Foothill closure starts the quarter

Installation of temporary bridges closes heavily traveled roadway on the first day of classes

By Michelle Hatfield
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

Due to sagging concrete, the first day of winter quarter was hectic for many Cal Poly commuters.

The shifting bridge near campus on Foothill Boulevard caused the City of San Luis Obispo to shut down the heavily traveled road until late Friday night. Although driveway access remains open on Foothill, the road was closed to through traffic until Friday night.

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TODAY'S WEATHER
High: 61°
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Construction work began Monday on the Stenner Creek bridge section of Foothill Boulevard. The road closure caused traffic congestion on the other major arteries leading to Cal Poly. Foothill will be closed to through traffic until Friday night.

Poly head leaves for a 'NewSchool'

By Carrie McGourty
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

After his six-and-a-half-year reign as head of the architecture department, Gilbert Cooke has taken a professional leave of absence from Cal Poly.

Cooke was offered the position of president and department head at NewSchool of Architecture and Design based in San Diego.

"At NewSchool, I will receive an enormous amount of professional outreach," Cooke said. "The growth of San Diego is on the brink of new construction. A professional relationship with a growing community is very tempting."

NewSchool has a student population of 180 and functions primarily as a night school while its students work at local firms during the day. It has been in existence since 1980 and is the nation's only private, for-profit architecture school.

As of Jan. 1, Cooke became its president and department head.

Cooke requested a "leave of absence for professional development" in 2001 and finished his position as department head at the end of fall quarter. Leaving Cal Poly at the end of 2001, Cooke has left a gap in leadership at the architecture department.

"I'll miss him," said Sharad Arre, a professor in the architecture department. "He got the faculty together, the students motivated. He was a good administrator as well as an educator. It is a great loss to the department."

Allen Cooper is currently serving as the interim department head. Cooper was previously the associate director for the department.

The future administration of the department is somewhat unknown. An unnamed source said the department is presently debating how the department head position will be filled. The debate centers on whether the department head be the most deficient bridge in the state (by Caltrans)."

A culvert is a sewer or drain that crosses under a road or embankment. The road closure affects the 102-foot section of Foothill Boulevard that runs between California Boulevard and Santa Rosa Street. Foothill Boulevard will be closed so that temporary bridges can be put in place until more permanent bridges can be installed.

To help ease confusion for Cal Poly students, faculty and staff, Deb Anderson, commuter and Access Services coordinator, sent out a mass e-mail to inform everyone of the road closure. Anderson said the effort helped ease some anxiety.

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Raising the fallen towers

Architecture junior Brian Bosch stands with his model of what he thinks should replace the fallen World Trade Center towers. The design of the towers was part of an architectural design class taught by John Lange. The students' models were displayed Thursday of finals week in December near the architecture building.

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inconveniences.
"It's always an inconvenience when one entrance to campus has
construction," Anderson said. "The biggest impact was around eight
o'clock, but traffic was still flowing — but there was definitely an
impact."
Tolson said it was a "necessary inconvenience" and that time is not
on the city's side.
Everyone involved tried to avoid shutting down Foothill Boulevard
during the first week of classes, but Anderson said it couldn't be avoid­
ed because of a bridge delivery
delay.
Foothill Boulevard has been sag­
ning since March and has been
measured weekly since then, Tolson
said.
"The road has sunk and continues
to drop," he said.
According to measurements, the
culverts under the bridge have dis­
torted 10 to 20 percent, Tolson said.
Foothill runs over Stenner Creek
and needs temporary bridges
installed to keep the road safe for
pedestrians and vehicles. The road
will reopen with the two temporary
bridges — one for each direction of
traffic — Friday evening.
Installation of these temporary
bridges for vehicles involves assem­
bling the bridges and building ramps that allow traffic to get on
and off each bridge, Tolson said.
Foothill Boulevard will shut
down again on Feb. 20 to set up a
temporary pedestrian and bicycle
bridge. The bridge will be installed
a month later because it's being manufactured in Alabama, Tolson
said.
Permanent bridges will be installed in 2003. Tolson attributed
the long wait to environmental
safety concerns and the complex
permit process.
"The final repair involves a bar­
rage of permits that involves every
agency in the state," he said. "The
permit process with waterways is
tremendous. We're also not allowed
to do construction) in the rainy
season due to environmental rea­
sons. This isn't something you can
design and fix overnight."
The total cost of the temporary
bridges, which is being funded by
the city, is $460,000, Tolson said.
The permanent bridges are budget­
ed at $950,000 — $190,000 from
the state's General Fund and
$760,000 in federal grant funds, he
said.
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www.slocity.org/publicworks.

