Fire destroys future student apartments

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Fire destroyed two student apartment complexes under construction between Stenner Street and California Boulevard yesterday, shooting flames 300 feet into the sky.

Damage is estimated at $1.5 to $1.7 million, a fire department spokesperson said.

"This is one of the most noticeable fires in the city since the Obispo Theater burned down in the summer of 1975," said San Luis Obispo Crime Prevention Officer Steve Seybold.

Jeff Rogers, a third year industrial technology major, was sleeping when the fire started.

"I was sleeping in my camper across from Delta Sigma Phi (by the railroad tracks). I was getting real hot and thought it was because it was going to be a nice day," he said. He looked out the window and saw the construction site were on fire.

"The fire had been going for about five minutes by the time it got real big. It was then about 10 to 15 minutes before the firetrucks came," he said. "I was surprised the fire department wasn’t around," he added.

The second building started burning before they got there, he said.

Chris Counts, a senior journalism major, said he was walking out of his apartment at about 7:30 a.m. when he saw the building start to smoke. He added that he thought he was the first one to see the fire besides the construction workers.

"The fire department didn’t get there for 20 minutes," Counts said. "I was amazed at how long it took them to get there." He said that police had blocked off roads before the fire department came.

Counts said he first saw smoke and then the flames burst out. He said he watched three construction workers watch the smoke for 10 minutes. He added that he didn’t think he or anyone had any idea of how bad it was going to be.

Counts said there were over 100 students at the site before the fire department showed up.

Battalion Chief Lew Schmutz, of the San Luis Obispo Fire Department, said that there is no way it took 20 minutes for the fire trucks to get to the scene. He said that at 7:37 a.m. they got a call and the first unit was on the scene, on Stenner Street, at 7:41 a.m.

"What probably happened was the students didn’t see the units. They probably didn’t see them because they weren’t at the correct vantage point," said Counts.

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Worries in prohibition of a free press

Our founding fathers were explicit in their desire to establish certain rights to be enjoyed by all citizens of the nation they were forming.

Prohibition of the press was intended to be a means by which free thought could be promoted and a mechanism to avoid the tyranny against which this nation rebelled.

This most basic of rights has been infringed upon.

The California Administrative Code, as it pertains to the California State University System, more or less prohibits the practice of a free press.

The dominating university newspapers as auxiliary organizations of the CSU, effectively limit the freedom by which these bodies, and the individuals who work for them, can freely express their feelings and concerns.

This is a blatant infringement of all of our First Amendment rights.

The student press is the place where young, aspiring journalists learn their craft. It is just like any lab environment found all around the city, campus and those of us living with permit request spaces.

The recent introduction of legislation in the state Legislature to provide for the freedom of the student press is admirable, but well behind the times.

The Mustang Daily Editorial Board feels that it is an outrage that this legislation needs to be introduced in the first place.

The Articles of Confederation clearly says that the individual states of the union do not have the right to infringe upon those rights that are clearly expressed by the Congress of the United States.

I am sure that if the issue was pursued, even more feasible alternatives could be thought of that would benefit everyone, not just those who are minutes late to class and pay by the way, what you are going to tell your boss in Orange Co., San Jose or wherever when you have to sit on the freeways and park six blocks away from work!

Have you ever thought of pettiness or driving up earlier?

I agree with the Daily's editorial (March 8) in admitting that some people into permit request booths should have showed up to the Open Forum to voice their opinions. But I do not vehemently disagree that we now have to live with the results of the vote. We have to face the reality of this nation again without representation.

I will not favor any one school over others. The V.P. Planning and the Fiscal Office. We feel that there would be fairer representation if the booth in Agriculture Circle was moved to the library or to the student bridge in front of the Agriculture Building. Most students travel by these areas or to their classes, and a booth in one of these locations would be beneficial to all students. In addition, if a student passes non-Agriculture buildings without exiting another path they have to walk in the rain, heat or snow.

