SLO City Council may vote tonight on rental issue

**Beare, Blaine both raise conflict of interest charges**

By Steve Jones
Staff Writer

The controversial rental regulation ordinance which is expected to gain final approval at tonight's City Council meeting amidst charges of conflict of interest aimed at all three councilmembers who voted for the ordinance.

The ordinance, which limits the number of adults who may live in a single-family house, was conceptually approved two weeks ago.

The council tonight will likely move to make the ordinance be approved in its final form.

City Council write-in candidate David Blaine and Ron Bearce, director of the Concerned Citizens of SLO County, each separately appealed to the state Fair Political Practices Commission, stating a conflict of interest existed.

The charges stem from councilmembers Penny Rappa, Allen Settle and Peg Pinard all owning rental property in San Luis Obispo. Settle and Pinard both own three rental houses while Rappa owns one "four-plex.

Mayor Ron Dunin abstained from voting on the ordinance two weeks ago, citing a conflict of interest caused by the practice was to forward a similar case in Los Angeles in months or even years," said Kenny.

The FPPC refused to comment on its chances, and the game finished knotted at 1-1.

"We are fortunate that we tied," said Mustang head Coach Wolfgang Gartner. "We didn't play well in the first half." The Mustangs looked sluggish in the second half, and almost leveled the score. Defender Jim Murphy shot a man on the right side before hitting a shot — which Littman only partially smothered. Grant Landy, working in tight space, then hit the post and Murphy shot the rebound over the crossbar.

"If (Landy) had scored, I think we would have won," Gartner said.

**Soccer squad salvages tie Poly gets equalizer with 30 seconds left**

By Adrian Hodgson
Staff Writer

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Trailing 1-0 with about 30 seconds left in regulation, Mark Mitchell met a Tim Hire corner kick and headed it between a defender and Mustang goalkeeper Mike Litman into the net to send the game into overtime.

Each team had opportunities to score during two extra 15-minute halves, but neither could capitalize on its chances, and the game finished knotted at 1-1.

"We are fortunate that we tied," said Mustang head Coach Wolfgang Gartner. "We didn't play well in the first half." The Mustangs looked sluggish in the first half as Northridge dominated most of the play.

**Goodbye SLO, hello L.A.**

Can you picture San Luis Obispo as a "yuppiefied microcosm" of Los Angeles? Our Marni Katz can, and here's her thoughts on the subject.

**Blurbettes...**

More of those tiny stories. We've got: book sales, poetry presentations, reunion banquets, plus much more!
SLO changes, loses its appeal

When I first came to San Luis Obispo nine years ago, I came from that Southern Californian lump that most non-natives tend to generalize its students as those who are always either winning or losing. There was a time when I thought I had stepped foot into some kind of myth. The grass was green, the air was clean, the people were friendly and the traffic was light.

I thought I would graduate from Cal Poly (naturally, in four years) and spend the rest of my days staying here in this charming community. But, unfortunately, things are changing here — in a mighty big way — and now I'm just scratching my claws, dying to get out. Gone are the days when passing a person on the street would bring an almost certain smile or warm hello. No longer can I breathe the air and drink the water with complete satisfaction that I'm not littering my internal organs with dirt, pollutants or worse. And say "sayonara" to Sunday throngs through a downtown of quaint shops and neighborhoods of charming homes and subtle farms. It may sound cynical, but it's true. Ask anyone who's been here long enough to know — San Luis Obispo is going downhill. It's becoming an economically-inflated, yuppified microcosm of Los Angeles, and as much as people may claim to be trying, I'm not sure there's any way of turning back.

There's now a competitive edginess to the people of SLO. Men who were once so low-profile and kick-back it seemed you had to stare forever to catch one of them moving. The 45-minute to an hour commute that we once employed citizen of this charming community.

For some people, the change is a welcome move, but for many others, it's a slippery slope. I'm sure it would say it's not for the best. San Luis Obispo is sliding down a steep slope into the basin of Los Angeles, and soon the two cities will become one humping mass. Perhaps those who have taken over the community will find a way to keep hope and reverse the trend. Or perhaps they will simply continue in their paths and then move on to their next destination when they can't stand it here any longer.

