Nichkmen are given to all the girls when they become a sister of Sigma Kappa. You Guss and Agent-96 were the names given to Mary Anderson and Mary Agnew. Anderson, who at 21 is majoring in liberal studies, finds being president of the sorority a dutiful but rewarding position. Agnew, who recently turned 21, is the scholarship chairwoman and a political science major.

Sigma Kappa, in May 1973, became the first sorority founded on campus. It’s national chapter has existed since November of 1874. The Epsilon Omega Chapter of Sigma Kappa has made its home at 615 Grand since 1973.

There are 66 girls in the sorority, of which 25 are pledges and 40 are actives. Presently, six of the girls live in the house on Grand Ave.

There are 10 officers in the organization: president, first vice president, pledge trainer, rush chairman, treasurer, secretary of records, registrar, corresponding secretary, social chairperson and Panhellenic delegate.

Philanthropy, the effort to increase the well-being of mankind is an important aspect of the sorority. Sigma Kappa contributed a file at Hacienda Convalescent Hospital as part of its philanthropy effort.

According to Lightweight (Lori Edwards) Panhellenic delegate, the sorority takes gifts over to the people of the hospital during the Christmas season. “We go over during the days we planted visits and brighten their day,” she said warmly.

BY TOM CONLON

Elimination of barriers attracts more disabled

The natural topography of the campus is the biggest barrier to the handicapped, Clendenen said. But when plans for the removal of architectural barriers are completed the handicapped should have little trouble navigating the buildings on campus.

So far over $900,000 of state and federal funds, and savings from Poly’s Minor Capital Outlay, have been spent on such projects as widening enter doors and bathroom stalls, curb cuts, and the installation of elevators in the library, graphic arts, English, agriculture, and the business administration education buildings.

According to Phillips an additional $250,000 will be needed to complete further improvements now on the drawing board and scheduled for construction in February.

Phillips said money is not a problem because state and federal funding is given annually to educational institutions for such projects in order to comply with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Among the future projects are seven additional entry ramps—seven, costing $10,000 each, have already been completed or are now under construction. The ramps are designed to eliminate cumbersome stairways for the handicapped.

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SCHOLARSHIPS - FELLOWSHIPS

SACRAMENTO APts - EDMUNDSON JR. announced plans Tuesday for a high-speed passenger train, to run on a currently undeveloped route with funding from a yet unknown source.

The Democratic governor said his administration will begin a nine-month, 1,800,000-km study to choose a route and the best technology for the trains, modeled after rail systems in Europe and Japan.

He said a train going 125 to 150 mph could carry as many as 7 million passengers a year, save up to 26 billion gallons of fuel a year, and provide up to 100,000 jobs in construction and thousands more in operations.

We envision Californ­ia's high-speed rail pro­ject as an investment for the future that will generate major transportation and economic growth benefits and energy savings for the state," Brown said.

But the statement was silent on how the state, which the Brown administration has said will run out of money in a year at current spending levels, would pay for such a pro­ject.

A high-speed train on the San Diego-to-Los Angeles line, one of three routes under consideration, would cost at least $100 million.

LOCALS:

JAPAN: The giant panda, a diminishing species, is apparently on the rebound, according to a report in the Gunagming Daily newspaper.

"Recently, people often have seen giant pandas coming down from the mountains, some with young," the paper said.

It said Baoding County in Hebei Province rewards people who protect the bear-like animal.

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Cal Poly student Jack White has to dodge to avoid hitting a woman walking in the bike path.

**BY ANGELA VENGEL**  
Staff Writer

He rides by night and runs by day. John Corbett is one of four students on Cal poly's bicycle patrol, created by a committee of the Public Safety Department to educate riders on bicycle safety.

"At night I'll ride around and talk to riders. I'll ride along side of someone and tell them who I am and why I want to stop them. At first they're surprised and some show disbelief. But I have a little badge to prove who I am. During the day I run and put things [warning slips] on bikes," said Corbett, a sophomore aeronautical engineering major.

"I get mostly good reactions from the students," he added.

Reducing the number of bicycle accidents and infractions of bicycle regulations and vehicle codes is one of three objectives of the patrol.

"We figured the best way to prevent bicycle accidents was to educate the students. We hired people from the peer group to do it," said Richard C. Brug, director of public safety.

