Fire threatens Poly Royal
Blaze destroys student arch labs

By Susan Harris

Poly Royal festivities were disrupted Saturday morning when an improperly used electric motor in a science display smoldered for 10 minutes undetected before flames gutted Engineering West and caused more than $1 million damage, fire officials said.

No one was injured in the 10:41 a.m. blaze, said Cal Poly Fire Chief John Paulsen.

A household drill used to demonstrate ground motion in a display simulating earthquakes overheated after approximately 30 minutes of use and sparked the fire, which destroyed eight architecture and architectural engineering laboratories, said Paulsen.

The building, built in 1968, was used for junior year labs, classrooms and faculty offices.

Seven fire vehicles responded and five more stood by as firefighters and ROTC volunteers held back the crowd and dragged booths away from the flames.

Cal Poly firefighters break through Poly Royal crowds Saturday to attack flames pouring out of Engineering West. In almost an hour, smoke and fire destroyed eight laboratories.

Joe Tunc, a student working in the Association of General Contractors' booth, said he saw the flames and ran into the building to warn any occupants of the impending danger. "I found a teacher in his office just talking on the phone. He didn't even know the place was on fire." Tunc said people were walking upstairs and after alerting them of the danger he said everyone ran out.

University President Warren Baker said he saw the smoke from his house and arrived before the firefighters. He said he walked through the building after the fire and surveyed the smoke, water and soot damage.

"We are very fortunate the fire was contained as quickly as it was," Baker said. He was concerned about the toxic chemicals stored in the printing and reproduction labs in an adjacent wing. However, firefighters doused the flames before they spread to that area.

Although Baker credited the firefighters for their speedy response, Paulsen said the Poly Royal crowd hampered their efforts.

Dick Brug, director of public safety, said the engine's response time was two minutes but there was a long delay in reporting the fire.

State buildings are not required to have sprinklers or fire alarms.

Engineering West was equipped with solid wood fire doors, which Cal Poly police officer Bruce Miller said reduced the damage. The inside of the first floor doors almost burned through while the varnish on the outside of the doors remained unblemished.

State Fire Marshall Fred Strayhorn arrived at Cal Poly See FIRE
Opinion

Fire makes royal mess

A tragedy at Poly Royal really messed things up. Lives were not lost but in the eyes of many architecture students, at least part of their lives went up in flames.

The Engineering West Building burned, destroying eight drafting lab rooms of as many as 200 architecture and architectural engineering students. Hundreds of projects, sketches and renderings were burned as well as personal belongings when the fire gutted a wing of the building.

It seemed almost a miracle that none were hurt as spectators watched the fire spread from room to room for 15 minutes before the fire engines arrived. We commend the quick action of Joe Tume, a student working in the nearby booth of the Association of General Contractors who ran into the building pounding on doors making sure all were outside.

The ROTC and members of the Poly Royal Board were expedient and efficient as they cleared fire engine passage through thousands of people and maintained crowd control throughout the emergency.

But questions about the fire and the damage remain. The state isn't required to have smoke and fire alarms and expedient and efficient as they cleared fire engine passage. We commend the senate on doing so.

In the next few days we hope we get some answers.

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Marcos wants to regain power

HONOLULU (AP) — Deposed President Ferdinand Marcos indicated in a telephone conversation with President Reagan that he would like to return to power in the Philippines, but Reagan "said nothing to encourage him," a senior U.S. official said Sunday.

The official, speaking on condition he not be identified, described what he called an emotional conversation between the two on Saturday after Reagan arrived in Hawaii, where Marcos has been in exile since he was ousted by Corazon Aquino in February.

Marcos, the source said, got "a lot off his chest" in the 10-minute talk initiated by Reagan. The former Philippine president knew Reagan would be calling and prepared what he wanted to say, the official said.

Third World missiles are danger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Proliferation of ballistic missiles is a growing threat as more Third World nations develop the capability to build the weapons, according to a congressional study.

The report by the Congressional Research Service predicted that "substantial numbers of the missiles) could be deployed in most regions of the world in the not-too-distant future."

Many of the countries with a potential to build the weapons are doing so as an offshoot of space programs and often the technology has been provided either by the United States or the Soviet Union.

Many of the countries also have nuclear research programs, raising the specter of Third World nations armed with nuclear-tipped missiles.