Letters

CA&H asks for other polls

The moment of our student council is concerned with the recent decision of the Student Senate to place a voter's booth in the Agriculture Circle for the upcoming ASI elections. The location of this booth will surely be almost exclusively by agricultural students, and therefore, exclude most of the schools in the California State University System, more or less prohibiting the student body of our school from voting and, therefore, excluding the student body from participating in the election for the agricultural elections.

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BOMB THREAT, THIRD THIs QUARTER

The third bomb threat of the quarter was received by the Cal Poly Public Safety Department Tuesday afternoon. A public safety dispatcher received a telephone call at 2:45 p.m. claiming that an explosive device was planted in the Mathematics & Home Economics building.

Editor:

I would like to examine the ethical justification of a class at this university entitled Social Ethics. The course description in the catalog states: "Ethical theorv and critical analysis applied to the resolution of public policy about children's rights, family business, technology and ecology."

I enrolled in and have attended this class since the start of Winter Quarter in which:

- The students are required to purchase a textbook authored by the instructor and
- The students are required also to purchase parts of an as yet unpublished manuscript authored by the instructor.

And it's called SOCIAL ETHICS.

Most, if not all, lectures in the class have consisted of the instructor reading from the manuscript; the course is focused upon one or two aspects of the course described in the catalog. It appears prior to publication.

I have heard there is an unwritten commandment which instructors are encouraged strongly to follow — publish or perish. Apparentlv, the manuscript needs some polish prior to publication. And, that appears to be the purpose of the lectures.

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To be sure, however, the topics of marriage, family, child and state, and their interrelationships are interesting, timely and important. But, I'm relatively certain the arena of Social Ethics contains many more interesting, timely and important facets worthy of our attention (see course description).

The threat of my dispute here is that the current class entitled Social Ethics is focused upon a limited few aspects of the field and is not in keeping with the course description. One of the primary reasons I enrolled in Social Ethics was that I assumed the course description in the catalog was a fairly accurate reflection of what the class would be. I am disappointed it was not. I would like to conclude by stating that this is not the first time I have encountered the scenario as described above.

No reason to be childish

Editor:

I am writing this letter because I feel frustrated and indignant. Last Thursday morning I was delayed getting to class. I focused once I arrived to school half-jogging in the rain. When I got to class I was 12 minutes late and all the entrances into the auditorium were locked. I didn't understand. I figured there must have been a mistake. We had never or seldom were warned we would be locked out if we were late. I went to find someone in the adjacent music building who could let me in. Fortunately I was successful. I make special effort not to miss my classes and rarely do. I talked to the teacher after class and found that he had requested that the doors to the auditorium be locked at 8:20.

Unfortunately for the students, roll is taken every meeting for this class and 20 percent of the grade is for attendance. Taking attendance at the college level is ridiculous. But taking attendance for a class with over 160 students is absurd. The students are the ones who lose when they don't go to class. It's their privilege and responsibility to make the choice and it is usually reflected in their grades anyway.

Sometimes there are legitimate reasons for being late or absent. I don't feel that because I am 12 minutes late for a two-hour class the instructor has the right to lock me out, deny me part of my education and then punish me for not being there. A teacher's job is to teach not play disciplinarian. We are in college. Treat us like adults and quit wasting time playing policeman.

Kerri Dalidio

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Representatives Leon Panetta (D-Monterey) and Gerry E. Studds (D-MA) have introduced legislation to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act, which expires next year.

The bill would effectively overturn a 1984 Supreme Court ruling that offshore oil and gas lease sales conducted at the federal level are not subject to the environmental requirements of state coastal management plans.

The court stated that the leasing of offshore tracts does not "directly affect" the coastal zone. Under the CZMA, federal actions that "directly affect" the coastal zone must be consistent, to the maximum extent possible, with coastal zone management plans drawn up by the states and approved by the Department of Commerce.

The bill introduced by Panetta and Studds specifically that offshore leasing activities are covered by the consistency provision.

