The wall

By Shelly Karbonk
Staff Writer

Physical Education senior Dave Cowley likes SLO Transit's new bus services, although some of his peers are not as positive about the changes implemented by the city.

"The new bus system is great," he said. "Before the changes were implemented, buses were always late, but now they are on time."

Harry Watson, San Luis Obispo County controller, said the changes were desperately needed.

"There was overcrowding, people getting left behind and the buses weren't always on time," he said. "These new changes have been a huge improvement."

Watson attributes much of the new bus routes' success to the students. He said he believes the students have adapted well to the new system.

There has been remarkable cooperation on the students' part to fine-tune the system, he said. "And this new system makes students homes the fastest way."

But some students say there are still problems with the system. Overflowing remains the biggest one, they say.

To alleviate the dilemma, SLO Transit has implemented additional routes, such as T-5, to pick up students unable to fit on an earlier bus.

Bus driver Bernard Mici said he hasn't heard many complaints about the new system.

"It took me a long time to figure out the new schedule, and that is being fixed," he said.

"Overall, though, everyone is excited about the changes," he said.

Miles Stagall, a graphic design major, said, "It's been a couple of weeks and there have been no more changes should have been made.

"They made changes, but it seems that they haven't made the appropriate ones," he said. "I think that the buses need to have better hours so students can stay on campus later."

Business junior Anne Hered said that, in the beginning, the new services were difficult to understand.

"It was really confusing," she said. "It took me a long time to figure out the new schedule because they completely changed the route I used to ride."

According to Watson, some confusion and frustration was expected. "I completely mirror the students' reaction," he said. "I expected the confusion, but everyone seemed to have picked up the new services quick."

Agricultural engineering senior Brenda Komarwala said the system works well for him.

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New birth control is the center of debate

Depo-Provera may be available at Health Center as early as next year

By Kristina Rockhold
Staff Writer

An injectable contraceptive which prevents pregnancies for a three-month span still has two areas physicians debating about student use of the method.

Depo medroxyprogesterone acetate, commonly known as Depo-Provera, DepaP, and even "The Shot," is now available at the San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara and Ventura County Planned Parenthood centers.

Although not available at the Cal Poly Health Center at this time, Depo-Provera is expected to be available on campus next year, according to Health Center officials.

Used by women worldwide for decades, the method was only approved last October by the Food and Drug Administration for use in the United States.

San Luis Obispo Planned Parenthood Clinic Director Carly Christianson said she is excited about being able to offer the new contraceptive. She said she believes the method is one which will be conducive to students' needs for birth control.

"Students have a kind of unraveled lifestyle, so that makes it hard for them to take a pill everyday," Christianson said.

"Depo-Provera is simple and has been really popular with students thus far."

Although Depo-Provera does make birth control easy, the drastic side effects and temporarily irreversible medical drawbacks are good reasons to think twice about using the method, according to one gynecologist also were "not thrilled" about the new contraceptive for this reason, she said.

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Andrea Brauniger, Cal Poly Health Center

"It is quite safe and simple to use," Brauniger said, the common problems associated with Depo-Provera are reasons to wary of using the contraceptive.

Depo-Provera - a hormonal method of birth control that does not contain estrogen - causes irregular bleeding patterns in women, weight changes, headaches, nervousness, abdominal pain or discomfort, dizziness and weakness or fatigue, she said.

Normal weight gain caused by Depo-Provera averages about 5 lbs. in the first year of use, and more than period, and depression never is fun," she said.

"Most students hate to have to plan around the contraceptive have also been killed."

"It steps eggs from being released into the ovaries," she said. "It makes the muscles at the opening of the cervix thick and inchoateable to the sperm, and it causes the lining of the uterus to be very thin."

"The main benefits of Depo-Provera are that it is very highly effective," Christianson said. "It is quite safe and simple to use."

"I think it would be a secondary method for students because of the side effects," said Andreas Brauniger, a physician at the Cal Poly Health Center.

Brauniger attended a conference in New York three weeks ago where Depo-Provera was discussed. Many
Wilson gets low marks on environmentalists' scorecard

San Francisco, Calif.

Twenty-seven state lawmakers, all Democrats, scored 50 percent or better from the League of Conservation Voters for their 1992 voting records on environmental issues in the California Legislature.

The League's annual voting index, released for publication on Friday, gave zero ratings to 15 of the Legislature's 120 members, all Republicans.

Overall, Assembly Democrats averaged 93 percent on the League's voting scale, and Senate Democrats averaged 81 percent. The average Republican scores were 12 percent in the Assembly and 27 percent in the Senate.

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The eight-woman, four-man jury deliberated about two hours before returning the guilty verdict against 28-year-old Joel Valdez.

The fact that she asked him to use a condom proved her consent was consensual, Aspin said.

Aspin said he was reorganizing the program to reflect President Clinton's goals for anti-missile defense. The main change from the Bush administration is that Clinton is dropping the goal of stationing anti-missile weapons in space, Aspin said.

"These changes are possible because of the end of a battle that had raged in Washington for over a decade over the best way to avoid nuclear war," Aspin said.