When patrol members see a violation they will stop the rider. They talk with them and hand out pamphlets explaining the hazards of careless bike riding.

"We go for the one-one relationship; students talking with students. We want the students to be aware of the dangers they can cause. Most of the people that we've talked to feel the peer group relationship was better than a police-student relationship," said Brug.

Another objective of the patrol is to provide safety for pedestrians and bicycle operators.

"A patrol member will stop a pedestrian if he is walking in a bike path. How can bicycles ride in the paths if they're filled with pedestrians?" asked Brug.

The reduction in the number of bicycle thefts is a third objective of the bicycle patrol. A rider can get his bicycle registered at no cost, through the patrol.

"Safety is important first. The reason for the"
Sigmamas enjoy family-type feeling

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Sara Kachadoorian or DQ, the outgoing and energetic first vice president, said another function of the sorority's philanthropy was to raise money for such organizations as Aid to Adoption for Special Children. This involved participation in an 8.2 mile run-walkathon, and getting pledges from people for every mile completed. A $200 sum, more than any other sorority, was raised by members. Then, the Deloit family started Aid to Adoption for Special Children after they adopted handicapped kids of their own and decided to help place children with similar disabilities in other homes. Sigma Kappa is involved in all schools across the nation, said D.Q.

"It's a special feeling to approach and talk to someone you've never seen before—but feel like you know them," said D.Q referring to the experience of visiting other houses across the country. This adds to the family-type feeling our sorority has," she added.

Another aspect to the sorority is closeness. "There are special relationships between big and little sisters (pledges), said Twigg. "A big sister is someone who chooses to help and guide a pledge through the adjustments of school and sorority life. Twigg's, alias 22-year-old Diane Tobey, an experimental horticulture major, went on to say "there is a family feeling in the sorority, a real sense of closeness amongst sisters," she added smiling.

One of the sorority's off-the-wall activities involves phone booth stuffing. The idea, according to You Guys, is to stuff as many Sigma Kappa's in the phone booth as will fit. In 1978, the last year this event was held, the Sorority crammed 135 girls into a Ma Bell booth winning a trophy. The comical affair was stopped because one girl hurt her back while participating in the stuffing. Sigma Kappa has won the Scholarship Tray 10 out of the last 15 quarters. According to Agent-99 this tray is given to the sorority which earns the highest GPA.

"In our sorority we always emphasize student first. It's a matter of budgeting your time. The sorority doesn't put any pressures on me," said D.Q. "I enjoy being busy, I think that's why I joined."

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He said he feels the way to get the student evaluations going is to start at the individual departments or schools and then expand to other schools. The Publishers Board tried to start the evaluation in all schools at once. Mullen said the PAC's program will be modeled after the student survey books of UI, Davis and San Jose State University. The evaluation form tentative topics include: material and instructor effectiveness and presentation. Nine of the questions are to be answered on a scale of one to six. The other question is: "How do you feel the instructor and the course could be improved? Please explain."

The evaluations are conducted as a result tabulated. Mullen hopes to make the information public. She said the evaluation forms will be locked up in the political science department. If the fall trial run is successful the club's next step will be to conduct the survey again, this time including all of the political science classes.

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PAC drafts prof. evaluations

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New econ club to ‘better the community we live in’

BY TOM KINNSOLVING
Staff Writer

The spirit of Ralph Nader and consumer activism has come to Cal Poly.

The new Cal Poly Economics Association for Consumer Economics will “better the community we live in,” according to the club’s president Gail Comer.

Comer believes a Republican administration in Washington will insure a non-interventionist governmental role in corporate affairs.

“This means people have to be stronger,” she said. Her goal is to build PACE into a student coalition of consumer activists.

The club now has 22 members and welcomes students from all majors. One of PACE’s first actions will be to investigate possible student housing discrimination in San Luis Obispo.

Comer said the group also plans to investigate possible automobile repair fraud and will look into prices at El Corral Bookstore next quarter.

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Engineering, environment talks planned

Presently chairman of the Environmental Studies Program, Dr. Botkin has an impressive background that includes a doctor’s degree in biology and extensive research on endangered organisms and wilderness ecosystems.

