BY ROSEANN WENTZ
Staff writer

As the student handed his identification card to the assistant, his heart pounded with anticipation. The helper handed back the card and a slip of paper. The young man walked away quickly and his eyes flew over the printed letters.

"A C+" he exclaimed in shock and anger. "I worked hard in that class. I don't deserve a 'C'". His face was a sullen expression as he stalked away in disgust.

Every quarter similar scenes may be witnessed as Cal Poly students receive their grades — inevitably there will be those who claim a given mark is unjust. If a student honestly feels he has been treated unjustly, he needs to assume grades are always absolute, however.

Students can seek a grade change — first by approaching the instructor and asking for an explanation of the given grade. If unsatisfied with the faculty member's response, he can then take the matter to the department head. If still aggrieved he can then attempt to have the dean of the instructor's school re-quest the grade change. Ultimately if the student is unsuccessful through that line of authority and still feels his case is valid, he can ask for a hearing of the grievance before the Cal Poly Fairness Board.

Getting a case before the Fairness Board is not as easy as it sounds, however, according to Board Chair Dr. Mona Rosenman.

If a student has spoken to his instructor, the department head and the dean and still feels unsatisfied, he can bring the complaint to Rosenman.

"I listen, but students have to realize the burden of proof is on them," she said in a recent interview. "If they have no evidence they have been treated unfairly, I sometimes tell them 'I'm sorry, but frankly, you don't have a prayer.'"

Winning the case.

Students still have the right to request a hearing, however, Rosenman added, and on several occasions have won the case despite little concrete evidence.

The procedure is long and time-consuming, Rosenman emphasized, which deters some students from pursuing their case. The Fairness Board requires the student to submit a petition explaining all details of the complaint. The procedure is too much to be present in a situation where the Board requests it. Since the student is responsible for overcoming the Board's assumption that the instructor's action was correct, the evidence must be strongly in their favor to win the case, Rosenman said.
Shuttle prepares for re-entry test

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After two flawless days in orbit, the shuttle Columbia and her crew prepared Monday for the landing, symbolizing the end of a spacefaring era and the achievement of a spaceship’s ability to survive a winged re-entry and land like an airliner.

There remained questions concerning the integrity of heat-shielding tiles on Columbia’s underside, adding extra tension to mission end. But a flight controller said, simply, “We see no problems...everything is going good.”

Mission beginning and mission middle have been just like that.

“The only thing bad is we’re going to have to come down,” said commander John Young, making a record fifth space flight.

During a space-to-white House conversation, Young told Vice President George Bush that “the spaceship is just performing beautifully.”

For astronauts Young and Robert Crippen, the scheduled 1:28 p.m. EST touchdown on the Rogers Dry Lake desert runway at Edwards Air Force Base in California will mark the completion of a textbook orbital flight whose problems were minor and triumphs big.

One-third of cases end in student’s favor

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In actuality the Board’s decision is not final, however, since it is not a legal body. The Board makes an impartial decision on each case which it submits along with a report to Dr. Hazel Jones, university vice-president, who has the final decision-making authority.

“Often we act as mediators,” Rosenman said. “I think that figure might even be high.”

The Fairness Board was created in 1968, when then-President Robert E. Kennedy decided students needed a source of recourse for bad feelings about their grades, according to Rosenman. At that time only one other school in the California State University and College system had such a board. Now all CSUS schools are required to have something similar, she said.

The Board consists of 10 faculty members, one from each school, and two student members. Six faculty and one student must be present for a hearing to take place. The student members, who are chosen from Associated Students, Incorporate, have voting privileges on the Board.

Many grievance cases never reach an actual hearing. Dr. Rosenman asserted.

“Many times what we have is lack of communication between the instructor and the student,” she said.

“Often we act as mediators,” Rosenman said. Rosenman advises students with complaints about grades to sure they have spoken to the instructor to try to work out the problem before bringing it to the instructor’s department head and the dean of the school involved — before submitting a letter to the Fairness Board.

“If they haven’t already done so, I have to send them back,” she said.

Last year the Board heard a total of 26 cases. Rosenman said.

Rivers suit gets delayed

SAN JOSE (AP) — A U.S. District judge, providing the Reagan Administration more time to review the case, granted a delay Monday until June 15 in a suit attempting to overturn protection for five wild Northern California rivers.

The U.S. Department of Interior sought a delay from Judge William Ingram in a suit brought by 10 California water districts.

Defendants in the suit are the Interior Department, the U.S. Geological Survey, Bureau of fish and Game, and Secretary of Interior. Ingram also issued a ruling allowing the state of California to become a party to the defense.

