Poly reactor set to be dismantled

BY SANDRA GARY
Staff Writer

The campus nuclear generator is scheduled to be dismantled and removed at the end of this month, said Cal Poly's radiation safety officer.

John Pickering said the reactor was used in physics and mechanical engineering classes to teach the operation of nuclear power plants. It was shipped here in 1971 from the Naval Post Graduate School, in Monterey. Since then, student interest in learning about nuclear energy has waned.

Pickering originally hoped to remove the generator, which is housed in the Mechanical Engineering Building, by mid-February. Containers needed to seal the radioactive fuel, however, are unavailable until the end of the month at the earliest.

The design of the containers is dictated by the Department of Transportation to meet safety requirements. Pickering said the metal containers, which are coming from Oakridge Laboratory, Oakridge, Tenn., will probably be the size of 55 gallon drums.

At present, the Oakridge Lab is using the containers to store radioactive materials. The materials will be transferred out of the containers and the containers will be decontaminated before they are shipped to Cal Poly.

To decontaminate a surface from radioactivity, all that need be done is wash it with a cleanser, such as "scrubb­ing bubbles used in the bathroom," Pickering said.

The containers will hold six uranium 235 discs which fuel the reactor. The 235 discs which fuel the reactor. The

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Groups vie to solve city's parking problem

BY RUSS SPENCER
Staff Writer

Anyone who has tried to park downtown during the working day or failed to find a parking space in their own student housing complex will tell you there is a parking problem in San Luis Obispo.

City Engineer Wayne Peterson describes the problem as "terrible," and Floyd Hitchcock, the manager of Woodside student apartment complex, says that controlling the parking around the complex is the most difficult part of his job.

Every day, cars parked downtown are ticketed for either being in a no-parking zone or next to an expired parking meter. And every day, according to statistics from Woodside, Mustang Village and Stener Glen student housing complexes, someone is towed from their parking lots for not having a parking sticker or being parked in a red zone.

Parking needs

A study recently completed by a private evaluation firm on the parking problem in San Luis Obispo shows the city needs between 400 and 500 additional parking spaces to satisfy its parking hunger, according to Ken Porche, chairman of the Community Parking Advisory Committee.

CPAC was formed two years ago by the San Luis Obispo City Council to "finally address this problem that has faced the city for years and years," Porche said. The committee is made up of nine businessmen and property owners who have spent over 100 hours studying the downtown parking situation and trying to come up with a solution.

What they came up with was a $7.5 million, four level, 450 space parking garage to be put on the corner of Morro and Palm streets, which Porche refers to as the "Taj Mahal."

A 100 space lot on the corner of Marsh and Broad streets was also be included in the project.

"Everything was deluxe, deluxe, deluxe, all down the line, and so we got a lot of resistance on the cost of the struc­ture," Porche said.

The resistance which CPAC met came mostly from downtown business owners who were to be given assessments to help pay for the parking program.

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Commission to rule on legality of dune moratorium

BY KATHLEEN HORIZON
Staff Writer

The California Coastal Commission will hold hearings regarding the Nipomo Dunes today in Santa Bar­bara to determine whether the local coastal plan, ap­proved by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, conforms to the state coastal plan.

The local plan would place a moratorium on all vehicles in the area until the state can form its own management proposal.

The Nipomo Dunes are formed by the movement of sand from up and down the coast that is blown into the sheltered cove, according to Dirk Walters of the Biological Sciences department. The sand is contained close to the coast by vegetation, which will let the Dunes grow upward, not inland, he said.

When the vegetation is destroyed the sand moves in­land, and that is the problem, Walters said. People's homes, some of the best agricultural land in the coun­ty, and ponds, or wet areas, would be covered, he said.

According to Walters, the Dunes had not begun to move inland at a fast rate before 1965.

There always were dune vehicles out there, but before 1965 the only ones out there were hobbyists people who built their own vehicles by scratch, which eliminated most of us," he said.

Problems increase

Mass-produced and readily available off-road vehicles (ORV's) increased the usage of the area and in­creased the problems as well, Walters said. Nothing is basically wrong with the ORV's. The problem is one of too many vehicles increasing quickly in too small an area.

Walters explained that in 1974, the local vehicle clubs, the Sierra Club, the Native Plant Society and the Audubon Society worked out a compromise in regard to the Dunes. That compromise included an 860-acre area with one main access at Calendar Road.

Between 1974 and 1982, the damage has accelerated and the area used by the ORV's has widened.