The nations involved include Israel, Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Libya, India, Pakistan, Taiwan, South Korea, North Korea, Brazil and Argentina, the study said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mustang Daily and ASI senate criticized

Editor — Who’s guilty and who’s not guilty? I have tried to follow the recent campaigns and elections that have taken place — that means reading the Daily and listening to the candidates’ rhetoric.

The headlines alone have been enough to shock the average reader. In four short days, they’ve progressed from “Candidate submits election complaint” to “Election results: It’s a runoff” (with Swan-son’s and Hammond’s pictures directly above it) coupled with the graphically placed (right next to Hammond’s picture) “Hammond accused of being unethical in ASI campaign” to “More complaints filed in campaign for ASI president,” and finally ending with “Election results thrown out.” One might easily point their finger at the Daily, saying that journalistic sensationalism is just blowing the whole thing out of proportion, but who can blame the paper? After all, this is one of the biggest stories to hit the campus all year. One can, however, question the effectiveness of the reporting. The writer of the articles seems to slant each new one a different way (i.e. Hammond seems guilty, then new evidence shows Hammond might not be guilty). It seems a more thorough investigation should have been conducted before bombarding Daily reader with half-truths and assumptions.

A student senator-elect said to me, "The Senate meeting Monday night wasn’t what I expected, but it did give me a taste of what ‘real politics is like.’ How could anyone help but have these same opinions, after reading the article of what happened during the meeting? It took our Student Senate close to three hours to realize that they were discussing something that had no basis, and hence no relevance whatsoever! And the decision to hold the entire election for ASI president over again was the proverbial straw that broke the camel’s back. I’m not sure if the senate is going to be able to save face, or win back the credibility of the original election, after this last decision.

It’s not so much the mudslinging in particular, I believe, or even the alleged campaign violations that are engendering a feeling of apathy among students, but the situation itself, and its utter ridiculousness.

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The appellate court decision said palsy. She recently won a court progressive arthritis and cerebral from a serious heart condition. "I had pain last week, but now I feel better," the concluded the letter of quadriplegic Tighting to reject to Elizabeth Bouvia, the in a handicapped children's class began a letter written by a child hudenu, and they are first priority," he said. If there has been an over-allocation to one area, the surplus of faculty will be given to the business program, which is one of the top priorities, Fort said. "We make a lot of educated guesses about course demand and they aren't as accurate as we would like them to be because we don't have computer capability," said Fort. There is a lot of interest in the minor, said lbpel. In a memorandum from Beverly Hensel, an adm- ministerial aide for the School of Business, it was noted that there was interest in the minor within one week in December 1985. It has been proposed that 100 students be able to enroll in the business minor. The curriculum for the minor will give a general knowledge of all business disciplines and can be completed within one-year. "No matter what pro- fession you are looking at, you can see a business aspect tied in," said lbpel. Currently 42 percent of students enrolled at Cal Poly are taking business-related classes taught by faculty from the business department, said lbpel. The number of faculty allocated to each department is based upon the ratio of student credit units to full-time equivalent faculty. The School of Business has the highest ratio of students to teachers at the university, he said. Although the business minor cannot be formally offered through the department, the classes in the minor are still offered if students can get into them, said Fort.