State Deputy Attorney General Anne Jennings said the state will defend the inclusion of the Klamath, Trinity, Smith, Eel and American rivers under a federal act protecting wild rivers. Those rivers were given protective status under administrative action by former Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus.

“The previous administration was supportive of protection for the rivers,” said Ms. Jennings. “We’re not sure the previous administration is going to be.”

Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles O’Connor said Watt “should be allowed more time.” He said he wants to consult with his chief legal advisors before he makes any decisions.

Patricia Wells, attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund, said protection for the rivers “could well be lost” if the present administration seeks to change their designation.

Ten Madera prisoners escape

MADERA (AP) — Ten Madera County jail inmates, including one man awaiting sentencing for murder, escaped Monday night.

The jailbreak occurred between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m.

The jailbreak could have been much larger because 30 prisoners were in the same second-floor cell block that was built for 24. Frazier said.

“We could have lost a whole tank but we didn’t, thank goodness,” he said. The cell was emptied when the escape was reported.

Frazier guessed it the inmates very little time to cut through the bars and make their escape.

“The old bars in this section of the jail are fairly soft. You can cut through them with dental floss and a little pencil lead,” he said.

Hacknaw blades were either left by or stolen from construction workers. Frazier said. Four of the five inmates were recovered but he said he believed other blades were still missing.
Two Poly fraternities struggle for housing permits

**Lambda Chi meets city's conditions, gets permit**

**BY KIM BOGARD**

Staff writer

The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity received a use permit for their house Wednesday night, after successfully meeting extensive conditions placed on them by the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission and despite complaints from neighbors.

Nearly six months ago, the fraternity applied for the use permit and the commission requested 20 conditions be met before the permit would be granted.

These conditions ranged from placing a parking lot in the backyard to a ban on parties after 10 p.m. The city has assessed that improvements made to the house range from 620,000 - 625,000, 'according to Ralph Saviano, a founding member. "The money just comes from the bank," he said.

The main outside facility referred to is a hot tub being installed in the backyard. The complaint about the hot tub came from Martha Stewart, who lives directly behind the Lambda Chi Alpha house.

Objections to granting the permit came from two neighbors. Stewart objected six months ago when the permit was requested and appeared Wednesday night with the same complaints.

Although Stewart voiced complaints against fraternity members in general, she said "This is a good fraternity" and it is doing well compared to other fraternities.

Stewart's main objection was that an organized social fraternity is incompatible in a neighborhood. She said she feels that family needs and fraternity needs cannot be met in the same community.

Stewart complained that it is unpleasant to be in her backyard due to the daily noise of power tools, working on cars, and loud talk. She said the traffic generated by people constantly coming and going is also annoying.

Stewart said fraternity members may be improving their house, but they are "Turning mine into a slum."

Stewart complained of regular, organized meetings being held at the house on Monday nights. The attorney then said that no meetings are actually held at the house, all fraternity meetings are held on campus.

It was also stated that a party was held at 11:45 p.m. on Dec. 18, 1980. Saviano said after the hearing that this date was during Christmas break when only two people occupied the house and that no party was actually held.

Saviano also said that the value of the house has increased by at least $50,000 since they purchased it. The fraternity paid $130,000 for the house last Spring and today it is worth over $180,000, he said. This increased value members may be increasing the value of surrounding houses.

**Alpha Upsilon awaiting final use permit hearing**

**BY MICHAEL WINTERS**

Staff Writer

For the brothers of Alpha Upsilon, the moment of truth approaches with the San Luis Obispo City Planning Commission meeting set for April 22.

Although members of the fraternity, located at 1334 Palm St., have been struggling to live in harmony with neighbors and planning officials, the last in a series of hearings is scheduled for 22nd to determine whether the house will have its use permit, revoked for failure to meet certain conditions set May 28 by the planning commission.

"We're talking about $20,000 worth of improvements," said Michael Swisher, a fraternity member. "The money just isn't there."

Upon the receiving its first use permit, required of all fraternity houses in residential areas, Alpha Upsilon was given a six-month deadline to comply with 16 conditions, many having to do with matters such as safety, landscaping and neighborhood relations.

As the November deadline approached, fraternity members asked the planning commission for nine additional months to meet several of the more expensive demands, such as building a fence and installing trees.

A contractor's estimate shows one of the conditions alone, refurbishing of the parking area, would cost $9750.

A planning commission hearing was subsequently held on Feb. 11 to decide on whether to grant an extension of the deadline and determine the feelings of neighbors regarding the fraternity's suitability to the neighborhood.