The disappearance of the Soviet Union as a nuclear rival of the United States makes it possible for the Defense Department to scale back its anti-missile program, Aspin said.

Aspin said the administration had not changed its request for $3.8 billion for anti-missile defense work in the 1994 budget.

"It will allow us to manage our work on ballistic missile defense in a way appropriate to its place in the overall defense," the defense secretary said.

Aspin said the two main goals of the revamped anti-missile program are to develop a new generation of weapons to shoot down short-range ballistic missiles, such as the Scud missiles that Iraq used in the Persian Gulf War, and to develop a ground-based U.S. defense against long-range missiles.

also is responsible for $3.8 billion a year in lost productivity through employee absenteeism.

"We aren't going to balance the budget with this kill, but we might save some lives," he said.

"It's not any longer a question of annoyance," said Aspin. But Congresswoman Doris Alice Hanen, who said she quit smoking 44 days ago, complained that the legislation was hypocritical because its health plan won't pay for programs to quit smoking.

British may retaliate against tax

London, England

Britain's top treasury official threatened Thursday to retaliate over a California law that taxes international companies based on worldwide earnings — not just what they make in California.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Norman Lamont said he had warned U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen that "the government will have to take retaliatory measures in relation to U.S.-based companies if there is not a satisfactory resolution of the problem ... by the end of the year.

Lamont said in a speech to the House of Commons that he has instructed British tax collectors to begin assessing the impact that retaliation could have on California companies.

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Gap's quarterly earnings down

San Francisco, Calif.

The Gap Inc. announced Thursday that first-quarter earnings were down 8 percent, a result the company blamed on continued weak demand by consumers.

Net income for the clothing retailer was $41.5 million, or 29 cents a share, for the quarter ending May 1, 1993. Earnings for the same quarter last year were $45.3 million, or 32 cents a share. Net sales were $464 million for the first quarter, up 9 percent from $589 million for the same quarter last year.

"In light of the continued weak consumer demand, we are pleased with our progress in the first quarter," said Donald G. Fisher, chairman and chief executive officer.

Fisher said The Gap managed to improve profit margins by scaling back on inventory — a move that allowed the company to reduce clothing at regular prices.

The Gap operates 1,319 stores, including GapKids and Banana Republic.
Professor says colleagues need ethnic studies as well

By Kelly Rice

Cal Poly faculty don’t want ethnic studies on campus because they don’t understand eth-

nic issues, a speaker said Wed-

nesday.

During a Civil Rights Aware-

ness Week presentation, educa-

tion professor Don Cheek said he

believes Cal Poly needs to sup-

port ethnic studies, but there

to be need people to be will-

ing to teach it objectively.

“The faculty need ethnic studies,

because they can’t teach what

they don’t know,” Cheek said.

“I’ve personally invited (faculty members) down to L.A.,

and they say: ‘Only in the

time.’ And they say: ‘Only near L.A.’”

Cheek also discussed the so-

cial turmoil after the first Rod-

ney King beating trial verdict

was announced.

“When we talk about the Ro-

dney King issue and the issue of

riot or rebellion, we see images,”

he said. “We understand what

took place in L.A. from the in-

dustry that we see: defiant youth

— frustration, revenge,

black, fury ... Those images are

being projected at you without questions.”

Who defines what went on in

L.A.? Who gave you the lan-

guage, descriptions and the de-

finitions of what went on there?

Whites, middle-upper class, educated males in white

institutions.

“What do they know about a

ghetto? What do they know about a barrio? The interpreta-

tion of an event is given by people who have no connection to

an event before they judge it.”

“Everyone has to understand

that what happened in L.A. is a reflec-

tion of American society,”

he said. “It’s a violent society.

Football, wrestling, ice hockey,

boxing and movies are just a

few examples Cheek gave of

something dealing with Chicanos

and the daytime.”

Cheek also added that violence

“is very clear.”

Speaker: Faculty ignorance pervasive on race issues

By Elayne S. Takemoto

Lambda Sigma Gamma, a

college women’s organization at Cal Poly, “Mujer: She Draws

literature, AIDS, self-esteem and

immigration from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

When Huerta visited the cam-

pus last year, she extended an

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Camacho decided to take ad-

The first Chicana/Latina con-

ference is coming to Cal Poly this

Spring. Inviting all “men, women, pedres y amigos,” to par-

ticipate in a day of education, culture and entertainment.

Sponsored by Lambda Sigma Gamma, a multicultural so-

ciety, and Cal Poly, “Mujer: She Draws the need and the Light Around Her,” covers topics of concern in

the Chicana/Latina community.

Professionals from several universities, including Cal Poly, UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz, will present semin-

ars on education, culture, literature, AIDS, self-esteem and immigration from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dolores Huerta, who cofounded the United Farm Workers Union with the late

Cesar Chavez, will deliver the ad-

dress for the event.

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She said whenever there was

a problem in Boston that in-

volved faculty members and stu-

dents...frustration, revenge,

“Unforgiven,” which was based on

killing and violence,” Cheek said.

“You don’t think our brothers and

sisters saw it?”

Cheek said he believes Cal

Poly students need to get together and initiate change.

