State insurer declares bankruptcy

Poly employees still protected through July

First Farwest Insurance Companies, which provided medical coverage for about 750 Cal Poly employees, declared bankruptcy last week.

The Cal Poly employees are among 22,000 California state employees covered by the Oregon-based companies.

Don K. Lloyd, president and CEO of First Farwest, notified the Oregon Department of Insurance and Finance Friday, Feb. 24, that the companies were insolvent. They owe more than $18 million.

"In my opinion, it is necessary for you to begin delinquency proceedings and step in as receiver ... for the purpose of liquidating ...," he stated in a press release dated Feb. 24.

Neither he nor First Farwest's spokesperson, Charles Nicoll, were available for comment.

Cal Poly's personnel department began receiving calls from concerned policyholders Tuesday afternoon after an article appeared in The Wall Street Journal, said Barbara Melvin, human resources manager at Cal Poly.

That was when Melvin heard of First Farwest's troubles. She said she did not receive notification from the Chancellor's Office until Thursday.

A bulletin from the personnel office explaining that First Farwest insures honor claims through July 31, when its contract with the state runs out, has gone out to Cal Poly policyholders.

"We're not sure they'll be able to honor the terms of the contract," Melvin said, "although they give every indication that they will." Melvin is the Cal Poly Medical, medical provider for many First Farwest's insureds and has seen no problems with outstanding claims.

"As of this point, we have not had any bad claims packages," she said. "The Oregon Division of Insurance, which oversees the supervisor of patient services. "It has not affected us yet."

The Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) — Cal Poly's pension fund — is required to provide coverage through July 31 for policyholders, Melvin said, if First Farwest is unable to meet its obligations under the terms of the contract. The coverage or premiums, however, could change.

The Central Coast Foundation for Medical Care — administrator of the insurance plan — was informed in January that First Farwest would not renew its contract with the state, said Dianne Maness, assistant executive director for the foundation.

At that time, Maness said, the foundation and Blue Cross presented an alternate insurance package to PERS, which turned it down.

Employees covered by First Farwest will have to choose by Aug. 1 from among the other policies available, Melvin said. No new insurance companies will be added to the list of policies.

"We're talking about a lot of people who will have to change insurance come Aug. 1," Melvin said.

First Farwest Insurance Companies provided medical insurance for more than 22,000 state-covered state employees of 17 of those years. The press release cited the inability of consumers to adjust premiums to meet increased medical costs as the cause of bankruptcy.

SLO couple stabbed to death; son suspect

By J.W. McPhail

A San Luis Obispo couple were stabbed to death in their home Sunday night. Their 14-year-old son was arrested at the scene and was charged with the killings.

Larry McClave, 49, was found dead in the kitchen of his house at 3611 El Cerrito Drive, said police. His wife, Helen, 47, was pronounced dead on arrival at French Hospital.

Both had been stabbed several times.

Their son, Ronald Wade McClave, 24, who lived with them, was arrested after trying to get away on a bicycle, police said.

Police said they requested at 10:05 p.m. to a call from a woman who said she was bleeding and needed help.

When police arrived, they found Helen McClave in the driveway of the El Cerrito Drive address and had her taken to the hospital.

Police said they then saw the suspect inside the house. According to the San Luis Obispo County Telegraph-Tribune, a SWAT team was called and police surrounded the house.

The suspect left the house and tried to get away on a bicycle, according to police, but was arrested after a struggle with officers. Two officers received minor injuries in the scuffle.

He is being held without bail, according to the Telegraph-Tribune.

A San Luis Obispo woman who was a high school acquaintance of Ronald McClave described him as artistic and a good basketball player. The woman, who did not want to be identified, said that McClave did seem to have problems, however.

Caribbean fliers may be delayed by strike

By Alison Skratt

Despite the crippling of one of the nation's biggest discount airlines over the weekend, representatives may only affect local travelers bound for the Caribbean.

A Machinists strike at Eastern Airlines began at 12:01 a.m. Saturday. It was soon joined by the airline's pilots and flight attendants, effectively stranding thousands of passengers at its Miami hub and other airports around the country.

At mid­

ight Sunday, the airline estimated its weekend shortfall would be 100 of its usual 2080 flights — less than 5 percent. Before the strike, Eastern maintained it could meet 25 percent of its scheduled schedule.

For local travelers, the only immediate worries lie in Caribbean

Suddenly, union members have called a strike, Eastern said, at 12:01 Saturday, affecting nearly all of its current flights.

"The only time we use them

Drought prompts building halt

Council calls special meeting to rationing

By Shanna Phillips

The San Luis Obispo City Council closed Friday's special meeting on water rationing after declaring a building moratorium.

The Council said Friday that new development in San Luis Obispo should not take place while citizens are encouraged to ration water.

