Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand speaks to local educators and administrators during a presentation Tuesday in the U.U. plaza at a forum on the upcoming referendums. Students will vote on the four initiatives on Wednesday and Thursday.

CSU files to evict former dorm CSD
Employee previously lodged sexual harassment charges

By Amy Koval
Staff Writer

An eviction suit has been filed by the California State University Board of Trustees against Cal Poly employee Debra Foster. Foster is also involved in a sexual harassment dispute.

Foster worked as a coordinator of student development for Trinity Hall from Fall 1990 through Summer 1991. The eviction suit filed by the CSU Board of Trustees follows Foster's job change from CSD to a desk job at the Off-Campus Housing Office, where she is currently employed.

As a CSD, Foster was allowed to rent on-campus housing. However, according to Cal Poly's Resident Student Development Office, no employees other than CSIs and graduate assistants may reside on campus.

Foster has continued to live on campus despite the situation, paying monthly rent.

Bruce Richardson, acting general counsel for the CSU Chancellor's Office, is handling the eviction case.

He was unavailable to comment on the reasoning behind the eviction Monday and Tuesday.

CSU officials said Richardson is the only person at the Chancellor's Office authorized to discuss the details of the case.

In September, Foster filed two sexual harassment grievances against her former supervisor, Stephen Lamb. Last week Anna McDonald, director of the Office of Affirmative Action, confirmed that the charges were filed.

Lamb is associate director of the Resident Student Development Office.

Foster and Lamb declined to comment on the matter, but both confirmed that charges have been filed and that the sexual harassment proceedings are underway.

Once sexual harassment grievances have been filed, a university and employee union-approved procedure is followed.

According to the Administrative Bulletin 88-4 and the union's Reconsideration Procedure, the process the complaint follows is as follows:

Once charges are officially filed with the director of Personnel and Employee Relations, both parties, their representatives and any witnesses are interviewed.

If the complaint is not satisfied with the outcome of the investigation, the complaint moves to the presidential level.

If at that level a satisfactory conclusion is still not reached, the complaint moves to the level of the Chancellor's Office.

Seastrand: 'Tough times' ahead for education
Assemblywoman, educators discuss budget prospects

By Ted Holz
Staff Writer

"Tough times" lurk ahead for education, said Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand, R-29th District, to a group of area educators, who think times are already tough.

Projections of increased revenues in the California budget have not materialized, which may cause an expected $3 billion to $6 billion shortfall by the end of the year, Seastrand said during her presentation at the Madonna Inn Tuesday.

During the period from July to October, the state felt a shortfall of $592 million, according to the state Finance bulletin.

"We have to get together and try to figure out how we can be creative and get the precious dollars down from Sacramento to the classroom," said Seastrand, who represents an area that extends from Fort Ord through the San Luis Obispo area to Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Roger Magyar, an education consultant for the state Assembly, further explained the education budget crunch at the meeting.

"When you talk about education this year, the important issues are the budget, the budget and the budget," he said.

Magyar reviews legislation before it goes to the Education Committee and makes recommendations.

"The budget situation next year will be worse than we had last year and maybe worse than the last two years combined," he said.

The poor condition of the economy, the exodus of business from California and increased numbers of recipients of government aid were named as causes of the tight budget.

The number of businesses that have recently left the state is "unbelievable," Seastrand said. Despite that fact, many legislators are pushing for increased regulation of business, she said.

One major drain on education funds is the requirement that "prevailing wages," meaning union wages, be paid for the construction of all facilities, Seastrand said.

There has also been an expansion of government aid.

"The numbers of tax receivers are going up much, much faster than the number of taxpayers," said budget consultant Bill Purty.

For example, he said, the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program had 6.9 tax-payers per recipient in 1980. The projected ratio in 2000 is 2.9.

All the "easy" solutions to the budget problem were used this year, Magyar said. "Next year, they are going to have to look at personnel and employee relations, both parties, their representatives and any witnesses are interviewed.

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Past Soviet foreign minister retakes office

MOSCOW (AP) — Eduard A. Shevardnadze is returning as Soviet foreign minister, the state news agency Tass reported today. Shevardnadze quit the post 11 months ago warning of the dangers of dictatorship.

The restoration of the 63-year-old Shevardnadze to the Foreign Ministry job marks a significant boost to Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. Gorbachev is struggling to maintain the authority of his central government in the wake of August's coup attempt.

Stolen Roosevelt rug found behind church

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An Oriental silk rug that Chiang Kai-shek gave to President Franklin D. Roosevelt has been recovered near a club where it was reported stolen last week.

The rug, valued at $8,000, was found undamaged and wrapped in a plastic bag behind Christ Church Cathedral, next to the private Columbus Club.

Club officials had reported the rug missing Nov. 13 from a dining room wall.

Freight trains collide, engines, car derailed

NILAND, Calif. (AP) — Two engines and one car derailed when two Southern Pacific freight trains sideswiped each other early Tuesday but no one was reported injured, authorities said.

About 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from a punctured tank on one of the engines but firefighters sprayed on foam and there was no fire, said Mike Aleckich, Niland's assistant fire chief.

The accident, reported at 4:20 a.m., occurred in a passing area.

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Library holds information sessions

Workshops discuss different services

By Allison Rosseleman Staff Writer

The Robert E. Kennedy Library will hold two workshops designed to acquaint faculty members and students with the electronic services that are available in the library.