The state does not have the manpower or the money

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A dune buggy romps freely on the sands of the Nipomo Dunes. Coastal commission hearings in Santa Barbara today will help decide what future such vehicles have on the Dunes.
WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Police detained 3,500 people and fined another 7,000 for military law violations last week in Poland, the official PAP news agency said Wednesday. Reporting the biggest dragnet since martial law was imposed, the agency said 145,000 people were warned, 29,000 were fined, and 4,000 sent to misdemeanor courts, and that 614 people still face police courts for martial law violations uncovered during the recent two-day sweep called "Operation Calm." PAP said 25,000 regular and volunteer policemen checked 51,000 shops, 60,000 vehicles and 3,500 hideouts for "criminal elements," adding: "It can be stated that the basis of reports of police patrols that the state of obedience to existing regulations of martial law is not the best." Radio Warsaw, monitored in London, said the raids were "carried out throughout Poland" and that many were conducted at night. It did not give the exact dates of the sweep, and it was unclear how many of those detained were still in custody.

Before the latest action, authorities had reported 4,000 people in detention since martial law was imposed Dec. 13, the independent union Solidarity suspended, and its leader Lech Walesa detained near Warsaw.

U.S. officer visits El Salvador
SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) - Lt. Gen. Wallace H. Nutting, the senior U.S. Army commander in Latin America, met with El Salvador's defense minister Wednesday to assess American aid to the beleaguered Salvadoran military. Before the latest action, authorities had reported 4,000 people in detention since martial law was imposed Dec. 13, the independent union Solidarity suspended, and its leader Lech Walesa detained near Warsaw.

Busboy receives life sentence
LAS VEGAS (AP) - A former busboy at the Las Vegas Hilton was sentenced to life without parole Wednesday for his role in last February's fatal inferno at the Strip resort.

Philip Bruce Cline stood at the court clerk ashen faced as the clerk read the verdict. The jury issued a special verdict saying the mitigating circumstances outweighed aggravating circumstances and the death penalty was not justified.

The jury's options were death, life in prison without parole and life with the possibility of parole.

Tougher to get pregnant after 30
BOSTON (AP) - A French study says that women are significantly less able to become pregnant after they reach age 30, a discovery that may be important to the growing number of women who postpone childbirth while they establish careers.

The study found that the ability to conceive drops sharply between age 31 and 35 and declines further during the late 30s. Until now, many researchers believed that fertility remained high until age 35. Although doctors have long suggested women older than 35 have more trouble getting pregnant, this is the first major study to find clear evidence of this change.

The study was done by a French sperm bank organization called the Federation des Centres d'Etude et de Conservation du Sperme Humain. In a review of 2,193 women, the doctors measured fecundity, or the capacity for becoming pregnant. All the women in their 20s were the most fertile. The women in their 30s were the most fertile. Seventy-three percent of those under 25 became pregnant with the assistance of artificial insemination, as did 74 percent of the women between the ages of 26 and 30. However, in the 31 to 35 age group, only 62 percent became pregnant, and the rate was 54 percent for those over 35.

Michigan family massacre; 7 die
FARWELL, Mich. (AP) - A mailman and six members of his family were killed with blasts from a shotgun at their rural home, and police said Wednesday they had a "very weak suspect" but no motive.

The bodies of three adults were found Tuesday strewn through a red and white, one-story home near this central Michigan town of 1,000 residents. Outside in the cabin of a bullet-riddled pickup truck was the body of a woman bashed over her three dead children.

A 1-year-old girl was found alive on the floor of the pickup, authorities said.

The dead included George W. Post, 53, a mailman and school board treasurer, his wife, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Dunes moratorium considered
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- to patrol the area to make sure that the ORV's do not drive onto private land or restricted areas, said Walters.

The main reason for the hearings in Santa Barbara is to develop a plan that the state can accept as reasonable and enforceable, while at the same time protecting the Dunes from irreparable damage, Walters said.

The local plan was brought before the County Planning Commission in a public meeting and the Board of Supervisors later held public hearings on the plan, and approved it, he said.

A number of conservation groups and business groups support the moratoriums while ORV enthusiasts and businesses do not want the area closed.

Self-regulation urged
According to Bob Gallup of the Poly Goats Four Wheel Drive Club, self-regulation could alleviate the destruction of the Dunes. The Poly Goats would like to see the Dunes kept open as it is one of the few beach areas open to vehicles, he said. Walters added that a number of problems. Gallup suggested that letters be written to four wheeler drive clubs and advertisements be placed in off-road magazines to make the public aware of the problems of the Dunes.

Despite the 1974 compromise between the environment and off-road enthusiasts, the damage to the Dunes has increased, Walters said. A moratorium is necessary to give the state time to develop a feasible plan and have the Dunes time to repair themselves. Walters added, and a halt to dune vehicles should be called until the environmental damage can be determined.