The Dalidio family surprised everyone in council chambers by offering 2,000 to 3,000 acre-feet of water to the city of San Luis Obispo. The Dalidio family owns 187 acres of land bordered by Highway 101, Los Oso Valley Road and the Central Coast Plaza.

Andrew Meriam represented the family at the council meeting. Meriam said the family donated 3,000 acre-feet of water to the city in 1924 and 1941.

Because of the Dalidio donation, a subcommittee was formed consisting of Mayor Ron Dunin and Councilmen George Van Pelt and Phillip Perkinson. The two Council representatives will meet with the Dalidio family to discuss details about their offer to provide water to the city.

Because new developments and water rationing are closely related, the council voted unanimously on a building moratorium.

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Young cousin's death puts student's life in perspective

By Yumi Sera

Bitch, bitch, bitch. That's all I seem to have been doing lately, and I'm not the only one that has been complaining either. Everyone around me seems so stressed and busy. The life of a Cal Poly student is filled with activities, work, classes and sometimes, when there's time, a social life. We have a lot to complain about, especially, because we try to register for classes and are getting ready for finals.

I cannot believe that it is already the 10th week of classes. I've been so busy that I haven't even noticed what day it is anymore. Where has time gone?

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because I wasn't more upset by her death. Afterall, even though she was my first cousin, I had never had any contact with her - she was a stranger.

Needless to say, the hustle and bustle of Cal Poly life went on, and I forgot about the tragic death.

Then, I went home last weekend, and the first thing I saw as I walked into my house was a picture of a my cousin - she was smiling and waving at the camera.

I asked my mom when we got the picture. She told me that the picture had been on our television since Christmas.

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It's during these stressful times that I become selfish and only think about how busy I am. I stop being aware that there are other people in the world who have problems too, just taking a girl never even had a chance to live.

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Enough is enough! I find it incredible that people who claim to believe in God want to kill or silence their opponents.

What do these religious people stand for? Murder, deceit, hypocrisy, stealing?

I don't think God is in the business of killing people, despite claims by virtually every religion in the world that He is. If He wanted to, He would do It Himself. Surely He has the power. He doesn't need someone with an Uzi to exact revenge.

I think God's in the business of forgiveness. That means forgiving people for whatever they do.

Moslems cite Jesus as a prophet, but have they read the part in the Bible where he talks about unconditional love and forgiving your enemy?

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Condom-nation
by Matthew Wisbey

No one can really dispute the fact that condoms will give a degree of protection from pregnancy and STDs. By having one's unprotected sexual encounter, however, the situation is not quite that simple.

Some of the ASI senators opposed to the condom resolution did some research at the Cal Poly library and discovered which none of the AIDS public service task forces took into consideration. In the October 14, 1988 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle, two researchers compiled data from many of the programs which distribute birth control devices to teens. The result was surprising in many ways.

The expected result of mass distribution of prophylactics is a reduction of pregnancies, however, their research showed the opposite. In actuality, the pregnancy rate went up to 5 to 12 percent. This is due to the transmission of body fluids which carry STDs, including the 100 percent fatal AIDS virus. Condoms are at best 80 to 90 percent reliable. They are therefore bad gamble. No one should stake their life on these odds. Although the report did not cover disburse alone college-age men, is the reason this particular age group has more corpses strewn among the walkways of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. Marches, demonstrations, rallies here and outside the Plant, and ultimately more than a few personal health issues have had previous sexual experiences and were affected, though the stated reason for negative reappointment or promotion decision was perhaps not openly tied to being too outspoken.

Move ahead a few years to the mid-1970s when I was the Academic Senate representative on what was then called the Student Affairs Council (today the Student Senate). I believe we were the last campus in the CSU system to approve a Gay Student Union committee. A university is either inclusive or exclusive, either open or closed. We cannot even aspire to be a first-class university until we welcome dissent and the disserter.

Reflections
by Richard Kranzdorf

Having read the several articles and letters over the last month in these pages on Women's Week disapprovals, I would like to add a slightly different perspective, taking as a point of departure my presence on this campus as a faculty member since the early '70s. Letting my mind drift back over the years it seems as if the particular culture shift the mold remains the same.

When I first arrived, the Vietnam protest movement was in full swing, even occasionally on this campus. I was too new to be aware of the tensions but was told of occasional protests being roughed up as well as student activities being closely scrutinized, and in outbursts of violence and anticommunist rhetoric. Students and caregivers were affected, though the stated reason for negative reappointment or promotion decision was perhaps not openly tied to being too outspoken.

Condom vending machines on campus. At this moment it seems like it is only a matter of time until this will happen. But if condom vending machines are going to be put into campus restrooms, there are a few considerations we ought to keep in mind.

We have to remember that we are dealing with a health and safety concern. If people were to take offense to the university looking out for the health of the students, that is tragic. In my opinion, the Condom Task Force is a group of students who are taking the offensive to end sexual assault.