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Women's Week presentations

Women's group seeks end to abusive porn...

BY RUS SPENCER  
Staff Writer  

The elimination of images of women being "bound, beaten, raped, tortured or murdered for entertainment or profit" is the long-range goal of Women Against Violence in Media and Pornography, which presented a slide and lecture show on campus Wednesday.

Slides revealing "abusive images of women" on everything from billboards to pornographic films were shown, while ASI Chief of Staff Affairs Heidi Iverson read from a prepared WAV-PAM script.

The most shocking of the slides were taken from illegal "snuff" films, which feature nude women being tied, beaten, and sometimes even horrifyingly murdered. The WAV-PAM script suggested this type of film makes men "more aroused by dominating or humiliating women than having sex with them."

According to the WAV-PAM script, the most dangerous myth evolved by the media and the $6-billion-a-year pornography industry is that women enjoy and even desire pain. To illustrate this, a slide of a nude, bound woman taken from an illicit magazine was shown, while the magazine text describing her "agonizing delight" was read.

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...another seeks on-the-job confidence

BY BECKY MARR  
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LET ME WIN, BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT.

Handicapped people and student volunteers enjoyed an active day in the sunshine when the Special Olympics were held at Cal Poly Friday. Pictured clockwise from top: A poster with inspiring words for the athletes; Damon Parker of Arroyo Grande High School and Casa de Vida resident; Terry Watkins jumps for the basketball; Lynn Heilbert aims to throw a frisbee through the hoop as volunteer June Aiken watches; Mike Duran tries to manage an earth ball; Billie Jo Brown gets a ride on a horse led by Zach Sigler, special educator at Casa de Vida.

Photos by Dwight Piper
Frat wants more time to meet conditions

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New head of the Student Affirmative Action Program Alfonso Locke in his office last week.

BY RUSS SPENCER Staff Writer

Efforts to increase Cal Poly's minority student representation have been stepped up this quarter with the recent appointment of Alfonso Locke, former special programs director for a medical center in New York, as coordinator for the new Student Affirmative Action Program.

The program, initiated last fall with an $87,000 state college grant, is designed to acquaint qualified minority students who are under-represented in the university's student body.

In order to attract more minority students to Cal Poly, Locke plans to implement a high school student outreach program. Under the program, instructors in selected high schools would be appointed as "academic coaches," organizing Poly scholastic clubs and familiarizing minority students with aptitude tests and college grade requirements.

He proposes to start such programs in Los Angeles, Bakersfield, the San Francisco-Oakland area, and San Luis Obispo.

"Since Cal Poly will work with the students, it is our hope that their choice of college will be Cal Poly, but it doesn't necessarily have to be," he explains.

Locke, who began his duties at Cal Poly just four weeks ago, said he is well aware that minority students make up only 12 percent of the total student body, leaving Cal Poly with the third lowest minority population ranking in the CSUC system.

"I am confident this will soon change, however, saying, "With the right kind of backing and sufficient funding, there can be a great improvement in Cal Poly's ability to enroll a larger number of minority students."

"It will be a gradual process," he said, "but one that definitely will happen. At this time, we are just rounding first."

Locke explained that an increased minority population would be beneficial to Cal Poly because "intellectual intensity increases with diversity," and he said, "It is my intent to build this intensity."

"An education is not just a teacher standing in front of you; the best education is interaction," he said. "By having a mixed group with different backgrounds, experiences, ideas and ways of doing things, we have a body which interacts."

Claims that affirmative action programs are no more than "window-dressing" which do not solve the real social problems associated with minority student levels are "not entirely correct," according to Locke.

"If the program is worthy and you are persistent, the impact will be felt eventually," he said. "If we come a long way, but if the process is not continued, we will retrograde the progress."

"It's a basic human nature to resist anything new which the change be added," he added. "Irritation and frustration come because we can't do things immediately. This is like steering a ship, you don't turn around quickly."

"Locke is in favor of changing university admission standards to include a factor for minority group membership, a position which President Warren Baker has also supported in the past.

Locke said a change like this would be a "most welcome precursor" to his efforts, and proof that the administration supports him.

A "preparatory effort," including support from administrators, faculty, staff, and students will be needed to create enthusiasm and funds for the program, Locke said. He labeled the $87,000 the program received this year as "adequate for certain activities," but hints that increased funding will be needed to achieve his goals for the future.