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Artful sport

Fencing, as both a struggle for life or death, and an art has existed almost as long as man himself. Fencing began during the Bronze Age, when a few clumsy oafs swung their heavy, two-sided swords, in the hopes of striking a blow serious enough to wound their enemy. Fencing with these heavy swords required two hands and quite a bit of strength. The movements were slow and clumsy, and it was quite easy to avoid the blade by ducking or stepping sideways out of the way of the sword coming down at them. The opponents stood face-to-face as they swung and ducked, lunged and sidestepped. The swords were used only in combat, and the style lacked skill or finesse.

In the seventeenth century, armor was no longer "in style" as it had been in the Middle Ages, and more elegant clothes were worn. This change in dress was responsible for the change in sword from a bulky, two-sided instrument to the long and narrow foil. This fit in well with the dress of the times and the foil was light enough for a gentleman to be able to defend his honor at any moment.

Things haven't changed much since then; the rules remain much the same, and today even the phrases and movements depict the times of yesterday.

Fencing at Cal Poly comes in two forms; the claque, which is taken up for defense by the dam, and the d'ub which maota at the damage. Both are open to anyone interested in fencing and provide a good way to learn the ways of the sport as both an art and a method of combat.

Clockwise from upper left: Jerome Petrie displays the proper form to stand, as he waits for the next opponent. Kevin Hansen takes a "valid hit" to the mid-section. Lunging at each other are Brian Vandenbarg and Michael Beguelin.

Photos by John Lynch
Pancake breakfast
The Woman's Water Polo Club will host a pancake breakfast in Poly Grove on Saturday, March 6 from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost will be $2.50 for all the pancakes, eggs and sausages you can eat.

Creationism debate
Cal Poly Young Democrats is sponsoring a debate today in Science E-27 at 7:30 A.M. The debate topic will be: "Should creationism be taught alongside evolution in public biology classrooms?" This is one of a continuing series of debates on issues of the day.

Ski sign-ups
Because there was no Ski Club meeting this week, there will be sign-ups for the Sun Valley Trip in the U.O. Plaza today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The trip cost is $163.

NRM Club meeting
The Natural Resource Club will meet today at 11 a.m. in Science B-2 to discuss Poly Royal, the March barbecue and the tentative day hike.

Poly Notes

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Stanly Stoked at garage, according to FREED Interim Executive Director Rod Calderhead. Calderhead said that FREED feels the city is "throwing money at the problem and hoping it will work out." Consequently, he said, FREED is offering $1,000 to the person who presents them with the best work out. "Consequently, he said. FREED is offering architectural and safety standards," he said. "reasonable means of private financing, complete with ing money at the problem and looking at what is best for the most people."

FREED's parking problems are the worst. There are only 168 spaces for the 200 residents there who drive cars, according to Manager Floyd Hitchcock. Consequently, he said, students are forced to park in red zones, where they are often ticketed, or across Highway 1 in the University Square shopping center. Hitchcock added, "we have to do what is best for the most people."

While the city is at least on the way to finding a solution for its parking problems, off-campus student housing complexes are facing a no-win situation. Woodside's parking problems are the worst. There are only 168 spaces for the 200 residents there who drive cars, according to Manager Floyd Hitchcock. Consequently, he said, students are forced to park in red zones, where they are often ticketed, or across Highway 1 in the University Square shopping center. Hitchcock said, "In order to encourage students who don't have cars to live in Woodside, the complex offers a $90 rebate on the cost of nine months rent to those who don't park there. But residents often interpret the rebate as nothing more than a $90 parking fee.

Two towed An average of two cars per night are towed from the Woodside parking area. Hitchcock said. Most of those towed belong to people without stickers who are visiting friends and end up paying close to $30 to get their cars back.

There is no real solution to the problems there until the complex gets more land to use for parking, and that is very unlikely," Hitchcock said.

Poly generator not needed From page 1 containers and fuel will be sent back to the Oakridge Lab, which originally supplied the fuel. The discs are about one foot in diameter and stack 16 inches high, said Robert Adamson, mechanical engineering instructor. He, together with Pickering and Physics Professor Arthur Rosen, have been approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to dismantle the reactor. The reactor can generate one-tenth of a watt, which is equal to a flashlight carrying two batteries, Adamson said. The reactor itself will either be disposed of, sold, or sent to Oakridge Lab. Pickering said.