By Marni Katz

Editor — I am writing to respond to Leslie White's letter (Oct. 13) and to the 200 plus people who marched on campus. Each poster is supposed to represent 10 games on campus.

That's about 12.5 percent of the campus population, which is even higher than the supposed 10 percent gay population nationwide and is true.

The genesis for these untrue statements is the Kinsey report (1948) "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male." Soon afterward, the American Statistical Association expressed concern about bias in Kinsey's samples.


In reality, the gay population is one-fourth to one-fifth as large as Kinsey suggested. This means two or three of every hundred men are homosexuals.

Bill Spence

Architectural opinion
CONFLICT

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"If those people who made the allegations had even tried to listen at the beginning of the (rental regulation) hearing," Pinard said, "they would have heard what was in the FPPC. We have already asked for a clarification from them and said, "Anyone who owns three or fewer rentals does not have a conflict of interest.""

"It is clear," Pinard said. "It speaks out the exact number. It had been tried at a case in Los Angeles and this is their ruling."

"So Mr. Blaine and Mr. Bearce apparently didn’t listen to what had already been questioned and had already been clarified."

Yet Bearce maintains that a conflict exists for a couple of reasons.

He said that a unit is defined as a two-bedroom house apartment in the city zoning regulations.

"If the units is the factor, what it is in this ruling," Settle and Pinard own houses that are three-, four-, and I think even five-bedroom houses," Bearce said. "When you total the number of units they have, based on this ruling, they have a con­flict of interest."

The city zoning regulations section on density outlines a studio or apartment as .5 units, a one-bedroom dwelling as 1 unit, two bedroom dwelling as 1.5 units, three bedroom dwelling as 2 units, and four-plus bedrooms as 2 units.

LA ruling could apply here

Aside from this, Bearce also said that a ruling in the proportionately larger city of Los Angeles could be challenged if it were applied to San Luis Obispo.

Yet mayoral candidate Settle took a different approach.

"It is up to the individual councilperson to determine whether the ordinance will affect their property," Settle said. "It will not affect me unless I do have property.""

Rappa said that Bearce’s ac­counts don’t surprise her, but that she doesn’t have a conflict of interest.

"The bottom line is if you own three or fewer rentals, you may vote on a rental regulation ordi­nance," Rappa said. "I think Mr. Bearce can’t read conflict of interest statements."

What conflict of interest means

The Political Reform Act of 1974 spells out the criteria in­volved in establishing a conflict of interest. It says there need only be a connection established between the ordinance and a change in property values. It doesn’t matter whether the individual councilmember will profit from the decision or not.

In order for a conflict of inter­est to exist, four criteria must be met:

• The official makes, par­ticipates in or uses his or her of­ficial position to influence a gov­ernmental decision.
• It is foreseeable that the decision will affect the official’s economic interest.
• The effect of the decision on the official’s economic interest will be material (defined as at least $200)
• The effect of the decision on the official’s economic interest will be distinguishable from its effect on the public, generally.

Whether or not these criteria have been met is yet to be determined by the FPPC.

"They may get off on a techni­cality," Bearce said, "but the jury of voters may find enough evidence to rule against them on Nov. 7."
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Reunion banquet to honor alumni

An honored alumni and reunion banquet will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, in the Graffiti Auditorium of the University Union.

Alumni being recognized are:
- Al Amaral, executive director of the Cal Poly Foundation;
- Christopher Smith, president and founder of a Honolulu-based architecture firm; Marc Lague, network controller with a computer firm; and Alfred "Cotton" Qoyawayma, who works with a utility company and does numerous activities for which he has received recognition; Fred C. Schuck, who works for the State of California; Guy Thomas, who works in the printing industry; and Dr. Michael R. McGinnis, a professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

Student voices make a difference

Alan Vander Horst of ASI community relations said the student turnout at the Oct. 3 City Council meeting was responsible for the modification allowing residences to have six or more than five occupants per house.

Vander Horst said another large turnout at tonight’s city council meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall will also be beneficial for students opposed to rental regulations.

"By filling the room once again, it is hopeful that the students can maintain their recent achievement," Vander Horst said.

Relationships is topic of speech

"Long Distance Relationships" will be the topic of a presentation Oct. 19 at 11:10 a.m. in the Health Center Conference Room, downstairs building 27.