To increase student participation in the program on campus, Locke is forming a student affirmative action affairs association.
Travel Center is going places--such as Europe

BY LORI ANDERSON

Cal Poly students are going places. That's the latest word from the travel center anyway. In addition to private tours, which may be booked individually, the travel center has recently begun to sponsor student-guided tours which have become popular.

Present, the travel center is offering two Europe group tours, and each one will be equal in terms of its attractions. The tours will begin on May 6 and will be led by Michael Kimball and David Dahmen. The first tour will begin on May 6 and will include visits to the Castles of Neuschwanstein in Germany, the gondola rides in Venice," Carcassonne, which is a restored French medieval village, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and Napoleon's Tomb.

The cost for the six week trip will be about $2,300. The other Europe tour offered for July-August will be a 130-mile bicycle tour through England, France and Spain. The five week trip will begin in London and from there the cyclists will take a ferry across the channel. They will travel the west coast of France and through the Pyrenees to Barcelona, Spain.

Most nights will be spent camping out, but occasionally the group may stay in a hotel. Cost for the Europe bicycle trip is $1,163. The trip will be slow pace and have an environmental approach. Experienced cyclists are preferred. Nancy Cherniss, who will lead the Yucatan tour, said the trip will be "more than just the Yucatan." She said the tour will cover about 1,000 miles, beginning in Mexico City where the travelers will explore the ruins. The tour is in two parts, said Cherniss, the first half will consist of travel through Mexico to the Yucatan and the second half will continue on through the Yucatan Caribbean.

Highlights of the 4-5 week tour include a traditional Indian festival in Mexican Oaxaca, exploration of archeological sights at Palenque and the outdoor market at San Cristobalitas Casa.

Craft center

Craft center workshops are still available in such areas as stained glass, calligraphy, bike repair and photo ceramics. The ASI Program Board will present "Time after Time," on Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. The price is $1. "Private Benjamin" will be shown on Friday, April 17, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in Chumash for the same admission price.

Interface meeting

Interface members will be discussing final plans for Poly Royal, nominations for next year's officers, a melodrama trip and ferry and other events when they meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 16.

MECHA meeting

MECHA will hold a general meeting in Science E-47 at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15. Poly Royal, Cinco de Mayo, the CCC and the spring social will be discussed.

Class reunion

Anyone who would like to help organize the five-year-class reunion of the Dana Class of 1976 may call Lisa Larwood at 541-3706 after 6 p.m.

Tickets for the Poly Royal Rodeo are on sale this week at the UU ticket office. The rodeo is scheduled for Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 25, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are $4.50 for general admission and $6.50 for reserved seats. The Rodeo will also sponsor two national finals rodeo films which will be shown at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, in Room 123 in the Ag Engineering Building. Admission is 50 cents.

About 1,000 miles will be covered during the entire trip, most transportation will be by bus or train. The trip will be camping oriented and will cost $850-1000. Departure date is set for July 13. De Luca commented on Puerto Vallarta trip, which is a summer break excursion, June 13-19. The tour was booked through a travel agent and includes air fare and hotel reservations for about $430. A student leader will also take the group on side trips to areas of individual interest. "It's basically getting some fun and pleasure out of your trip in addition to hotel reservations," De Luca said.

In July, the travel center is also offering a trip to the Alaska panhandle. De Luca said the trip will be by train and ferry and probably include some cycling. The group will travel through the Tongas National Forest, visiting such sites as Ketchikan, Juneau and Sitka.

De Luca said the area is "very majestic," "it's a unique place," he added.

National Forest Service cabins and tents will serve as lodging for the Alaska tour. Cost is estimated to be about $900.

De Luca said the sponsored tours have been the most productive services the travel center has provided to students. Group tours allow the students to travel with others who share their own interests. The travel center tries to select travelers who complement each other and gel along well, said De Luca, making for an easy and pleasurable tour.
The Cal Poly men's tennis team has had an up and down season this year. The Mustangs have been successful in singles play, but have struggled in doubles. The team is currently ranked 48th in the nation.

The women's tennis team has had more consistent success. The Mustangs are currently ranked 44th in the nation and have had several strong performances this season. However, they were defeated by UC Davis in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Cal Poly men's and women's tennis teams both have high hopes for the upcoming tournament. The team is working hard to prepare for the competition and make the most of their opportunities.
Huff finishes third at meet, bests own mark

Ivan Huff broke his own school record and ran his third lifetime best in a row as he finished third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Bruce Jenner Invitational in San Jose.

Huff ran a record-setting 8:43.8 and finished behind Henry Marsh (8:34.2) and Bill McCullough (8:42.6).