He believes that recent scientific research makes it clear that life has profoundly altered the earth’s surface.

“Life’s biota (combined fauna and floral) have changed, modulated, and controlled the chemical composition of the atmosphere, oceans, and sediments over billions of years,” he says.

Called “Life on Planet Earth: Its Effects and Its Future” Dr. Botkin’s illustrated presentation will begin at 11 a.m. in Room 220 of the Julian A. McPhee University Union.

Students from all majors can attend.

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Coming This Christmas
BY VERN AHRENDES
Sport Editor

A win improves as it ages and that seems to be the same case with the Cal Poly football team. Two years ago, the Cal Poly football team's season ended against Winston-Salem in the Division II national championship playoffs. That team was led during the regular season by a trio of outstanding offensive players by the names of Craig Johnston, Louis Jackson and Robbie Martin.

That trio is once again on the brink of obtaining a playoff berth to this year's national championship. At the helm of Cal Poly's resurgent playoff hopes is senior quarterback Craig Johnston.

Johnston feels that this year's team is older and wiser than the one that entered the 1978 playoffs.

The basic difference this year is that this is an older team," the 21-year-old business administration major from Whittier said. "We realized two years ago that we had good talent and what it meant to be in the playoffs."

The record-setting quarterback feels that the added incentive of leaving this school as a champion is inspiring the performance of many of the Poly players this year.

"This year we are an older team and there is an added incentive to go out in style as a winner," he said. "The attitude is encouraged because we are seniors. It is fun to know you are doing something for the last time and that allows us to put a little more effort into what we are doing."

Johnston credits the success of this year's team to the philosophy that head coach Joe Harper established at the beginning of the season.

"We all got together early in the season and established goals to go out and that has paid off by making each and every game an important one for us," he said. "All that we have to do is go out and accomplish our goals."
Coach counts on recruits

BY VERN AHRENDES
San Luis Obispo Daily Times

This could be a long season for Cal Poly women's basketball coach Marilyn McNeil but eight freshmen could turn that prospect around. The season officially begins Thursday against Fresno State at 9 p.m. in the Cal Poly Classic Invitational Tournament in the Main Gym.

McNeil has corralled an untented crew as Colleen Finney is the only senior listed on the 13-member roster. The inexperienced could be a big plus for McNeil but there still are a number of "ifs" that need to be answered.

"How well we do this year will depend on how well the freshmen can handle the pressure," McNeil said. "If they can handle the pressure then we will be fine but if they fold then so will the Mustangs."

The ace in the hole for McNeil this year is the team's added height. The team will be averaging 5'11" overall, will be slower this year but McNeil hopes to be able to fastbreak.

"Last year we tried to fastbreak a lot," she said. "If we can handle the pressure then we will be the Poly scoring sensation to get the rebounding we needed. Our added height will give us an advantage to our running game going on."

McNeil is looking for returning Southern California Athlete Association's most valuable player Laura Buesing to be the Poly scoring sensation. On the other hand, McNeil is expecting to see a lot of special defenses in an effort to cage the high scoring junior from Calgary, Canada.

The Mustangs play Friday night against Santa Clara at 9 p.m. The finals are scheduled for Saturday night. Other teams in the tournament include Arizona, Stanford and Santa Barbara.

Sports

Georgia at top spot

Georgia, the nation's only unbeaten-united team, held onto first-place in The Associated Press college football poll while Notre Dame, the Bulldogs' Sugar Bowl opponent on New Year's Day, took over the runners-up spot.

Georgia, which boosted its record to 10-0 by defeating Auburn 31-21, received 86 of 66 first-place votes and 1,306 of a possible 1,320 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters. Notre Dame, ninth a week ago after being No. 1 the previous week, defeated Alabama 7-0, ending the Crimson Tide's quest for an unprecedented third consecutive national championship. The Irish received four first-place votes and 1,119 points.

Last week Georgia led runnerup Southern California 54-6 in first-place ballots and 1,299-1,180 in points. But the Trojans lost to Washington 20-10 and slipped all the way to 12th place.

Florida State was idle over the weekend but the Seminoles held onto third place with three first-place votes and 1,175 points. However, fourth-place Nebraska closed the gap markedly. The Cornhuskers blanked Iowa State 35-0 and received the remaining four first-place ballots and 1,173 points.

