Poly people cast hopes in living lots

by DIRE BROOKSMA
Daily Staff Writer

Mike set back in his tiny commuting car and rummaging through a box of $1 cigarette packs.

"This is the last of my money," he said. "It's not much, but it will last me a few weeks."

Mike is the latest in a growing number of Cal Poly students living in the campus parking lots. He is not alone, as the university has become increasingly aware of the problem. There have been reports of students living in the lots for years, but the recent increase in population has drawn more attention to the issue.

"I know it's not ideal," said university police Chief Lt. Leroy Whitmore. "But we're doing what we can to enforce the rules."

Despite the efforts of campus administration and police, the problem of students living in the lots continues to grow. The trend has been observed at other universities as well, but the situation at Cal Poly has become particularly pronounced.

"There's about eight or nine hard-core people living in the lots," said Mike. "They stay for two years, then leave."

Mike is a veteran of the parking lot lifestyle. He moved to campus a year ago with his wife and two children, who now attend the university school. Mike's income from a job at the university is not enough to cover his monthly bills, so he turned to the lots for shelter.

"It's not ideal, but it's better than nothing," said Mike. "I have to work to support my family, but I can't afford to pay rent."

Mike is not alone in his struggle. There are hundreds of other students facing similar situations. Some have found jobs in the community, while others depend solely on their university employment. The university administration has been under pressure to find a solution to the problem, but progress has been slow.

"We're doing what we can," said university president Jack Keith. "But it's a complex issue, and we're working on it."

The university is considering several options, including the possibility of providing housing subsidies or creating a special housing program for students in need. However, these ideas have not yet been implemented.

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Despite the challenges, Mike and other students in the lots remain committed to their lifestyle. They have found a sense of community and independence that they cannot find elsewhere.

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Student input removed from Berman bill

The Assembly bill that would extend collective bargaining rights to employees of the two state college systems has been held up in the Assembly Appropriations Committee without passing for further discussion.

The Berman bill (AB 1001) gives collective bargaining rights to all employees of the University of California and State University and community college employees. It would include all staff personnel, faculty and students who work more than 10 hours per week.

The Berman bill was passed by the Assembly Committee on Public Employees and Retirement last week. It will be taken up by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means committee in June, according to a spokesperson in Berman’s legislative office.

The legislative advocate for the California State University and Colleges Student Presidents Association, Scott Plotkin, said that the part of the Berman bill that provided for student involvement as a non-voting representative during collective bargaining was hammered out after extensive negotiations over the past two years.

Some members of the Assembly Committee on Public Employees and Retirement felt that the language was unworkable, even though it is the most sophisticated student involvement language in the country.” Plotkin said. Those voting to remove the student language were Assemblywoman Carol Hallen (R-Asuncion) and Assemblymen Paul Bannai (R-Gardena), William Craven (R-Ventura) and Carmen Petino (D-Dublin).

"It is our intention," Plotkin said, "in accordance with the CUCipa and its policies to do our very best to return the comprehensive student amendment language back to the Berman bill. We will use every resource that is available to us to do that.”

Before Moore, the legislative consultant for Assemblyman Berman, said Berman objected to the removal of the student language, but that it was necessary to remove student input from the collective bargaining bill in order to get the bill past the committee. She said if there is an amendment presented to the Ways and Means committee to reinstate that language, Berman would support it.

Moore said the Berman bill opposes the CUCipa unless the student language is reinstated. "If the student that is the most important part of the bill. I don’t know how their opposition will affect the bill, but I think that they could drum up a lot of sentiment and support for their position,” Moore said.

If student involvement is not included in a collective bargaining bill that solidifies and makes more rigid the governance processes in our systems, then all student organizations will be returned to the dark ages when the students had absolutely no say in the affairs of the colleges or universities,” Plotkin said.

$2.5 billion surplus may aid Poly library

A possible surplus of $2.5 billion in state revenues may aid Cal Poly's chances of approval for a new library, Assemblyman Robert Nimmo (R-Arcadia) said yesterday.

According to a story in yesterday's Los Angeles Times, the estimated surplus is nearly the result of the progressive state income tax which puts wage earners in higher brackets as their incomes rise to match inflation. The current fiscal year will close with a $1.5 billion surplus and another $1 billion is expected from the next year's budget.

The surplus will be spent on property tax relief and to meet with the State Supreme Court's Serrano decision of last December, making more equalized funding on schools, Gov. Brown said he intends to save $1 billion against future tax increases.

Nimmo said the surplus may encourage Brown's approval of the $11 million appropriation for a new Cal Poly library. Brown did not include the library in his version of the 1977-78 budget, but support in both Senate and Assembly committees is strong.

"With the surplus," said Nimmo, "Mr. Brown might be inclined to look more favorably on the library. I hope so."

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The symposium entitled "Historic Archaeology at Mission San Antonio de Padua," included eight Cal Poly students participating as speakers.

The University of California affiliated society also included representatives from other schools to present papers at these meetings, but this was Cal Poly's first appearance. Dr. Robert L. Hoover of the Cal Poly Social Science Department, headed up the San Antonio mission. Of the eight speakers, four were Cal Poly students.