“We want to do something

for the community,” Lambda Sigma

Gamma secretary Melinda Cas-

tillo said. “We need to have men

and women of all cultures...the need for, and awareness of, a

stronger women’s support system also is a committee objec-

tive, according to Camacho.

“It’s something that is lack-

ing,” Camacho said. “Not only in our culture but (also) in other

cultures.”

However, the awareness is not

targeted solely at women.

“We’re encouraging men to come too,” Lambda Sigma Gamma secretary Melinda Cas-

tillo said. “We need to have men and women work together.”

A $200 grant from the Multi-

cultural Center helped the com-

mittee get the event together, but came far from covering the

entire cost.

face with the challenge of

raising more money, the commit-

tee went to various departments

and colleges for funding.

Villalpando said she was espe-

cially excited to find out about a

large donation from President

Baker’s office.

it’s nice to know that the

president of your school is hon-

oring...and aware of your culture,”

she said.

Open to men and women of all

ethnicities, the conference will of-

fer entertainment ranging from

El Ballet Folklórico de Mexico to

singer/guitarist Marta Macias, as-

uring an authentic sit-down lunch on Dexter Lawn.

“We wanted to do something

because it reflects our organiza-

tion, we’re mostly Chicana and

Latina women,” Camacho said.

Donations of $5 are requested

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By Tom Slater

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Mustang Daily: Opinion

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form during fall quarter of this academic year.

"It originated because there's iniquity between the different colleges," she said. "Not only were the requirements to get senior priority different, the length of time that you would have senior priority was different."

Haake said that under the new system, students would gain senior priority by entering a code through CAPTURE, eliminating paperwork.

She said the electronic registration system would also keep track of how many quarters students used senior priority. Haake said most students she talked with about the proposal reacted positively, but some did not like the idea.

"The people I know who don't want it are the people who are planning on finding the loopholes in the system, where they can get these seven quarters of senior priority registration," she said. "We're closing one of the loopholes."

If approved, Haake said, the changes would be implemented winter quarter of the next school year.

Also at Wednesday's meeting:

• The Board unanimously ap­proved agribusiness sophomore Louie Brown as next year's ASI executive vice president.

ASI Special Projects Chair Eric Brown gave a brief report to the Board about her committee's interview with Louie Brown on Monday.

Mike Rockenstein, a director from the College of Liberal Arts, followed her report with a recommen­dation for Brown, his former roommate.

"He's pretty knowledgeable," Rockenstein said. "He's pretty hands-on about things, and he's pretty open in terms of wanting to get things done."
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MUSTANG DAILY
Road-worthy coach can’t relax just yet

Eppright now leads men into NCAAs

By Kevin Comerford

When the Cal Poly women’s tennis team was eliminated at the NCAA Division II Championships, it was the end of a very successful season.

But for coach Chris Eppright, it marked a new beginning.

After the women fell to top-ranked UC Davis in the NCAA finals, Eppright was off to Oklahoma to coach his other team, the Mustang men, in their NCAA championships.

Eppright has been the coach for both the men’s and women’s teams for the last two years. And while some might think coaching two teams could leave both squads at a disadvantage, Eppright has managed to win conference coach of the year honors for the men and women the past two years.

In the last week, Eppright has piled up his frequent flyer miles.

The women’s championships ended on Tuesday and Eppright got back to San Luis Obispo at 10 p.m. that evening. He was then off to Oklahoma at 7 a.m. the next morning, which gave him a cool nine hours to relax.

Eppright is due for a long vacation when the men’s championships end this weekend. And now Eppright hopes to add a national championship to his long list of credits, with Jennifer Lacovara and Nika Horn possibly being the keys.

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MEN’S TENNIS

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The meet will be held at the UC San Diego campus today and Saturday.

"If we were a betting man and I’m not — I’d bet on our chances of being CCAA champs," said Brooks Johnson, who, along with Terry Crawford, is in his first year as co-director of the track program.

Leading the Mustangs’ hopes are Dan Berkeland (3,000 meters), Brian Adamick (pole vault), Jerry Edwards (dreadlocks) and Scott Hempel (5,000 meters).

The Cal Poly women are looking to avenge their first conference loss in 11 years. After winning 10 consecutive titles from 1993-01, they finished third in their ’02 CCAA campaign in second place.

Crawford, who like Johnson has coached a U.S. Olympic team, is equally confident of the Mustang women’s chances this weekend.

"I feel like our team is well-prepared to win the conference title just as well as our men’s team," he said.

Although their immediate inspiration is the NCAA Division II National Championships @ Edmond, Okla.

The Mustang track teams share CCAA title dreams

By Christopher Black

Although their immediate goal of winning a California Collegiate Athletic Association title is the same, the Cal Poly men’s and women’s track and field teams’ motivation for doing so is different.

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Johnson was reluctant to comment on the importance of individual competitors, choosing more on the team element.

"We’re going (to San Diego) as a team, and we’re gonna rise and fall as a team," said Johnson. "I’m very enthusiastic about the way the kids have responded, and given their level of performance this year, our coaches can’t really complain."