The one-hour discussion will cover topics such as the importance of making friends at school, expectations of a long distance relationship, communication skills and more. Everyone is invited to attend.

Library to hold books, mag sale

The Cal Poly Robert E. Kennedy Library holds its annual book sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 509 Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 18 and 19. Books, texts and paperbacks will be on sale from 10 to 50 cents, said Joan Kennedy, library assistant.

Professor to talk about Buddhism

Judy Saltzman, Cal Poly philosophy professor specializing in Asian religions, will speak about Tibetan Buddhism and the Dalai Lama Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Multi-Cultural Center, room 217D of the University Union.

A 30-minute film on the Dalai Lama, who recently won the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize, will also be presented. For more information, call 756-1405.

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Short Takes

Acclaimed poet to present work

An award-winning poet who has received national acclaim will be the next speaker in the Arts and Humanities Lecture Series.

Ai, who teaches poetry at Arizona State University, will discuss "The Validity of Poetry in the Last Decade of the 20th Century," on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. in University Union 220.

Ai will also be the first speaker in the WriterSpeak Series on Wednesday, Oct. 18 where she will present her poetry at 7 p.m. in the Sandwich Plant.

Ai was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and her poems have been described as "dramatic monologues," poems written from another person’s point of view. Her characters include John F. Kennedy, Joseph McCarthy, Marilyn Monroe and Gen. George Custer.

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The poll of 54 leading critics, published in the magazine's November issue, named Martin Scorsese as the decade's best director for his films "Raging Bull," "The Last Temptation of Christ," "The King of Comedy," "After Hours" and a segment of "New York Stories."

Woody Allen finished second in the directors' category, followed by Steven Spielberg. Allen was chosen as the decade's best screenwriter as Allen's "Hannah and Her Sisters" was selected as the best script.

Some of the decade's other best movies, the critics said, include "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," and "Blue Velvet," among others.

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**Soccer**

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The game got a little out of hand for ten minutes after Landy's near goal: The referee mistook two apparent penalty kicks, one for each team; Landy was pushed from behind as he went up for a header, and Piri was fouled as he cut back in an attempt to get a shot on goal.

Mitchell and Todd Henry combined for a score 15 minutes from the end of regulation, but Henry was called for pushing the ball in with his hand, and the goal was disallowed. Some fans thought Mitchell's shot was going in anyway, but Henry said it was going wide and he tried to get the ball into the goal any way he could, whether he did it legally or not.

Henry almost put the Mustangs ahead in the first overtime period when he headed a long throw towards goal. Littman, however, sprung to his right to catch the ball, denying Henry of a goal identical to the one he scored at Northridge earlier this year.

The Matadors also had chances in overtime. Co-captain Keith Martin hit a free kick from 30 yards which Crouch just managed to get to, and the rebound fell to Reyes. From almost point-blank range, Reyes hit a shot which Crouch somehow pushed out of bounds with his right hand.

Martin hit the post with five minutes left in overtime, and the ball came back to Bill Durkin, who missed a shot on an open goal after Crouch had committed to the initial shot.

Gartner said his team is still in the hunt for a California Collegiate Athletic Association title but it must win its next two home games, Wednesday vs. CSU Dominguez Hills at 7 p.m., and Saturday vs. CSU Bakersfield at 7 p.m.

The Mustangs 4-0 win last week against Chapman coupled with Sunday's tie takes their CCAA record to 2-1-2. The Matadors are 3-1-1 in the CCAA, and travel to Bakersfield Wednesday to face the league-leading Roadrunners.

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From page 3 have carried out these types of attacks in the past," Alejandro Galvis Ramirez said in a radio interview. Vaquita is a member of Colombia's main newspaper association, which recently condemned the drug gangs.

"Right now we're evaluating the extent of the damage," to see if the report will be published, Galvis said on the Caracol radio network. "We don't yet know if the machines are still functioning or even if we have electricity."

Four journalists were assassinated in unidentified gunmen last week in the cities of Medellin and Medellin. Medellin is the base of the most notorious cocaine cartel.

Drug traffickers claimed responsibility for killing two of the journalists, both from El Espectador, a newspaper that recently condemned the drug gangs.

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