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should be a rotating position or
whether the faculty should hire
someone new. Cooper will remain
its interim department head until a
decision is made.
Sources in the College of
Architecture and Environmental
Design have confirmed that the
dean of the college, Martin Harms,
will be resigning at the end of the
year as well. A replacement for
Harms is unknown.
"There are going to be many
changes in leadership for this
department," Cooke said.
"However, I feel that it's a great
opportunity for the college's
future."
Despite his leaving Cal Poly's
architecture program, Cooke said
that he wants to come back and be
a teacher.
"I think this is the best school of
architecture in the world," Cooke
said.
"I only met him once, but he
made me realize that architecture
was what I wanted to do," said
Kristen Powell, an architecture
freshman. "He was very supportive
of my endeavors. I think the stu­
dents will miss him."

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**National Briefs**

**Bin Laden sightings in Salt Lake City**

Salt Lake City, Utah — Officials have confirmed that the FBI has received over 24 calls from Utah residents who are convinced that they have seen Osama bin Laden. Some believe bin Laden is hiding in the mountains that will host the 2002 Winter Olympics. Some are a little over a month away. An FBI spokesperson said that many of the sightings, including one report that he was driving on the interstate in a Volkswagen, are hard to follow up on. Other reports include that he was seen in a shopping mall, eating at Big Mac, and getting a drink at a 7-11.

— Reuters

**Flight to Vegas stalled by man holding shoe**

Los Angeles — A male passenger on a Southwest Airlines flight struck a female flight attendant and opened the rear door of the flight struck a female flight attendant in the head with his fist, knocking her shoe off. According to David Brome, 36, a hotel security officer who moved to subdue him. Brome was reported to be talking with the flight attendant about the flight.

— CNN

**Slash bailed from 'Guns N' Roses' gig**

Las Vegas — Slash, Guns N' Roses former guitarist claims he was told not to come to a Guns N' Roses concert in Las Vegas after getting his name on the guest list for a Dec. 29 show through the venue and promoter. Slash said that he was curious and wanted to see what the band looked like from a different perspective. He said that he wanted to go to support the band, but maintain a discreet presence.

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A hotel spokesperson neither confirmed or denied the report.

**Guns N' Roses manager, Doug Goldstein, told the Los Angeles Times that they did not know what Slash's intentions were and that his presence might be a distraction to Axl Rose, who was really nervous about the show.**

— SonicNet.com

**Education bill signed by Bush**

Hastings, Minn. — President Bush signed into law an extensive education bill that seeks to close the education gap between rich and poor students, raise teacher standards and improve math and science tests.

Bush signed the bill at a public high school in Hamilton, Ohio. He discussed the bill with an audience and explained his plan to get all students to read by the third grade.

An annual state test in reading and mathematics for every child in the third through eighth grades will be required in the 2005-06 school year. They will be given tests in science every three years. Schools must improve the percentage of students proficient in math and reading to the national percentage by 2017. States that do not raise their scores in six years can be hit.

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**U.S. postal rates set to increase three months early**

By Bill Miller

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service has reached agreements with many of its major customers to implement the postal rates beginning June 30, three months earlier than projected, bringing a substantial infusion of money to the financially struggling agency.

While the rate increases would generate an additional $4.2 billion a year — and the agency would gain about $1 billion from the three-month difference in timing — a spokesman says the Postal Service would still require the $5 billion it earns from Congress to pay for emer­ gency needs brought on by the Sept. 11 ter­ ror attacks and anthrax attacks.