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Sports  

Buehning sets scoring record; Poly wins two CCAA games

Mustang senior Laura Buehning would have added another record to her long list of Cal Poly firsts Saturday night with a 66-point performance at Cal State Dominguez Hills. If the record she had broken wasn’t her own. But then any Mustang women’s basketball record to be broken is likely held by Buehning.

The 6-4 senior guard’s record setter could not have come at a better time—in the Mustang’s 79-73 come-from-behind victory over California Collegiate Athletic Association rival Dominguez Hills. On Friday night at Cal State Northridge, Buehning led the Mustangs to an 83-74 triumph over the Matadors, scoring 30 points.

Buehning, from Calgary, Canada, is also the women Mustangs’ all-time leader in scoring and assists, and is No. 4 on the all-time rebounding list. The two conference wins keep Cal Poly in a second place in the CCAA with Chapman College. Both teams are 6-3 in conference play, trailing the nation’s top-ranked Division II team Cal Poly Pomona at 8-0.

The Mustangs have only three conference games remaining on their schedule, including their regular season finale at Pomona. However, two teams from the CCAA are likely to get bids to the NCAA playoffs, beginning next month, and Chapman has four conference games yet to be played.

Cal Poly will host Central Coast rival and Division I school UC Santa Barbara Friday night at 8:30 in the Main Gym. The two teams have already met this season, with the Gauchos winning two of the contests.

BY VERN AHRENDTS  Staff Writer

“Three more wins. That is all that we need,” says here for reflection, and for emphasis. “Just, do you realize that six more wins will put us in the Final Four?”

Some quotes just stand on their own merits and others demand comment. Well, this last one, from Ernie Wheeler in the wake of his basketball team’s fifth straight California Collegiate Athletic Association conference victory that vaulted Cal Poly into a two-way tie with Cal State Bakersfield for first place, demands a little bit of both.

Considering that Cal Poly, our very own Cal Poly Mustangs, is in first place in the CCAA is a tough enough pill for this corner to try to swallow. But, to consider that Cal Poly is only three games away from the CCAA conference title and only six wins away from the Final Four in the NCAA Division II National Championship Tournament is like trying to swallow a basketball.

And to think that this year was supposed to be a rebuilding year. These conference-leading kids are still so green that most of them have yet to enjoy the comfort of a one-night jaunt to Bakersfield. But, these kids are still atop the CCAA and have been making mincemeat of all challengers lately. As far as post-season action goes, Poly would stand a good chance to host a part of the regional playoffs. Since Poly and Bakersfield are the only teams in the Far West that are currently ranked, the Tuesday journey would probably be hosted by one of the CCAA teams.

Poly has a proven track record from its quarter-final game with New Hampshire last season. It has been considered, for hosting post-season play the last few years, but there was always the question of whether the courthouse could handle four games. Poly proved its one-game draw last season as 3,300 packed into the Main Gym. I am sure that the Central Coast could easily match the invisible crowd that turned up two years ago for the Riverside-Cal Poly game in Tacoma.

Northridge was not the only conference team that bit the bullet last weekend and tumbled from the top spot. Riverside added its own version of the February flop by dropping both of its weekend matches.

Former Cal Poly starter (from the 1979-80 version that lost to Riverside in the second round of the playoffs), Dave McCracken, who pulled the trigger for Cal Poly with UC Riverside on Saturday night, said the Mustangs start their three-game stretch down on Friday as they host Cal Poly Pomona. Both games start at 7:30 p.m. McCracken, who pulled some signatures last year. Please see page 7

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Opinion

Battle goes on

Fluorescent lights, lower thermostat readings, residence hall competitions and more have all spelled big energy savings for Cal Poly over the last few years. Pacific Gas and Electric Co. estimates that in the last five years, the university has reduced its total energy consumption by some 17 to 20 percent.

These savings come despite the fact that several new buildings have appeared on campus in that time, among them the Robert E. Kennedy Library, Fischer Science Hall and the Faculty Office Building.

Still, the war against energy waste is far from over. Despite the cutbacks, energy costs for Poly have continued to soar. According to Doug Gerard, executive dean of facilities planning, the university’s present energy tab runs “in excess of $100,000 a month.” That’s bad news, especially for anyone who has paid higher student fees.

For this reason, it was encouraging to see the ASI Senate make a move last week furthering the conservation effort. The Senate passed a resolution urging the university to adopt an energy conservation policy on campus. In addition, the Senate also recommended that a university-wide energy conservation committee be formed, with representatives from students, faculty and administration.

The committee’s main goal will be to carry out the energy conservation policy developed by the Senate. The policy takes several practical steps to further decrease campus energy use.

It will work to identify and implement new energy conservation measures, educate the campus community on how to increase conservation, work to assure that new buildings are energy efficient and encourage regular maintenance of existing buildings to eliminate waste.

