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Dear Editor:

Concerning the continuing dispute over adequate buffers to protect wildlife habitat at Smith and Shepard reservoirs from radical degradation by the planned Sports Complex.

In response to an Academic Senate's Resolution approved 34 to 7 demanding that the present configuration be altered to provide such buffers with no loss of recreational facilities, a partial redesign is now being considered. Previous reasons for not moving the softball stadium away from the bird sanctuary to an appropriate distance, NCAA rules and the Americans for Disabilities Act - have been abandoned. The design engineers themselves have acknowledged that there is no physical reason that such a move could not take place and that it would not require additional construction costs.

But the Athletics Department maintains that the softball and baseball stadiums could not be separated by more than 50 feet. Why? Because spectators could not follow the game if there were a common set of toilets and hot-dog stands, and the cost of adding an extra hot-dog stand and extra wash-up facilities to the $51 million (this presumably would include the added seat toilets.) The reasons offered for having both the softball and baseball parking lot within 20 feet of Smith Reservoir - is that students could not walk or bike the distance from the present parking area to the playing fields.

Steven Marx
English Department

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A Guide to Data Access and Data Sharing, Monday, Feb. 23, in UU 207.

The presentation is sponsored by the Office of Information Technology.

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Farce by Czech president to be staged in Theatre

"The Increased Difficulty of Concentration," a play by the "world's hippest head of state," according to The Chicago Tribune, will play in the Cal Poly Theatre for six Performances at 8 pm Thursdays through the 19th. 26-February and March 5-7.
The play was written by Vaclav Havel, president of the Czech Republic. Considered a major thorn in the side of the Communist government for more than 30 years, Havel is now in the midst of one of the most popular leaders in the world.
The Chicago Tribune, reporting on a past production of "Increased Difficulty," said, "The farcical plays of Vaclav Havel inhabit a kind of uneasy middle ground between Roy Cooney and Franz Kafka."

"The Increased Difficulty of Concentration," penned in 1968, still plays as a broad and absurdist farce whose characters are more self-reflective. The central character, Huml, is a social scientist juggling a wife, a mistress, a secretary, and several people functioning as comical interroga tive machines in an absurd investigation.

Director David Thayer, a member of the Theatre and Dance Department faculty, has chosen to shake things up by casting females in the male roles and males in the female roles.

Huml will be played by an actress, while Huml's wife, mistress and secret ary will all be played by male actors. "Gender swapping makes me aware of sexual roles and stereotypes," Thayer says.

Tickets to "The Increased Difficulty of Concentration" are $7 and $8. The production is presented by the Theatre and Dance Department and the College of Liberal Arts. 

Retirement planning

focus of PERS workshop

The Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) has scheduled a free seminar in the Student Union today, Monday, March 12, for members who plan to retire in less than 10 years.

Information will be given on CalPERS benefits, in financial planning, investment strategies, tax deferred plans, insurance planning, and real estate.

All CalPERS members are eligible to attend the seminar on a first-come basis. Spouses can also attend if their name is requested at the time of the member's registration. For a registration form, contact Human Resources, at ext. 6-2237.

Members with Internet access can also fill in a registration form and gain access space availability on the CalPERS Web site at http://www.calpers.ca.gov. 

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Muse: Belladonna, BackStage Pizza, noon. 

Speakers: Walt Bremner (Landscape Architecture), Rose Bowker (Biological Sciences), John Wade (County Information Services), "GIS Clearinghouse: A Guide to Data Access and Data Sharing," UU 207, noon.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Muse: Trio Vanguard, BackStage Pizza, noon.

Music: "Smoky Joe's Cafe." Through Feb. 26, Cohen Center, 8 pm. ($)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Muse: Annie Rappid, BackStage Pizza, noon.

Health & Wellness Fair: "Optimize Your Own Health Legacy," UU 220, 11 am.

Music: "Smoky Joe's Cafe." Also Feb. 26, Cohen Center, 8 pm. ($)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Muse: Cadillac Angels, BackStage Pizza, noon.

Baseball: U. of Nevada, Reno, SLO Stadium, 3 pm. ($)

Softball: Mississippi State, Softball Field, 3 pm. ($)

Men's Basketball: Fullerton, Moot Gym, 7 pm. ($)

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Get facts about CETI

The campus is urged to get informed about the California Education Technology Initiative (CETI), a planned partnership between the CSU and four of the nation's leading technology firms to create, improve, and continue updating communication throughout the system. Faculty, staff and student opinions are solicited and should be forwarded to Jerry Hasley, vice provost, Information Technology Services, at ext. 6-2986 or e-mail jhasley@calpoly.edu. Complete information is on the CETI home page: http://www.ceti.calstate.edu.

... Engineers Week

Women Engineers "Dining with Industry" banquet on Friday, Feb. 20.