The cost of a first-class stamp would rise from 34 cents to 37 cents as part of overall package that boosts rates for direct-mail marketers, magazine publishers, nonprofits and others.

"If the parties can agree to this set­ tlement and it works smoothly, it would be good for the mailers and for the customers," says USPS spokesman Gerry Kreisnjamp.

The Postal Service first presented the rate plan to the board of governors on Sept. 11, at a meeting that convened just before the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. But the process usually takes a year or more to complete, which is why the public announcement in which the independent Postal Rate Commission elicited testimony from customers and then making decisions was seen by the Vatican. The documents out­ line the rules saying that pedophilia by priests was a grave offense against the Church and that offending priests would stand a secret trial in ecclesiastical courts. If found guilty, the priests were told about the Church and stripped of their priestly functions. Local bishops or heads of religious orders were told that if they were to become aware of "even a hint" of pedophilia, they must open an investigation and inform the Roman Congregation. There was no mention of whether bishops should inform civil authorities if a Church court found a priest guilty. A 10-year statute of limitations was estab­ lished, beginning on the victim's 18th birthday.

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**Africa**

LAGOS, Nigeria — Week-long clashes between mobs and Islamic fundamentalists in northern Nigeria have caused dozens of deaths. The U.S. government, which is considering whether to raise visas for Nigerian citizens, said Tuesday that it had suspended all flights to the country.

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— Reuters

**Middle East**

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — A delegation of nine U.S. senators met Monday with Afghanistan's new prime minister, Hamid Karzai. The senators vowed to participate in Afghanistan's long-term reconstruc­ tion, and discussed the continued threat posed by the Taliban, Osama bin Laden and his al Qaida network, as well as the reconstruction of the country's infrastructure.

Law and order concerns, coopera­ tion among Afghanistan's diverse factions, the education of women, the country's economic prospects and regional relationships were also discussed.

The senators are on a trip that started Thursday and includes visits to Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Oman, Turkey, and possibly India in addition to Afghanistan. They are also expected to visit U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf area.

— Associated Press

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The skinny on soy

By Carole Sugarman

THE WASHINGTON POST

It's old news that some dietitians are converting to a soy diet, but why? A lot of the hype is due to the health benefits soy offers. It's good for your heart, good for your bones, and good for your skin. But does it live up to all the hype? Here are some facts and myths about soy that every soy skeptic should know.

Soy is a nutrient-rich food that provides essential nutrients, including protein, fat, and fiber. It's also low in saturated fat and cholesterol, which makes it a great choice for people who are trying to lower their cholesterol levels. Soy is also a good source of calcium, which is important for bone health.

So, is soy a panacea? Not quite. While soy has many health benefits, it's important to remember that it's not a substitute for a healthy diet. Soy products should be part of a balanced diet, not a replacement for other foods. Additionally, some people may be allergic to soy, so it's important to be aware of this and check labels before eating soy products.

In conclusion, soy is a great addition to a healthy diet, but it's not a magical solution to all of our health problems. It's important to have a balanced diet and to eat a variety of foods to ensure that you're getting all the nutrients you need.

Recipe of the Week

Mixed bean stew with bacon

1 pound dried black-eyed peas, soaked
3/4 pound large diced pumpkin
3 quarts chicken stock
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Paprika Oil, recipe follows

Heat up the oil and cook the garlic. Strain. Add paprika. Cool.

Soy products are a good alternative to eating meat or poultry burgers. Soy is also available in a wide variety of products, including tofu, tempeh, and soy milk. These products are easy to pack for a midday snack and can be used in a variety of recipes, such as bolognese, spaghetti sauce, and lasagna,
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Letter to the editor

Capps should be investigated for bribery

Editor,

The-redistricting process fragmented the Central Coast's congressional seat. Instead of a coherent and geographically consolidated area, the new district is made up of a narrow coastal strip, 10 to 15 miles wide all the way from Cambria to Arroyo Grande. This new territoriality bears absolutely no resemblance to this. A closer look reveals that the boundary lines have been carefully crafted to assure the maximum safety for Democrat incumbents and to squeeze as many Republicans into as few districts as possible, insuring continued Democrat domination for the next decade.