Children write letters to Elizabeth Bouvia

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Dear Elizabeth, I hope you live your life. There's so much to live for," begins a letter written by a child in a handicapped children's class to Elizabeth Bouvia, the quadriplegic fighting to reject medical treatment from a serious heart condition. Ms. Bouvia, 28, suffers from progressive arthritis and cerebral palsy. She recently won a court order to remove a nose to throat tube being used to force-feed her. The appellate court decision said she had the right to reject hcrmattered treatment, including food and water, even if it resulted in death. Ms. Bouvia's case is being watched closely by disability rights activists who say it could set a dangerous precedent for other people with disabilities. In one of the most high-profile cases of its kind, a federal judge in San Francisco granted permission for Bouvia to be disconnected from life-support systems. The case is now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court, which has agreed to hear arguments. In court filings, Bouvia's lawyers argue that her request for medical treatment should be respected because it is consistent with her best interests and that it is not being imposed on anyone else. The court had previously denied a similar request, saying that life support should not be terminated without a fair and impartial process to determine a patient's incapacity or incapacity to make decisions about treatment. The case has sparked a national debate about the right to die and the role of courts in determining what constitutes best interests. Bouvia's case has raised questions about how to balance the right to life with the right to die, and whether courts should be involved in making life-and-death decisions. The case has also raised concerns about the quality of life for people with disabilities, who may be at risk of being denied access to medical care. The Supreme Court's decision is expected to have far-reaching implications for the rights of people with disabilities and the role of courts in determining what constitutes best interests. The case has also raised questions about the quality of life for people with disabilities, who may be at risk of being denied access to medical care. The Supreme Court's decision is expected to have far-reaching implications for the rights of people with disabilities and the role of courts in determining what constitutes best interests. The case has also raised questions about the quality of life for people with disabilities, who may be at risk of being denied access to medical care.
An estimated crowd of 130,000 people attended Poly Royal this weekend and enjoyed the food, displays, demonstrations, games and rodeo that have made this annual Cal Poly celebration such a popular attraction. Top: children sit in the driver’s seat of a car near the Engineering West Building. At right, a student clowns around with a likeness of President Reagan. Above: a glassblower demonstrates his technique to an onlooker.
FIRE
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Saturday night and finished the investigation into the cause of the fire Sunday morning. Paulsen said preliminary leg-work such as interviewing bystanders was completed by California Department of Forestry officers after the fire.
Paulsen said the fire was an "unfortunate mistake" and the students who built the display will not be held responsible for the damage.
The university is self-insured, although Paulsen said the state will probably ultimately pay for the reconstruction of the building.

REACTION
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away from the fire. "We warned everyone away from the area because of (the possibility of) toxic fumes," said King. He said he was very impressed with the response of the cadets and volunteers.
Student Dave Worthley said he was working in a booth in front of the Dexter Building when he noticed smoke coming from the Engineering West. He said he grabbed the fire extinguisher from his booth and ran over to the fire but then realized the extent of the blaze.
"I saw that I wasn't going to be able to do anything with one little fire extinguisher," said Worthley.
Witnesses reported confusion among some of the fire units. According to one bystander, a San Luis Obispo firetruck attached a hose to a fire hydrant and then moved the engine ahead, ripping the hose out of the truck.
Adding to the confusion was a bomb threat telephoned in to KCPR. Noragong immediately reported it to police.
Noragong said after the disc jockey announced there was a fire, the phone immediately rang. Noragong said the caller told him an "incendiary device" was planted by the "Cal Poly Incendiary Society" in a location he did not clearly hear.
Public safety officials said they investigated the Erhart Agriculture Building and the Agricultural Engineering Building but saw nothing suspicious or out of the ordinary. Neither building was evacuated but officials said the threat was being investigated.
On Sunday morning students and faculty members came out and inspected the charred wing of Engineering West.
Charlene Dekker, a third year architecture major, said she lost everything but clothes in the fire. "My stereo, my architectural supplies and all my books were in my lab. I also had four finished projects in there."
Dekker said her desk was on the second floor, farthest away from where the fire started.
Irene Chan, another third year architecture major, also had a desk on the second floor. She said her midterm project was completed and sitting on top of her desk next to the window. "My stereo, my architectural supplies and all my books were in my lab. I also had four finished projects in there."
Chan said she assumed her project was destroyed along with her lab equipment.
According to Cal Poly police officer Bruce Miller, the flames came in through the windows on the second floor, destroying things left on top of the desks nearest the windows.
Miller said students will be asked to set up a time with their departments to let them into the labs to retrieve their possessions.
Contributing to this story were staff writers Joe Bissin and Julia Prodis.
by fire

Firefighters inspect the building after the fire.

Architecture major Charlene Dokter, who had a lab in the Engineering West Building, is comforted by student Daryl Shoptaugh.

Members of the ROTC helped in the fight against the fire.

Billows of smoke greeted visitors to Poly Royal.
New track a big hit at Poly Royal Invitational

Women record blazing times at annual meet

Running on a new track, the Mustangs hosted their first — and only — home meet of the season Saturday at the Poly Royal Invitational.

"They (the athletes) fell in love with it," said Fred Harvey, assistant coach for the women's track team. "It is a very, very fast track."

And the marks showed it. Four meet records were set by the women's team — two of them by Mustangs, as well as several personal-best and national qualifying marks.

Patrice Carpenter shattered a meet and stadium record in the 400-meters in a blistering 54.96 for a first-place finish. Felicia Saville placed second with a time of 56.16.

