Affirmative Action: A boost or bust?

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To stimulate an appreciation for the concept of Affirmative Action and an awareness of interrelated issues, Cal Poly conducts a class for faculty and staff who must make the program work, including those with hiring and firing responsibilities.

Representatives from the phone company, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) and the Fair Employment Practices Commission (FEPC) share their experiences concerning implementation of Affirmative Action programs with this class recently.

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I doubt that there is anything more painful than the death of dreams, or at least it has seemed that way to me, within the past few weeks. There are a lot of things I seem to have lost at some point along the way. I thought at one point there were some capabilities in me to help those who, for some reason or another, have been rejected by the majority of what we call society in order to help them cope with the intuitions that are regularly dealt to them. I can no longer believe that any of this seems to matter a great deal anymore. You see, I no longer have the faith in myself that I once had, or even in the capability of anyone that would take an interest, or to understand what, exactly, it meant to me.

Since I've been at Cal Poly, I've come to realize that the care for others is not what it's about, at least in the common sense meaning of the words. Oh yes, we certainly have Christians who apply their biblical knowledge, neither to enlighten or aid people, but to degrade and to deny them the right to be what they believe is best for themselves. I also have learned that education here is not for individual mind and soul, but is a cheap, convenient way into the "economic" world to make those "Oh! So Desired Bucks!"

This is not what I wanted for myself. I wanted to learn neither for prestige nor money, but for my own personal benefit. But with this prevailing attitude, the feeling of worthlessness in the educational process on the part of both students and faculty, has eaten away at things I once held important.

I no longer find it possible to possess any enthusiasm for either the educational or the socialization process. To put it bluntly, I'm angry. I have been denied things that I need, and have been given things that I feel have no place in my life.

I also respectfully ask that in this educational process, one use the wisdom and forethought to show not only me, but others that it matters to learn, not only for money, but for learning's sake alone.

I do hope that one accepts whatever I have to say. It is not meant in hate, but in the hope that better things will result.

Gary R. Larson

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In the next few weeks, Ecology Action Committee will be joining the worldwide effort to save the whales by boycotting Russian and Japanese goods. With almost total disregard for world and scientific opinion, these two countries continue to slaughter the world's great whales.

In just this past year, over 37,000 were killed by these two whaling nations alone. So far, the only way to make these countries -listen to reason has been the boycott of goods they produce. Indications are good that it is having a definite effect on their thinking.

We hope everyone who is concerned will sign a pledge to not buy any product made in Russia or Japan. Bumper stickers, buttons and leaflets explaining the situation will be available at our tables where and when our tables will be out. We would also like to stress that this boycott is an economical tool, with which we hope to force the Russian and Japanese governments to reevaluate their minority position.

The boycott is directed primarily at Japan for the simple reason that very few Russian goods are sold in the U.S.

Unfortunately, some misguided people regard all people of Japanese descent as "whale killers" and have even gone as far as to boycott those stores or businesses. This is, of course, completely wrong and is a total misunderstanding of the boycott.

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Fraternity problem

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Bodgera explained that among his own undercover agents were agents from the Internal Revenue Service, and Alcoholic Beverage Control board (ABC). His past record of good relations with the fraternities is well known according to the fraternity president asked. However, Bodgera said, "When the T.T. accused me of malfeasance of office I had no choice but to enforce the law."

Although the number of undercover men being used was not revealed Bodgera said, "We have undercover persons all over. There could be one next to you right now."

Information which outlines common home fire policies is available on request for any interested persons. This literature may be obtained at the Fire Department.

The anticipated inspection will begin in February or March and should require about four months to complete, Syliva said. "Really we check for common, ordinary, safe practices. The law doesn't say that kids shouldn't play with matches but you know it's not a good idea," he explained.

Although many of the fraternities questioned were concerned about the inspection, their fears of shutdown should be eased by the statement of the IFC president, Dee Slyman: "Kennedy is a frat man himself, he was even the president of his house."

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Spikers taught lessons

by BOB COX

It's a good thing Cal Poly emphasized hitting because the volleyball team was taught some valuable lessons last week.

Riding high with a three-game win streak in league play the Mustangs received their consequence at the hands of the Cal State Fullerton squad.

Ken Preston's crew was beaten on their home court, 17-15, 15-13, 15-8 and 15-13. They rebounded the next day with a straight set win over Dominguez Hills, but the damage had been done and hopefully, the lessons learned.

Mustangs grapple with tough Portland

The Mustang wrestling squad will have its hands full when it hosts the Vikings of Portland State University Thursday night at 8 p.m.

The Vikings, currently ranked 27th in the nation by Amateur Wrestling News, had a 10-3 record last season. Coach Winston Vaughan Hitchcock said his team is capable of handling the Mustangs on any given day.

"Our team in the Western Regional will depend to a large degree on how we do against Portland State's defending regional champions," said coach Hitchcock.

"I consider the Vikings to be one of the best teams we'll face on our schedule this season. They have some excellent wrestlers and their 18-11 victory over Oklahoma State tells you something about their ability," Hitchcock said.

Coach Hitchcock considers the key matches to be at 115, 140, 187 and heavyweight.

Poly's Mark DiGigliomia (18-5-1) will move back down to 115 to face Portland's sophomore Tom Scott (10-5-1). Rodger Warner will go for win No. 31 as he faces Steve Davis (15-11) at 140. Mustang Cliff Hatch will defend the green and gold at 187 against the Vikings' Dennis Graham (18-1-1). Poly's 373-pound heavy, Randy Hudson, who has been sidelined since late October with an injury, may return for the match.

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Grid awards presented at barbecue

Two juniors and two seniors walked off with coveted awards as the outstanding players at Cal Poly's football awards banquet, held Thursday night.

All four Mustang players honored were selected to the all-California Collegiate Athletic Association team last December. Ken Kuboski, the senior offensive tackle from La Mirada, was chosen as the team's Outstanding Offensive Lineman.

Junior defensive tackle Dennis Stocklock, 6-1, 237, from Chatswater, was honored as the Mustang's Outstanding Defensive Lineman.

Tailback Gary Davis, 5-11, 175, from Fullerton, was named the Outstanding Offensive Back. The freshman, who carried the ball 186 yards, which is the third highest single-game rushing figure in Cal Poly history, was also named the Outstanding Freshman.

Co-captain Kirk Hubbard, the young man in print for the University of Maine in the fall, was honored as the exceptional Senior Defensive Back.