Clearly, Lois Capps was interested in gaining a wealthy coastal district full of extreme liberals and environmentalists. She obviously did not care enough about our diverse community since she was willing to give it up in favor of a good source of campaign for cats and a majority of democrat voters. As it is said, follow the money.

I am on our district attorney to investigate Lois Capps and Michael Berman for bribery. In our democratic society, the election process must be above reproach.

Matt Kolkkonen (San Luis Obispo) is a candidate for the 33rd Assembly District in 2004.

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News

Custody agreement reached for Jerry Garcia’s guitars

By Shawn Hubler

(WIRE) SAN FRANCISCO — A long-standing custody fight over the famed guitars of the late Grateful Dead lead-man Jerry Garcia finally has ended, setting the stage for an auction of a storied — and intensely coveted — piece of rock history.

After nearly a year of on-off, off-again litigation, lawyers announced Monday that they had reached agreement on the ownership of the five instruments that had been handmade for Garcia by But Artz after Doug Irwin, and then bequeathed back to their maker.

Under the agreement, each of the best-known guitars — nicknamed Wolf and Tiger for the shapes of their intricately inlaid bodies — will revert to the maker.

Lawrence K. Rockwell, the Dead’s attorney, said the band is “happy that the matter is resolved” and ready to get on with the deal’s execution.

Garcia’s bandmates have said they hope to make some of their instruments, known as Rosebud and Headless, a key display at Terrapin Station, a San Francisco museum they have long planned to open.

Irwin, who has been destruente since he was nearly killed in a hit-and-run accident three years ago, said he will keep Wolf, which he custom-made for Garcia and sold to him for $1,500 in 1973. But, he said, he will immediately put Tiger up for auction.

The latter guitar, which Irwin spent more than six years crafting out of oak, maple, mother-of-pearl and vermeil, was Garcia’s signature instrument, and he played it almost daily for 11 years.

“You had to hold my nose, but I signed the deal,” said Irwin, whose insistence that the Dead had failed Garcia’s memory by not handing over all five guitars had been the main obstacle to settlement. Irwin and the band had been friendly for decades.

But after Garcia’s death and Irwin’s realizations of fortune, his relationship with the Dead deteriorated, with the Dead deteriorated, with the case of the Dead’s lead-guitarist being described in the will.

Spelled Irwin’s name in the will.

Irwin guitars was Garcia’s only bequest to a non-family member, although the musician’s lawyers mis-spelled Irwin’s name in the will.

The two sides had reached agreement in October, but Irwin had withrawn his approval when the Dead asked that he not publicly dispute the agreement. He also objected to a clause that would have given the Dead first right of refusal if he put any of the guitars up for sale. That clause was removed from the final agreement — a move applauded by memorabilia experts, who said it would have significantly inhibited bidding, especially given the devotion Garcia inspired in his fans.

In 1990, a white acoustic guitar that Garcia used to play with Buddy Holly — estimated by Sotheby’s to be worth $20,000 — was sold for $249,500 to Gary Busey, the actor who had once played him. The white Stratocaster that Jimi Hendrix played at Woodstock, now in the Seattle rock museum, was bought by an Italian collector for $235,000.

In 1999, John Lennon’s acoustic guitar fetched 140,000 pounds, or about $201,530. The same year, Eric Clapton’s “Blackie,” the tobacco-burst Stratocaster he played when he recorded “Layla,” set the record for rock guitars, selling for $450,000.

Wendy’s founder dies

By Monty Phan

(WIRE) FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Wendy’s founder Dave Thomas once said he thought his first commercial for the fast-food chain would be his only one.

More than 200 commercials — not to mention countless white, short-sleeved button-down shirts and red ties — later, the smiling pitchman with the grandfatherly demeanor would become one of advertising’s most recognizable faces, helping Dublin, Ohio-based Wendy’s International Inc. become one of the fast-food industry’s top companies.