With Alabama and Southern Cal both losing, Ohio State, Pitt and Penn State all climbed two positions to fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively.

Ohio State trounced Iowa 41-7 and received 1,122 points. Pitt trimmed Army 45-7 for 973 points and Penn State clobbered Temple 37-7 and totaled 896 points.

Alabama dropped from fifth place to eighth with 735 points Oklahoma, a 17-7 winner over Missouri, rose from 10th to ninth with 719 points while Nebraska, which boosted its record to 9-1, dropped from fifth to 10th with 695 points.

Michigan whipped Purdue 26-0 and climbed from 11th to 10th with 692 points. The Second Ten consists of Baylor, Southern Cal, Pittsburgh, Temple, Penn State, Michigan, Northwestern, Ohio State, Pitt and Florida State all climbed two positions to fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively.

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Get facts straight

We've been unpleasantly surprised in the past two weeks to read inaccurate reports of our Election Day fiasco. It was on that day that we prevented distribution of 7,000 copies of the Daily so that we would not run afoul of an obscure state regulation prohibiting auxiliary organizations of the California State University and Colleges from endorsing candidates and from supporting or opposing controversial stands on issues.

We killed the edition with much regret. We had no legal counsel at the time and deemed it risky to test the regulation without expert legal advice.

We revealed in the initial notoriety we got as a result of our decision to abort our first run of the Election Day issue. There were only three accurate accounts of the story, however. And from what we can tell, many more inaccurate reports are circulating throughout the state. Many people are being misled.

The Daily Nexus of UCSB, for example, said Cal Poly administrators intervened to prevent publication of the offending issue containing the endorsement of President Carter. In addition, there were so many errors in the Nexus article there isn't space here to list them. To add insult to injury, Nexus blasted the "censorship" imposed by Cal Poly administrators on the Daily. That's almost funny. Cal Poly administrators are the last ones to read the Daily and weren't aware of our fiasco until it was all over.

The Daily Bruin of UCLA made the same mistake, only this time university "staff" "confiscated" the offending issues. The Bruin also said we are going ahead with a legal challenge to the regulation which has caused the whole mess and produced a university expert on constitutional law to say we'd win. That's not true. We're considering a legal challenge but that depends on several things, including money.

In the same edition of the Bruin, UCLA journalism instructor and newspaper advisor Lewis Perdue blasts the "censorship" of the Daily. Perdue makes a sound argument opposing the administrative law prohibiting college newspapers from taking editorial stands but much of his analysis is based on the Bruin's own misinformation.

Only the county's Nexus of UCSD, the San Francisco Examiner and the Associated Press got the story right. That's encouraging.

We did get an education as a result of all this notoriety, though. It is indeed possible to do a great job covering a story. But even the most well-intentioned reporters and editors have pre-conceived outcomes for newspaper articles even before the first source is contacted by phone.

Why? Because the reporters and editors had heard from the grapevine that the student newspaper at Cal Poly had to kill its first Election Day edition because of a regulation and assumed without later confirming that such intervention was a result of Cal Poly administrators' prior restraint.

As much as we'd like our readers to be outraged by the problem here in not so much with the Public Issue as in David's blatant usurpation of campus authority. The real crime is in the theft and destruction of our property. Interestingly, where the papers were stolen, there often appeared anti-nuclear flyers! If that's not a shady game, what is?

Our question is: why are these individuals so afraid of our literature? Is it because they are afraid of an informed student body? Students for Adequate Energy openly support examination of both sides of the issue.

Larry Robertson
Vice President
Students for Adequate Energy

Keep state out of private affairs

Editor: In these days of instantaneous retrieval and exchange of information through computers too often personal information is required without adequate justification. As students we tend to supply this information whenever asked without any questioning or even hesitation.

On our C.A.R. forms there is a place to indicate ethnic background. I feel that if a student doesn't intend to participate in a program requiring a specific ethnicity, it isn't the business of the university to ask or hold such information. I am listed as "Decline to state" for this precise reason.

I suggest to all students who disagree with the state or any of its institutions holding ethnic information in their files to circle the "D" on their C.A.R. forms and help get the state out of our private affairs.

Steven D. Wadley