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Dana Roviol, also from the Social Sciences Department, talked about artifacts obtained from an excavation before the field school, at the site of the dormitory dump. Wendy Hill, a journalism major, discussed excavation and data cataloging procedures.

The individual talks each lasted about 15 minutes, had accompanying slides. Dr. Hoover presented his combination audio-visual slide show with taped narration.

Of the numerous papers and field studies discussed at the day-long meeting, this symposium was the only one concerning archaeology. Others dealt specifically with the field of anthropology, including topics on physical, cultural, medical and quantitative anthropology. There were also sessions on linguistics, ethnography and folklore.

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A crowd of arts students and a "call-out" were just two of the many visitors who attended "Selection '77" in the University Union on May 9. A hundred entries were judged by art department faculty and students.

For some, Poly has a lot to offer

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Interventions such as color, weather, confinements and violence can change a person's life. Nothing is more than a persons' life.

We all grow up with the 
"we don't sh" attitude. We don't sh with money and we don't go to school. We're all under the same umbrella of being a student and we all know what it's like. But this guy will just walk up to the entrance 'til a spot opens up. He's been in his bus when people will walk by talking "ridiculous nursery rhymes".

He has also seen some pretty strange things happen. He said that many times he has been in his bus when people will walk by singing "ridiculous nursery rhymes".

But Mike has had enough. He said he will probably be leaving soon having lived two years of isolation and confinement.

Where will he go? Mike said it's a challenging existence one which sows the seed for a new direction in personal study. "Out here," he said, "you really get to know yourself."

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Keyes placed ninth in the 1,500 meter nationals held at UCLA with a time of 4:28.8 flat. Having run 4:30.3 in the prelims, Keyes turned in her own personal record time in the finals. Twice in the same meet she beat her own personal record. The 4:28 time was also a Cal Poly record for this Mill Valley Freshman. Keyes has consistently been in the 1-5-8 positions in all meets - a top point getter for the Cal Poly tracksters.

The club, organised about two years ago, is writing its own history as it gains momentum. It is characteristic of many of the athletic heap, the budget of notoriety the club possesses. "Our first organized demonstration was a halftime show at a basketball game. We then put on an exhibition at Poly Royal," said Crutcher.

"The club was set up as an outlet for the interest some students had and to educate the students and the community about gymnastics." From there the club bloomed into its present fi-member status. It has put on numerous demonstrations for schools throughout San Luis Obispo.

"In the fall of 1973 we really started rolling as a club," said Crutcher. "We culminated in Winter 1973 when we sponsored a Denmark gymnastics team called Svendborg. We were very successful at what we set out to do and that was to make the public aware of the sport."

But success has its price. The group has suffered through many disappointments, as advisor and coach James Quinn points out. "Poly used to have a gymnastics team but it had to be dropped because of budget cuts," said Quinn. A Physical Education assistant professor. "The students needed a place to vent their gymnastics talents, so it is through this club. We don't have the financial advantages an organised team has, such as football and basketball teams.

"We don't have regular times to practice at the gym, all the coaching is done on my own time and the students also have to put in their own time." Quinn believes that considering the club's site, it has done very well. "We had 3,000 people watch us at Poly Field, which is more than the number that showed up at a single basketball game," said Quinn. "I'm not sure that we could compete with the basketball team in our present form, but we do very well with the fact that we have little or no money, facilities, or coaching."

Still the gymnastics club has not received too much notice from students, and Quinn thinks he has the reason why. "The big sports (football, basketball etc.) get a lot of publicity and it's the job of the Sports Information Director to do so," said Quinn. "It is very difficult for us to get coverage because we're not a money athletic event, we don't have claim to any facilities." The members of the gymnastics club feel the same way.

"We get pushed around a lot," said Jill Samuelson. "They (the students) think it's an easy sport, but it's not. You risk your life out here." "When we first going it was hard to get the necessary okay," said Crutcher, "especially to sponsor that event from Denmark. We proved we were viable organisation and we made a hell of a lot of money on the demonstration, but we sold a lot of it to SAC (Student Affairs Council)."

With all the hassles we get into gymnastics, "I was too small for another sport," said Jim Draper, one of the members. "It's a good way to get to know yourself," said Jacobsen. It gives you a chance to be the boss.

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Holding on—Jill Samuelsen attempts to keep her balance in a recent routine in the University Union plaza. (Daily photo by Dennis Steers)

Gymnasts rise from obscurity

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"It's like team sports," said president Bart Pilgrim about gymnastics, but it also has a social aspect.

"The club is semi-professional, semi-exhibition, semi-social," said Pilgrim. "It's a way to make the college life more meaningful." It's not totally athletic.

"There are people who come to the club to get involved with other people," said vice president freschet. "It's really a gas, something different. We encourage the students to do whatever they can." The club is not totally athletic.

"It's a way for people to expand their skills, learn something different. We try to demonstrate the talents of the students. We encourage the student body to expand their horizons and learn something different. We would like anybody to participate in this club," said the president.

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