The two representatives introduced legislation last year addressing the same issue. That bill was approved by the House Oceanography Subcommittee but was not considered by the full Merchant Marine Committee. A similar bill was approved by the Senate.

"The essence of federal coastal zone management legislation has always been to encourage a partnership between federal and state governments," Panetta said. "The Supreme Court decision seriously altered the balance between state and federal powers that Congress created through the Coastal Zone Management Act. This legislation would restore the needed balance and provide long-term stability in the management of our coastal resources."

Panetta, Studds, and three other representatives introduced separate legislation that would establish a moratorium until the year 2000 on all offshore leasing along the central and northern California coast and sensitive portions of the southern California coast and Massachusetts coastlines.

A defense against cancer can be cooked up in your kitchen.

There is evidence that diet and cancer are related. Follow these recommendations to decrease your risk of getting cancer.

D. Eat more vegetables and whole-grain products: 1. Include dark green and deep yellow foods and vegetables rich in vitamins A and C. 2. Include legumes, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, beets, and red cabbage.
3. Be moderate in consumption of processed meats. Some studies have linked cured foods.
4. Cut down on total sodium from animal sources and use and limit salt.
5. Avoid obesity.
Tau Beta Phi, Cal Poly’s engineering honor society, helps seventh and eighth grade local students in MATHCOUNTS ’85, an annual national contest promoting mathematical skills.

By KAREN KRAEMER
Special to the Daily
Members of Tau Beta Phi, a National Engineering Honor Society, helped the future generation of engineering students last weekend with a mathematics contest at Cal Poly. MATHCOUNTS ’85, sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), is a contest for seventh and eighth graders designed to promote an interest in math. For the second year Tau Beta Phi has assisted Rodney Keif, a chapter member of NSPE and a mechanical engineering professor, in running the regional MATHCOUNTS contest for area junior high schools.

Laguna Jr. High won the team competition for the second year. Jeff Wall, a seventh grader from the Laguna team, was the overall winner in both the written and oral exams. Wall’s father is a Cal Poly physics professor, Dr. Leonard Wall.

“We think it’s important to become involved with younger people,” said Tau Beta Phi President Dana Marcroft. “We want to encourage them in studying math.”

According to Marcroft, Tau Beta Phi is not a fraternity. Engineering students who meet the ‘honor qualifications’ are invited to join. Qualifications include being in the top fifth of all senior engineers and the top eighth of the junior class.

“We want to recognize students not only in the field of engineering, but the engineering students involved in liberal arts,” said Marcroft.

Besides monitoring math contests, the society is also involved in other community activities. Last month 44 members of Tau Beta Phi helped to rebuild a playground at a center for abused children.

Cal Poly student Randy Kihara, a senior mechanical engineering major and member of Tau Beta Phi, answers questions from junior high students about the MATHCOUNTS contest between area junior high schools.

Rod Keif of the Mechanical Engineering Department shakes the hand of Jeff Wall, junior high school winner of MATHCOUNTS ’85, held Saturday at Cal Poly.
ed children.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Tau Beta Phi. In honor of the club, a mass initiation of electees will be held in Los Angeles on May 12 at the Museum of Science and Industry. In April Cal Poly will also host the district meeting for California and Nevada.

There are 24 alumni of Tau Beta Phi working at Cal Poly. Faculty advisers include Keif, who organized the MATHCOUNTS competition; Gustav Wassel, associate dean of engineering; William Forging, a metallurgical engineering professor; and Donald Morgan, department head of industrial engineering. Other distinguished alumni of Tau Beta Phi include President Warren Baker and Duane Bruley, dean of engineering.

Many engineering students are not aware that they are eligible to be members of the society, said Marcroft. Tau Beta Phi sends out invitations each year to those engineering students that are eligible, but "many names are missed."

Students who think they are eligible for the society can contact Dana Marcroft through the Tau Beta Phi box in the Activities Planning Center in the University Union.

Jeff Wall, whose father is Cal Poly physics Professor Leonard Wall, presents his winning math equation.