The workshops will be held today and Thursday, from 11 a.m. to noon in room 202 of the library.

"The goal (of the workshop) is to expose people to the different electronic equipment that help in searching for topics that are available in our library and in other libraries," said Paul Adalian, head librarian in the reference department.

Adalian said the workshops help to inform people of the various services available to them and how to use them to their benefit.

The information that will be discussed will be the same at both workshops and will include training on UnCover (a periodical database), searches of 300 library catalogs through the Internet, remote access to Polycat, new features of Melvyl (the University of California's nine-campus union catalog) and access of electronic journals and newsletters.

Rose Rockman, associate dean of Library Services, said the workshops are primarily designed for faculty members, but students are also welcome to attend.

No pre-registration is required, but the number of people accepted to attend will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Wes Mueller, a crop science associate professor who frequently uses the library's electronic services, said he believes the workshop will be beneficial because it is important for students and faculty to know what is available to them throughout the library.

"Familiarizing yourself with what is available at the library is a good idea," he said, "because it will get people in and get them to use the equipment."

The library will hold a workshop on its electronic services.

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By Gary Awey

Revenge isn't needed against drunk drivers

Yesterday, when I was taking a break from my job, a pair of women approached me and asked if I would like to sign their petition. They handed it over and read it. It was on a sheet of coffee and doughnuts, discussing cholesterol levels. It was a petition to the district attorney requesting that the charges being brought against a particular drunk driver be increased to second-degree murder.

The driver will almost certainly be found guilty and leave the fate of the driver in the hands of the jury. Revenge isn't needed against drunk drivers.

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Floating underground dance club / hi-tech musical party energizes patrons with "smart nutrients"

By Meredith Rehrman

A long line forms outside of a San Francisco warehouse.

Dee-Lite look-alikes in purple paisley, pasty-white preppies from Silicon Valley and techno-hippies stand among the club regulars.

Women are clad in anything from se-quin dresses and beehive hairdos, reminiscent of the B-52's, to the all-black Mod look.

Some guys are buzzing about the latest advancement in computer technology.

Soon they will climb the three flights of stairs, up a dark and narrow stairway, to a dance floor high up in the rafters, seeking an evening of utopia.

"Diversity and mixture is really important to us," Heley said. "Clubs are this really polarized activity, and people tend to stick to cliques."

"Toon Town is different in that it attracts people from all different clubs. The whole point is to create a place where everyone feels comfortable."

Similar to other clubs though, dancing remains Toon Town's ultimate purpose.

"The seed to the club is music," Heley said. "It starts with music and ends with music. We are creating a network of people and using a personal touch for our customers."

Cate Corcoran, a San Francisco journalist who has frequented the psychedelic, dreamlike club, says Toon Town is "basically entertainment. The main thing to do is dance, and everything else is a supplement to it."

These supplements help create the "total atmosphere" of Toon Town.

"We are of the high-tech, philosophical pop-culture image of Toon Town, dancing is blended with special effects and computer-screen electronics. Computer videos are fused with syn-thenotic effects."

Customers can watch a swirling array of brightly colored fractals — mathematical equations and images that make patterns on a 25-foot-square screen.

There are brain machines, too. Goggles that have flashing lights in them are used to stimulate brain waves and light frequencies, all to create a feeling of relaxation.

For the "hands-on" types, gloves can be worn to accompany the computer monitored goggles and allow users to adventure into an imaginary world programmed into the machine. Walk down one of the psychedelic halls, point to a door with the gloves and it opens automatically.

"Everything we do is an amplification of dancing. We want to create a total atmosphere and then amplify it, so that when you're there, you're really involved."

—Mark Heley

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However, he said that it is possible to extend the 18-month sales tax increase to 24 months, which would narrow the deficit.

Area administrators and representatives from teachers' groups attended the meeting, sponsored by the Tri-County Education Coalition.

Seastrand, a member of the Assembly Education Committee, said there are three main areas that need to be explored — the options in the increasing popular school choice movement; an increase in local control; and an increase in funding "to get our share in the 29th District."

Seastrand also discussed the issue of parental choice over which school their children attend. The majority of the audience opposed the Parental Choice Initiative, which would provide a scholarship, or voucher, for all students to apply to their educations.

Students who want to attend a school other than their local public institution could use the voucher to supplement the costs of that other school, be it public or private.

"If choice is enacted," Magyar said, "it will not be because it provides competition or accountability or raise the quality of education. It will be (enacted) because people will see it as a way of saving a substantial amount of money."

Public school education costs are about $3,000 a year more than private school costs, mainly because of public school salaries, Magyar said. Also, private schools don't have the same requirements as public schools, such as those of special education, he said.

He said the initiative would save money because it does not provide scholarships for children switching to private schools until 1993. The two-year gap would free money to facilitate smaller classes and improve facilities, Magyar said.

Children currently enrolled in private schools will not receive scholarships until 1995. The scholarship would be at least 50 percent of the per-student government spending of the preceding fiscal year.

The California Teachers Association opposes the initiative. The group's position, according to a CTA flyer, is that "not only is it bad for students and education, it is bad business for the state of California."

Seastrand emphasized that she and the Republican caucus have not come out in support of the initiative because they want to look at all the options.
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