Carpenter set another meet and stadium record in the 200-meters, winning it in 23.71, again followed by Saville in second with a time of 24.36.

The 4 X 400-meter relay team of Laurie Hagan, Carpenter, Saville and Sharon Hanson also set a new meet and stadium record, winning the event with a time of 3:47.2.

The 4 X 100-meter relay team of Saville, Hagan, Lynette Farmum and Carpenter ran away with the race with a time of 47.76.

Jennifer Dunn added to the Mustangs' first-place finishes with a win in the 1,500-meters in 4:34.4 and Hanson placed second in the 100-meter hurdles with a personal-best 14.09.

In the field events the Mustang runners saw several of their teammates qualify for nationals.

Danielle Sharkey won the long jump with a 19'3" leap, which qualified her for Nationals.

Men have field day on track as records fall

A new track and a partisan crowd helped the men's track team to some outstanding marks in their first and only home meet of the year Saturday.

But at the same time, the crowd that offered so much support to the Mustangs was also put in jeopardy by the Mustangs.

"We almost killed some people out there," said Mustang coach Tom Henderson. "We almost hit some people with the hammer and the javelin and the discus — it was dangerous out there."

Henderson said that although he is pleased with the new track, it still needs some place to put the fans. "When you have two full teams of athletes and then a field full of spectators it's too crowd- ed," Henderson said.

But despite the crowds, the Mustangs managed to establish a number of personal-best and national qualifying marks.
Poly downed by Chapman in slug-fest

Frustrations of being a last-place team were evident Friday as the Mustangs lost a 6-5 contest to Chapman College.

The game was delayed by two brawls in the seventh and eighth innings, but when the dust settled and tempers cooled the Mustangs' record was dropped to 4-16, securely in last place and Chapman College boosted its record to 9-11.

John Berringer was pitching with a 1-0 lead going into the fifth inning but a hobbled ball by the shortstop gave the go-ahead for a two-out five-run Chapman rally.

Dominic Costantino and Marc Renfree helped to bring the Mustangs back to 5-3 in the bottom of the fifth with two RBI singles. And in the sixth the Mustangs tied it up at 5-5 with RBI singles from Bob Wright and Eric Baysinger.

But in the seventh inning, Dave Austin scored to put Chapman up 6-5.

Marc Renfree almost tied the game in the bottom of the seventh as he tried to score from second base on a bunt by Dave Poirier. Renfree rounded third as Chapman catcher Brian Flattien was waiting with the ball. Poirier collided with Flattien at the plate, and although Flattien was flattened, he managed to hang on to the ball for the out.

But that's when the trouble started. Before either man could get up off the ground, both benches emptied for a wrestling match in the infield.

Eventually things calmed down, but not for long. Both benches emptied again when Poirier and Chapman's Tom Gardes staged another wrestling match at second base.

In the bottom of the ninth the Mustangs' tried to even things up with a lead-off single by Renfree, followed by a sacrifice bunt by Scott Reaves that moved Renfree to second. But Chapman reliever Ron Hubei struck out Jeff Smith to secure the win.
Poly netters pick up third straight title

By Gita Virmani
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly men's tennis team is on a winning streak with the Mustangs beating their opponents in the last eight straight matches.

Since Friday, the Cal Poly team defeated UC Riverside twice, 6-5, 8-1; Cal State Los Angeles twice, 8-1, 8-1; Cal Poly Pomona, 5-1; and San Diego State, 7-4.

The Mustangs now stand 11-1 in league play and their overall record is 17-7. They also clinched their third straight CCAA title.

"I'm very excited about winning the conference title," said coach Hugh Bream.

The latest national tennis polls show Cal Poly as ranked No. 2 in singles and No. 4 in doubles.

Team members Bob Zoller and Paul Landry, both all-American in doubles last year, are ranked in the top 15 in singles this year.

Jim Rakela and Tom Salmon are ranked in the top 30 in singles.

This weekend the Mustangs' top seven players will compete in the Ojai Tournament.

"We're just going to Ojai to have fun, there's no pressure," Salmon said.

The Cal Poly team will travel to U.C. Irvine for a match on Tuesday.

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MEN

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Flying marks as teams from Fresno State, San Jose State, Cal State Bakersfield Sacramento State and other schools came to the Poly Royal Invitational for a non-scoring meet.