The events are specifically designed for students, faculty and staff members from the College of Engineering and the Agricultural Engineering and Architectural Engineering departments.

For a schedule of events, check the Web site at www.syner.ceng.calpoly.edu or call Alisa Sparkia Moore at ext. 6-2853.

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Spokespersons for the GIS Clearinghouse, Rose Bowker of Biological Sciences, and John Wade of County Information Services will talk about efforts to establish a clearinghouse to provide information via the Internet.

Aft 207 in the Student Union (San Obispo Geographic Information Consor tium), Cal Poly and SLO Information Services were awarded a $42,000 USGS Federal Geographic Clearinghouse Grant. The clearinghouse will provide information about who is using GIS and what data is available from the more than 85 organizations using GIS in San Luis Obispo County.

The presentation is sponsored by the Faculty Instructional Development Office. Sandwiches and beverages will be provided. RSVP phone: ext. 6-5935.

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Openings available in South County vanpool

Cal Poly's South County vanpool has immediate openings for state, Foundation and ASI employees. The van is designed for people who work 7:30 am to 4 pm. For a free trial ride, call Commuter Services at ext. 6-6860.

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Jobs for faculty and staff, including temporary, are accessible from the Cal Poly home page on http://www.calpoly.edu; click on "General Information." For more information on positions available, contact the appropriate department office unless otherwise stated.

DATINGLINE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Music: Jon Sirks, Backstage Pizza, noon
Wrestling: San Francisco State, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($)
Speaker: Technology skeptic, literary critic and writer Sven Birkerts, Performing Arts Center's Philips Hall, 7:30 pm.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Career Symposium: Chumash, 10 am.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Speaker: Tom Gibb, "Evolutionary Project Planning: A Radical Planning Approach for Better Results From Any Type of Project," Business Rotunda (213), 10 am.
Women's History Luncheon: Silent auction, awards ceremony, and entertainment by Mother Tongue. Chumash, 11 am.
Women's Tennis: San Jose State, Tennis Courts, 2 pm.
Speaker-Demon: Lisette Rabinox, "Alexander Technique," Davidson Music Center, 218, 11 am.
Baseball: U of San Francisco, SLO Stadium, 7 pm. ($)
Music: The Prague Chamber Orchestra, Cohan Center, 8 pm. ($)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Baseball: U of San Francisco, SLO Stadium, 1 pm. ($)
Softball: Field Complex, double-header at noon and 2 pm.
Music: Pops Concert, Cohan Center, 8 pm. ($)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Women's Tennis: Idaho State, Tennis Courts, 9 am.
Baseball: U of San Francisco, SLO Stadium, 1 pm. ($)
Softball: Sacramento State, Softball Field, double-header at noon and 2 pm.
Men's Basketball: UCSB, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($)
Comedy: Bill Cosby, Chohan Center, 3 and 8 pm. ($)

Engineers students to host Engineers Week

Touting that engineers "Turn Ideas Into Reality!" College of Engineering students are hosting National Engineers Week from Sunday, Feb. 22, through Saturday, Feb. 28. The week's events will showcase the achievements of the more than 4,000 students enrolled in the college.

Activities will include bowling, basketball and volleyball tournaments, career counseling and engineering contests. Almost 50 professional, honorary and service engineering student clubs are eligible to participate in one of the week's most exciting events, the Club Carnival, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 26.

Recruiting National Engineers Week are the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program's "Corporate, Social and Academic Banquet" tonight (Feb. 18), a career symposium and a collegiate barbecue on Thursday, Feb. 19, and the Society of Engineers students to host Engineers Week

Orientation meeting set on Plan '99 project proposals

A general orientation meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 19, at 4 pm in Room 205, Business Building, for faculty, staff, and students wishing to submit proposals for Cal Poly Plan projects in 1998-99 or 1999-2000. Projects spanning both years are also invited by the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee.

Applications of intent are due Friday, March 6, to the provost for project proposals having a universitywide applicability or involving collaboration between members of two or more campus units. About $200,000 in campus academic fee revenue will fund this project category in each of the next two years. Another $300,000 each year will be available proportionally to all colleges and units to sponsor Cal Poly Plan projects that may more directly address the needs of specific programs. The internal review procedures for unit-based proposals will be announced March 6 by individual deans.

Guidelines for submitting universitywide and collaborative projects are available from the provost's office (ext. 6-3186) or on the Cal Poly Plan Web site off the Cal Poly Home Page.

Applicants who submit a statement of intent by March 6 for universitywide and collaborative projects will be informed on or before March 20, whether they are invited to provide a full proposal, due Friday, April 3. Applicant presentations, by moving to a two-year funding cycle and also reworking procedures, the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee has made the application process easier and less time-consuming.

The Cal Poly Plan Web site contains a description of all current and previous Cal Poly Plan projects as well as information about the 16 tenure-track professors who are available through the campus academic fee. (Cont. on page 2)