But even this is about time that our offended friends wipe the sand out of their eyes. Of the freshmen that start at Cal Poly, an estimated three quarters have had some sexual experiences and there are no indications that they are going to stop being sexually active once they start college. If they are going to continue, we need to acknowledge this and use the resources we can in trying to prevent the spread of disease.

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There are enough arguments and statistics to support this thesis to fill the entire newspaper, but there is one thing to keep in mind. HIV, the cause of AIDS, has caused the STD epidemic and condoms are just patching up the symptoms of the cause. If we ever have to worry about contagious diseases, the high time we exercise judgement from our intellect rather than our glands.

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Reality over morality
by Peter Goddyn

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Levenson was named to the advisory council when the U.S. Printer’s counsel urged univer-
sities to become involved with its work. A few years ago the coun-
cil invited representatives to one of its meetings. Cal Poly Presi-
dent Warren J. Baker chose Levenson to represent Cal Poly, and ever since, Levenson has
been at the forefront of the cam-
paign.

“It has also come to San Luis Obispo — just as we speak they
are putting up a billboard a little
past Monterey Street on Highway 101.”

Levenson said that a national
campaign took off when 10,000
billboards were donated to make people aware of the illiteracy
problem. The billboards will im-
plement the awareness idea, and
Levenson will spend the year
figuring out other ways to fight illiteracy.

Levenson is also involved
with the San Luis Literacy Council,
where he recently showed young
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Two arrested in stock scandal

TOKYO (AP) — Authorities on Monday arrested two former senior officials of Japan's largest corporation on suspicion of bribery in a spreading stock scandal that has prompted calls for Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita to resign.

Prosecutors said they arrested Hisashi Shinto, former chairman of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp., and a senior aide, Kozo Murata.

Investigators alleged the two officials were bribed with 10,000 shares of unlisted stock that Murata was offered by Recruit Co., an information conglomerate. Murata, 63, reportedly made $70,000 in profit when the stock was publicly traded and rose quickly in value.

Shinto, 78, was known as an advocate of clean government and business until he resigned last month because of NTT's publishing a book that has prompted calls for the governing party to resign. The opposition United Democratic Democratic Party has united in demanding a full parliamentary investigation into the scandal. The opposition Democrats and Communists have demanded that Takeshita resign or dissolve the lower house.

The three largest opposition parties have begun considering a caretaker prime minister before elections as long as possible, according to media polls.

Public support for the Takeshita Cabinet has dropped steadily in the past five months due to the scandal, as well as government plans to levy a 3 percent tax on all services and goods in commercial transactions, according to media polls.

Party members want to hold off elections as long as possible, said Seisaburo Sato, professor of politics at Tokyo University.

An election loss for the party could force Takeshita to step down as governing party president before his two-year term ends this fall.

Rei Shiratori, dean of the department of political science and economics at Tokai University, said, "If you look at opinions of voters, things are changing, but that only has an effect if there's an election."
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Photographs depicting life in San Luis Obispo, Farmers’ Market and other local subjects will be exhibited in Cal Poly’s Kennedy Library during March. The pictures were taken by about 80 students, all journalism majors, who took a photojournalism class in the past two years. The students were assigned a 24-hour period in which to capture scenes relating to a theme.

Among the themes were “A Day in the Life of San Luis Obispo,” “A Day in the Life of Cal Poly,” “A Day of Fun and Games,” “Farmers’ Market” and “Halloween 1988.” The class is taught by former Life photographer Mark Kauffman. The photographs will be displayed in the exhibit area at the rear of Kennedy Library’s first floor. The free exhibit will be open to the public during the library’s regular hours.

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disputes at Eastern long before this weekend's strike.

"We knew about it more than a month ago," said Dutton. "... We heard talk of it, so we moved our clients to other carriers to protect them."

Ingrid Inglish, of Gulliver's Travels in the University Union, agreed that the strike has yet to significantly affect San Luis Obispo travelers.

"We're re-doing some tickets, but we don't really know that much about it yet," she said, adding that it was only Monday morning and difficult to make a judgment yet.

However, she added, none of the spring break vacation packages through Cal Poly, including those to the Caribbean, are using Eastern.

"There is a group going to Jamaica," said Inglish, "but not with Eastern."

Those who have reservations on Eastern flights in the near future and want to switch them to another airline should be aware of the probable difficulties, said Dutton.

"It's probably a zoo trying to find a place to put them (Eastern passengers)," she said.

But, to her knowledge, said Inglish, Eastern is refunding all unused tickets, even those that had been deemed non-refundable.

Kurt McCling, ticket agent for Sky West Airlines, said the strike has had negligible effects on San Luis Obispo's airport and flights.

"There's just more bookings on other airlines," he said.

Airport management concurred.

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