Poly discrimination charge cleared

by TONY FRANCO

A federal court judge in Los Angeles ruled this week that California Polytechnic State University engaged in illegal discrimination against minority students. As a result of the ruling, the university must adopt measures to ensure equal opportunities for all students.

In March 1974, when Guerra's lawyer, Jose Cruz, filed a complaint charging discrimination against minority students, the university responded with a dismissal. The case was referred to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Guerra was represented in the suit by the National Education Association. The suit was filed against the university in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Guerra's lawyer, Jose Cruz, said the university's response was unwarranted and refused to accept the charges.

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Craniking out those last hours

by DIANE ASHTON

A day in the life of a student at California Polytechnic State University.

It's 3:00 a.m. and the cranking begins. As the sun rises, Mika Reekho works on a one hour dam.

The noise of cranking is loud, but Mika is able to concentrate on his work. He's been cranking for hours, and he's already made some progress.

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No rapes at Poly--don’t you believe it

Cal Poly has an image problem. Its image is too good, resembling an athlete in Paradise.

Some were recently led to believe there have never been rapes at Cal Poly. That is not true. San Jose State University alone had to come to terms with this nasty subject.

It is in the general attitude, kept up by Cal Poly’s Division of Student Affairs, that will cause deterioration among the women who come here.

In the Nov. 17 issue of Mustang Daily, an article appeared mentioning the current rash of rapes in San Jose. At a side point to this story, noting Cal Poly Security Chief Larry Whiteman was quoted as saying, “We are aware there have been a number of rapes on this campus. I’m not sure why, but I guess it’s just a matter of time.”

A series of phone calls, apparently phony, apparently started by that story, occurred shortly after. Women callers made it clear they did not believe the stories were true. They were witnesses to the actual situation and were very upset.

It is their own version of a Cal Poly student relating to Cal Poly University in the attempt to get Cal Poly to give them some attention by making statements made by various campus and community citizens, including Larry Whiteman, that clearly points to campus rapes. While this problem may not be as prevalent on this campus as it is at some others, it is a problem.

It is foolish, even dangerous, to believe otherwise.

Director of Business Affairs James Landgren said recently, “I just don’t know how many of these things happen. I can’t make enough to believe that this campus is free of the rest of the world.”

Statements like these lie at the heart of their rapes. Landgren refused to acknowledge any rape problem, regardless of who it may exist. He does not know if it goes on or not—but he says he doesn’t think they happen.

Ignoring or pretending a rape problem does not prevent it from going on. They may be victims of the violence that is a part of the violent society.

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Our Readers Write...

I picked up your Nov. 17 paper today and was struck by the obvious lack of concern for your security head, Larry Whiteman.

We are aware that over the past few months, there have never been a single rape reported. I’m not sure why, but I guess it’s just a matter of time.

I’m not quite sure how Mr. Whiteman expected me to believe that the entire 11,000 woman student body that has been raped around Poly’s campus has not been reported. I mean, if it’s not reported here that it rarely hits the newspapers does not mean it doesn’t happen.

Mr. Whiteman, if you are reaping on campus or off--make your first phone call to a police official. (Remember 908-3124.) You needn’t go into detail--just call. Remember, be careful.

Bob P. Parrish

Editor: This is a response to the article, “The terrible reality of women in govern-ment.” It appeared in the Mustang Daily. This article very nicely brings to light two of the major problems that face the Women’s Movement in the United States.

Let’s get our heads out of the sand! As a woman who has been a part of the Women’s Movement for the past 20 years, I’m afraid that I can’t agree with the author’s statement that Cal Poly has a positive image of women. I’m afraid that I can’t agree with the author’s statement that Cal Poly has a positive image of women. I’m afraid that I can’t agree with the author’s statement that Cal Poly has a positive image of women.

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Poly Pulse:

Should students who take 15 units or more be given priority registration as campus administrators have proposed?

Erick Gurling, Sr.: "I don't think it's quite fair. I think it's discriminatory. This system seems to be against those who do work. It seems to be a question of values--those that have versus those who have not."

All Ruman, Ring Tech: "No, because this is a state university. I think registration as well as everything else, should be equal. Some students have to work just to survive."

Donna Jones, Off.: "It's incredibly discriminatory towards students who work, have families or are involved in student government or other extracurricular activities."

Rontie Beating, CD: "I don't agree--take more than 15, but I don't think it would be fair to students that carry less than 15 units. Instead of this, I wish they would do something about students screwing out."

Students express views on priority registration

Editor:

I have been experiencing a growing urge as I've read more about the priority registration proposal. I believe the editorial for the writing of this letter came from an article in the Dec. 3 Telegram Tribune.

In the article, Donald Oetis, assistant dean of educational services, is quoted as saying, "No one really knows how students are using fewer units every year but the area. An easy way to find out, he said, would be for you to leave your desired office and walk through the campus. There's a high density of those curious "students" in that area. And, if you have the courage, stop and ask one of them why the number "10" is taking less units. They seldom seem to be aware of it in total."

You may think I'm trying to be humorous. But it isn't funny. I'm tired of seeing registered as a mutual strain of Home sapiens. Students are people. Just administrators, landlords, and other institution insist on treating us differently.

Most of us remember "strange" English and are capable of intelligible verbal communication. We're not like a laboratory animal, you don't have to speculate about why we act in a certain manner. You can ask us.

Yet our input is seldom sought before a decision is made. As reported in the 12, there are student members on the study commission and you, Mr. Oetis, don't know why "students" are taking less units. Then, I assure you that you picked the wrong representatives.

Being a member of the "student" strain of humanity, I can offer a partial explanation of why we take less units. When I was a freshman I took a "full" load of classes. But, times got rougher and, like the majority of students, found, as page 7...

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Wrong Poly captures tournament

It went down to the final hole, but from then on, the game had been won. The Trojan team was 10 strokes ahead of the other teams when they finished the match. The Poly team, which was second before the final hole, could not make up the deficit.

The tournament was held over the course of two days, with each team having two rounds. The championship game was played on the University of California at Los Angeles' campus, home to the University of Southern California (USC) and UCLA. The tournament was sponsored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), which is the governing body for many college teams.

The tournament was a round-robin format, with each team playing against all others in the tournament. The team with the lowest total score at the end of the tournament was declared the champion.

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