"The Bruce Jenner Invitational is the type of meet that extracts several types of performances," coach Steve Miller said. "The competition is unrelenting. Every event is world class — not some of them but all of them."

Other highlights from the meet included Dan Aldridge, a former Cal Poly NCAA champ and school record holder in the 1,500 meters, as he ran his first sub-four minute mile.


Ron Waynes finished sixth in the long jump (23-8 1/2) and leaped 49-2 Vi in triple jump. Brian Paul recorded a 57-11 in the shot put and Chris Sorensen added a 165-10 in the discus.

Poly now has 36 Division II national qualifiers including two relay teams. Poly will travel to Northridge next week for the TFA/Brooks Invitational meet.

Former Olympian Karin Smith smashed the school javelin record last Saturday with a toss of 209-3. Smith unloads the record-setting throw (above) and leaps in jubilation (below) when the distance is called out.

Smith snaps school javelin mark

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tional standard in the 3,000 meters with times of 10:16.8 and 10:19.8 respectively.

The final qualifying mark met was by the mile relay team of Allyne, Laura Held, Liz Douglas and Cathy Jones as they raced to a winning 3:57.8.

Other individual winners for Cal Poly were Sue McNeal, who equaled her school record with a winning leap of 6-0.

Kathy Reunan breezed to a 16.0 in the 100-meter hurdles followed by Held in third at 16.6.

Kathy Jones won the 400 meters at 57.9 and Liz Douglas won both the 100 and 200 meter runs.

Elaine Mallory went on the road and came back with a third and a fourth from the Bruce Jenner Invitational in San Jose. She finished third in the 100 with a 12.01 and fourth in the 400 with a 56.00 clocking.
Baseball team rallies to post three-game Riverside sweep

Cal Poly baseball coach Berdy Harr knew all along that it would be just a matter of time before his team came through and asserted itself as a challenger of the California Collegiate Athletic Conference championship. The Mustangs ended a long road trip with respectability last weekend as it swept a three-game series from host UC Riverside and climbed back into the thick of things in the conference title hunt.

Cal Poly downed Riverside on Friday, 6-5, and then came back along the next day claiming both ends of the double header, 6-4 and 2-0.

The three-game sweep was particularly gratifying for coach Harr after he watched his troops drop four out of five starts six weeks ago.

"I was depressed with the scores last week but I think we've worked hard and put in the effort," Harr said. "It didn't surprise me at all to have us bounce back and sweep all three games from Riverside."

"We played well but people were just interested in the child and not the labor pains," he said explaining that despite the losses the team was still playing well.

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Editorial

The results of an intensive, often emotional campaign on the question of whether to increase ASI fees have dealt the ASI a resounding setback. This week 64 percent of Poly students voted to increase the fee by $0.25, even though the student population exceeds 16,000. Thus, the ASI had to look to other methods to maintain the present level of student services—methods that seemed to offer the logical option.

The fee increase is paid by students along with other registration fees at the beginning of each quarter, will increase gradually. A $0.25 increase in 1982 will be followed by $2.75 hikes annually through 1985.

For Cal Poly, hardly known for its political activism, the turnout was impressive. Last Wednesday and Thursday, nearly a quarter of Cal Poly students cast ballots. This is in contrast to the usual 20 percent turnout common in ASI-related elections.

Looking at the result from a campus-wide perspective, however, we find that only about a 17 percent of Cal Poly students voted in favor of the fee increase. That's hardly a landslide. The majority of students appear either to be apathetic or else they hold that the idea of student government is a charade—a shadow government with few powers of substance. (This theory is not implausible. The ASI fee itself must be approved by the California State University and Colleges Board of Trustees before it can go into effect.)

One group, the Campus Libertarians, wants to see an even weaker ASI. It would like to see the abolishment of the ASI fee altogether, basing its position on outdated laissez faire political theory. In reality, of course, the elimination of the primary source of ASI funds would result in the eventual collapse of student government rather than constructively deal with student problems.

We are impressed with the enthusiasm displayed by students on both sides of the fee hike issue. We also hope the election mandate will help revitalize the ASI in these times of economic crisis and provide that organization with more flexibility to deal with student concerns. And because more money will be flowing through the hands of student officers, we expect that it will enhance the political and cultural role of Cal Poly, and our university community.

Letters

Wildlife art stolen

Editor:

During the final exam week of this past quarter, the Cal Poly Wildlife Club set up a display in the University Union depicting wildlife of the oceans.

This was in honor of the annual National Wildlife Week; some items from the display, graciously lent by fellow students and friends in the community, were stolen. This is very discouraging, especially because the display was set up for the benefit of all.

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