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With finals approaching, students seek effective places to study. To break the monotony of studying, some students get together with friends or sweetheart. Others try a change of pace by studying in various places throughout the campus. Whatever your means of getting through the endless hours of cramming, don’t put it off. Finals are coming and there is no getting out of it. So buckle down and study... and good luck.

Photographs by Kevin Cannon
Joe was more than an old man; students mourn loss of a friend

Robin Lewis

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UNLV ready for tough NCAA tournament

OAKLAND (AP) — A 72,000-seat, state-of-the-art football stadium has been proposed by Oakland officials, who say they will back the $90 million project if assured of a local National Football League franchise.

The Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum board made the announcement Monday at the annual NFL meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

The proposal will include a stadium club, special accommodations for the team and media, and 1,500 parking spaces in addition to the existing 10,000-space parking area at the Coliseum. The stadium will be included in the new Coliseum plan.

Coliseum board member Jack Maloester said the facility design would meet a minimum 72,000-seat requirement of the NFL for facilities hosting Super Bowls.

The Los Angeles Raiders left Oakland in 1982 in a dispute over Coliseum improvements the team wanted.

Oakland Mayor Lionel Wilson said the city was in the middle of a recession and couldn't have financed the requested changes.
PHOENIX — Ariz. (AP) — Dwayne Murphy's spring training hitting is a few feet from Dave Collins', lessening the possibility of a communications gap in the Oakland A's outfield this season.

"Dave and I will have a lot of talking to do," Murphy said before heading for camp, and they allowed a lot of baseball in their corner of the clubhouse through the practice days leading to the first exhibition game.

Murphy believes the A's outfield will be one of the American League's best because: "with Dave Collins speed we can't go wrong." Collins, who hit .308 and stole 60 bases for the Toronto Blue Jays last season, will be in left field for the A's this year, taking over the job Rickey Henderson held for 3½ years before being traded to the New York Yankees.

"We bat play the way we move with pitchers and move with the hitters," Murphy said, referring to the important matter of outfield positioning.

"That makes everything easy as far as understanding each other goes. Now we'll go out there and find out about other things," the A's team captain added. "I'll have to know how far he gets on balls hit into the gap, how much ground he covers.

Long Beach hosts cup race by Mark Cornell

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Five potential America's Cup challengers — including Dennis Conner, John Koslous and Rod Davis of the United States — are among 10 match-racing skippers who begin competition today in a 45-race series for the Congressional Cup.

Now in its 21st year, the Congressional Cup is currently the most prestigious two-boat match racing series in the United States, since the America's Cup went to Australia in 1983.

In the Congressional Cup, each skipper will meet every other in a series of two-loss matches over a 10-mile, windward-leeward course in the ocean off Long Beach Harbor.

The Congressional Cup has no connection with the America's Cup, but it usually attracts skippers and crews from throughout the world who have either won or hope to compete for the "Auld Mug."

The U.S. hopefuls for the America's Cup in this year's Challenge '87 are Conner, skipper of New York Yacht Club's America's 11th Syndicate, Conner, skipper of San Diego Yacht Club's America's Cup Challenge '91; and Davis, skipper of Newport Harbor Yacht Club's Eagle Syndicate.

Greats told to limit move by Mark Cornell

SOUTSCDALE, Ariz. — Commissioner Peter Ueberroth said Monday that major league baseball wants the San Francisco Giants to move no farther than the San Francisco A's have speed to burn by Mark Cornell

NASCAR's spring training got under way in Goodyear, Ariz., when Brad Stover set a new mark in the Truck Series race. The San Jose State graduate set a new track record of 130 mph.

"I have to know his limits," Henderson, whose speed allowed him to steal a big league record 130 bases a few years ago, had virtually no limits as the A's left fielder.

"That made him tough to play in a way, because he could come so far into the gap (left-center) for balls," Murphy said. "But we didn't have a single collision last season.

"We came close to colliding a few times. But close I expect. Close doesn't bother me.

Giant fans lured by Mark Cornell

"I'm very optimistic."