Allen Aubuchon set a personal-best mark in the hammer throw with a toss of 149'9" and Bubble Bentley threw it 147'3".

Kevin Pratt finished second in the first heat of the 400-meters with a time of 48.34 and, in the second heat, Richard Balsche finished second in 49.15.

In the 100-meters Craig Griffin was only three-hundredths of a second off of his personal-best mark with a time of 10.59 and a first-place finish.

Griffin also qualified for Nationals in the 200-meters with a 21.38 mark, which was good enough for first-place and put him on the top-10 list at Cal Poly and second in the CCAA.

"Craig (Griffin) is only a freshman," Henderson said. "We're expecting him to be a major factor in years to come."

In the long jump competition, Bill Freeborn placed third with a personal-best leap of 23'8", which is the fourth best mark in the CCAA. Freeborn also made the top-10 list at Cal Poly in the triple jump with a personal-best mark of 48'7 1/2".

"The athletes were really impressed with the track, which is the first time we've heard that," Henderson said. "I think this meet could develop into one of the major invitational of the season."

WOMEN

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"If you see her (Sharkey) do anything, you would say that she's not an athlete," Harvey said. "But she's a gutsy lady and she just keeps plugging away."

Colleen Kevany won the javelin with a toss, which earned her a spot in Nationals and Kathy Kahn also qualified for Nationals, placing second in the discus with a fling of 156'1", which was a personal-best for her by almost six feet.

Coach Harvey said because of the new track, the Mustangs might host as many as five home meets next year. He also said there is talk of putting in stands, wind resistors and other things that could make Cal Poly's track one of the finest in the league. But for now, we're just happy with our new track," he said.

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US Senate candidate backs war on terrorism

By Gwen Dawkins

A Republican candidate for U.S. Senate told students last week he supports President Reagan's war against terrorism but is unhappy with the way the Libyan situation was handled.

Bill Allen, a professor at Harvey Mudd College, said Wednesday the United States should have announced its intentions rather than striking and then stepping back to see what would happen next. He said he also thinks "the government is asking too much from our allies. We have asked our allies to expose themselves."

The government has tried to pretend terrorism is the work of a lone madman. We know the origin of the assault. We cannot go to the source because we aren't strong enough. We can't push the Soviet Union directly, but we can attack its proxies (Libya)."

Allen said arms control has allowed the U.S. to become militarily impotent in a grand sense and has deterred it from defending itself.

In other foreign affairs, Allen said he is almost sympathetic to the South African government. As a black man, he said he is naturally against apartheid but thinks divergence from South African companies has done more harm than good. He said the government was on the road to a better way of life for blacks but now has become locked into segregation. The issue isn't simply racial inequality between blacks and whites, Allen said.

"We could have addressed the racial issue through constructive engagement, through encouragement and reinforcement. Now there may not be much left America can do in a positive way unless we can come to the realization to let others resolve their own differences."

He said he thinks the government should attack the internal problems America faces. One such problem is illegal immigrants. Allen estimates there are between five and 15 million illegal immigrants currently living in the United States. "This population of non-citizens is busy making homes and lives for themselves—without accepting the responsibilities of citizenship."

His solution to the problem is to develop a program for aliens to become naturalized citizens. If they are not willing to comply they must be expelled, he said. Pressure should also be put on Mexico to keep its people home.

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The campus tutoring program was forced to close April 16 because its usual sources of income, including tolls, were cut. Stewart, coordinator of the Learning Assistance Center told the Student Life editor.

Stewart said the program often uses 85 percent of its allotted ASI budget in fall and winter quarters but it is usually bailed out by counseling services and various departments at the end of the year. "We could have addressed the issue of the center directly, but now has become locked into a grand generosity toward the United Nations." We cannot go to the source because we aren't strong enough. We can't push the Soviet Union directly, but we can attack its proxies (Libya)."

Allen said arms control has allowed the U.S. to become militarily impotent in a grand sense and has deterred it from defending itself.

In other foreign affairs, Allen said he is almost sympathetic to the South African government. As a black man, he said he is naturally against apartheid but thinks divergence from South African companies has done more harm than good. He said the government was on the road to a better way of life for blacks but now has become locked into segregation. The issue isn't simply racial inequality between blacks and whites, Allen said.

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