Perhaps most importantly, the policy supports the development of alternative energy sources on campus. The opportunities for this area are many. Among them are plans to convert the outdoor swimming pool to solar heating and to construct a co-generation power plant on campus. It has been estimated that as much as 80 percent of Poly’s electricity needs could be met by such a facility.

All told, utility officials estimate the university could easily cut its energy usage by another 10 to 15 percent through further conservation efforts. With energy bills exceeding $100,000 a month, savings could equal a dollar or more per student per month.

The Senate, of course, that it is impossible to just hand out cash rebates to all the different energy savers on campus, but as an incentive, it is possible to direct more money to the energy-saving parties. Not only will further conservation save the university money, it can reduce the need to open new power plants such as PG&E’s Diablo Canyon nuclear plant.

This encourages us, and along with the Senate, we hope the committee can be in place and at work by Spring Quarter. The Senate is also seeking new conservation ideas from students, faculty and staff. All suggestions should be directed to the ASI office, located in University Union.

Letters

No sympathy offered

Editor:

I was extremely pleased to read your Feb. 9 editorial supporting a moratorium on ORVs in the Nipomo Dunes. I am a non-student visitor to this area.

For the past two years I have participated in the Santa Maria Audubon Christmas Bird Count with Bill Dennis from Hancock College. Our area has been Mussel Rock which is a very beautiful spot. This beach area is a very good place to bird and simply enjoy for its serenity.

I hope the California Coastal Commission imposes this moratorium and eventually bars all ORVs from the Nipomo Dunes. I offer no sympathy to those interested in destroying our California coastline for their “recreation.”

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Voice your concerns

Editor:

The student editorial entitled “Poor Investment” (Feb. 10) was a very forceful and thought-provoking commentary on the proposed federal budget cuts. Although I will contend that budget cuts need to be made in our massive, and many times wasteful, federal bureaucracy, I will quickly agree that cuts in funding for higher education are not among them.

Many important factual points of your editorial could be lost among the papers and classes at Cal Poly, unless these points are shared with and impressed upon, our elected officials whose responsibility it is to stop this nonsense.

I would encourage each student, staff and faculty member on this campus to write to their U.S. representative and U.S. senator, send them a copy of this editorial and inform them of the serious ramifications that the federal funding for higher education has had in the past, and that these reductions in benefit for mankind can only continue, and multiply in the future, if federal funding for higher education is available for those people that need it.

REMEMBER, this is an election year for all of our U.S. representatives and one-third of the U.S. senators—let them know of your concerns, and what you think and also how you plan to vote in November.

Glen B. Crutcher

Market place minds

Editor:

CSBA, the CSU student lobby organization, is promoting student activism. It recently requested that each of its 19 constituent campuses take a stand on the issue of nuclear disarmament, and endorses a statement to that effect. At Cal Poly’s first Student Senate meeting this quarter, the consensus was that students should concern themselves only with “educational” issues.

Poland, El Salvador. The stripping of social programs. The economy of anti-intellectualism. Anti-intellectuals at Cal Poly are asking, “What do these issues have to do with getting an education?” (or more precisely, getting a job.) One student senator recently said in reference to the 60s, “It was all just a lot of noise.” Whatever one’s political inclination, one cannot deny the historical, social, and political impact of the student-led anti-war movement of the sixties.

Students now, as then, can influence the quality of life in a democratic society. But this requires an atmosphere conducive to inquiry, criticism and debate. It is time for Cal Poly to live up to its university title, and time for faculty and students to insist on it.

The university must be dedicated to intellectual discourse and dissent. It must not be limited to producing marketable cogs for the capitalist machine. With the ever-increasing complexities of foreign and domestic affairs, people need to know how to analyze issues in order to create solutions. Human beings, not machines, have these questions. Can we abandon our inventions and thoughts into the hulks of the market place?

Ready Reysno
ASI Student Senator
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Force-fed editorials

Editor:

I am writing in response to the poor quality of editorials and back page cartoons we have been force-fed lately.

It seems that each day’s editorial is a blast at national policies or a stand against nuclear power. The cartoons have been a series of last-dose shots against the President of our great nation.

I don’t believe that the Mustang Daily should spend this extraordinary amount of time being so negative about the country we live in and its leaders we’ve chosen. I believe there are many student issues that could be discussed—ie. minor sports—instead of constantly taking up the back page. This feeling goes for the cartoons, too. I hope the other students who have also expressed this feeling will join me in asking that you let the national scene be debated on the university that you are supposed to inform and represent.

Jeff Crivelli