Thomas died from liver cancer Tuesday at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He was 69.

Although he retired from day-to-day operations of the company in 1982, Thomas came back to do the commercials in 1989 as an effort to help propel Wendy’s to the status he enjoyed earlier in the decade, when Clara Peller made the chain famous for her line of, “Where’s the beef?”

In 1996, Thomas achieved an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest running TV ad campaign starring a company founder. That same year, he had quadruple bypass surgery and was already suffering from a carcinoma tumor — a slow growing cancer.

Despite his health problems, Thomas continued to appear in ads. In November 2000, the company entered into an agreement with Thomas, who sold the rights to his line of, “Name, likeness, image, voice, caricature, endorsement rights and photographs” (dubbed the “Thomas persona”) for about $4.2 million, according to the company’s 2000 annual report. Wendy’s spent $152 million in advertising in 2000, $144 million in 1999 and $127 million in 1998, according to the report.

“I think it’s hugely important (for Wendy’s). I think he was the face of that brand,” said Scott Donaton, editor of Advertising Age trade magazine. “They’re really going to have to come up with a different marketing plan, carefully, to get past this.”

Thomas is survived by wife, Lorraine, five children and 16 grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are pending, the company said.
Faded champions still superheroes despite age

By Chris Arns

Columnist

If Superman was old and grog, would you still love to watch him fly? Perhaps. As long as he was a sometimes-still-dominant Michael Jordan, the question was on my mind. Now, we will argue that Jordan cannot summon up his powers of old, or that the newly implemented zone defense prevents his best stuff. Instead, he puts up crazy but somewhat disappointing layups. Though he can play seven games in a row, some fans think he’s lost a step in his twilight, at the age of 38, Jordan has finally become subject to the laws of gravity.

Yet seeing Jordan and his diminished skills flicker on the screen reminded me of another old and faded champion, one already memorialized as a legend in sports history yet supposedly too broken to provide any more thrills. Twenty years removed from the last time he stood in a ring, Muhammad Ali dined and shouted his way to boxing glory and then disappeared when he developed Parkinson’s disease. Many had written him off as a relic of his sport, wishing only to remember him as he won, instead of seeing the shell that he had become.

In other words, Ali was a processor to all champions now worse for the wear from their days in the arena, a category to which Jordan now belongs. When Jordan made notes earlier this year about a possible comeback, the majority of the sporting community spoke out against his return. The outcry pointed to his perfect past, the lack of new accomplishments, and the unimpressive thought of No. 23 on any other teams besides the Bulls.

At the same time, when movie theaters prepare for the new film, “Ali,” critics rave about Will Smith’s incredible portrayal of the fighter, and the accurate description of the events surrounding his final match. But in the same breath, they salivated and wondered how Ali can’t dance or shout anymore, affected by constant shakes that make him look like a cripple.

Both Ali and Jordan have paid dearly for their accomplishments in sports, both in and out of the arena. Besides fighting Parkinson’s, Ali had highly publicized bashes with the U.S. government on the issue of going to Vietnam, finally losing his title when he refused to be drafted. At the same time, he célèbre’d led to mental problems, causing him to marry four times.

Conversely, Jordan’s success on the basketball court led to loss in this personal life, losing his privacy, his father, and recently, his family. However, Jordan has faced divorce, seeking full custody of their three children and half the couple’s property. Apparently, a couple of comebacks and retirements were more than he could handle.

Yet no matter how diminished these superheroes are, no matter how feebly or old, seeing them in any venue should bring joy to a sports fan. Jordan will always be the best basketball player ever, no matter if Kobe and Vincent now rule the court. Ali may be going on 60 years old, but he’s still The Greatest.

We deserve to watch these athletes in their twilight, due to the incredible sacrifice they paid for our entertainment. Though Ali and Jordan are now a shadow of their former selves, one can paraphrase Theodore Roosevelt and see their deeds in the arena have forever placed them above those cold and timid souls who will never know victory or defeat. And they will always be superheroes to us, no matter how old.

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