UU bowling alley operates at loss since reopening

By Jill Newhouse
3rd year

Mustang Lanes has been in the red since it reopened last winter. And although it was closed two years ago for a rising deficit, a University Union executive said financial stability takes time.

"We expected a pretty tough first year," said University Union Executive Director Roger Conway. "When you open a business, you start from a deficit position."

In anticipation of a difficult first year, the University Union Executive Committee put aside $99,000 over the alley's budgeted resources last year, should a deficit occur. The actual deficit amounted to $98,757.

"We expect to lose $44,000 this year," said Conway, "And, hopefully we will break even in the third year."

Income from open play and from classes has been better than expected, but league play income fell almost $13,000 below projections, he said.

"Your really have to nurture leagues," Conway said. "But the company doing renovations here have not completed their task. There is a real problem with reliability in the lanes."

The company hired to renovate the lanes has not been keeping to its schedule, said Conway, and is being let go, but must finish its contracted work before leaving.

Eric Bohn, U.U. Games Area manager, said he hopes students will begin to think of the alley as more than just a place to bowl.

"One of the things we've been trying to get across to people is we want people to feel differently when you walk through the doors here," Bohn said. "People should put down their books and come in here when they have an hour break and need to relax. They can have fun bowling and get their minds off school."

Also, he said, bowling at Cal Poly is cheaper than at other areas around town.

Mustang Lanes charges $1.40 for a game, compared to $2 at Laurel Lanes and $1.95 at Pismo Bowl.

To improve attendance, classes are being offered through the physical education department at the lanes, weekday mornings from 9 to 11.

"The classes have been filling to capacity," said Bohn. "We would have to start offering another one from 11 a.m. to noon. But no plans have been made yet."

The 10-lane bowling alley had been losing about $30,000 a year during the mid-1980s. During spring quarter 1986, students approved an initiative to turn the alley space into a fitness center, which closed it in June 1986.

While plans were being drawn for the fitness center, a petition to reopen the alley was circulated among students. The initiative was turned over to the Student Body to hold a student vote during spring quarter 1988, when the alley won over the fitness center.

The alley reopened this January. The $36,000 for the renovation came from a University Union reserve account.

— Stewart McKenzie contributed to this report.

Mayoral candidates to square off at Poly Forum to be held at Dining Complex

By Karen Kendzor
3rd year

The University Dining Complex will be a dining hall by day and a political arena by night this Wednesday, Nov. 1.

An open forum featuring San Luis Obispo mayoral and City Council candidates will begin at 8 p.m. The forum, sponsored by the university’s Associated Student Body and Poly 201 students, will be free and open to the public, said ASI President Ricardo Echeverria.

"The forum will enable the students to become familiar with the candidates for mayor and City Council. It is of the utmost importance that students make a well-informed decision when they vote," said Echeverria. "It might even help them to get out and vote as far as sheer numbers are concerned."

Due to the large expected turnout, the event has been moved from its originally scheduled place in Room 220 of the University Union to the dining halls, said Rick Valencia, student relations representative. Valencia said he expects a turnout somewhere between 300 and 400 people. The dining complex can hold a maximum of 500, whereas, U.U. 220 has a maximum capacity of only 95, he added.

"The candidates are coming onto our turf," said Valencia. "This may serve as a positive re-

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Lowering the limit...

Reported Adrian Hodgson advocates lowering the drinking age, but enacting stiffer penalties for drunk driving. Do you agree? Read and see.

Edging toward Poly Royal...

This year it's not our style to unify through diversity. Instead we envision the "Innovative Edge" as the Poly Royal theme.
Today marks the beginning of the final-week countdown before the election. Thus, it is important to get out of time to become informed about the candidates and their stances on the issues in the election.

Reading the registered voter information, flyers and newspaper articles is fine, but there is another way to get information for the election — by attending a forum or meeting. Attend a candidates’ forum.

One such event will be held Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Cal Poly Dining Complex. Sponsored by Associated Students, Inc., the event will give candidates the opportunity to respond to questions about student-oriented issues and will also give members of the audience the chance to express their specific concerns to the candidates.

Another debate-style forum sponsored by Cal Poly’s Political Science Club, Pi Sigma Alpha and the San Luis Obispo League of Women Voters will be held the following evening at 6 p.m. in the SLO Veterans’ Memorial Building.

Although the second forum has not been set up specifically to address student concerns, it still gives students the chance to see candidates “up close and personal,” which is the exact reason such events appeal to high schoolers and college students.

Many things can be gained from attending a forum besides information. Exposure to candidates’ opinions and personal qualities is one of them. It is important to listen to the candidates’ opinions and personalities. There’s nothing quite like seeing whether someone is dry, confusing or inadequate: it’s the only way to know whether you should vote for that person.

While attending these forums, students can get an idea of what the candidates are like, and decide if they have any qualms about voting for them. With the election only a week away, it is important to get out and get involved. Voters have the right to know how candidates plan to carry out the duties of their jobs.

In a forum atmosphere, access to candidates is easy. Take advantage of such an opportunity.

As you well know, today is Halloween. For those of you who don’t have midnighters and projects due this week, and even for some of you who do, this means tonight is a night for dressing up and partying.
Demonstrators fill the streets of Leipzig

E. German leader to go to Moscow

BERLIN (AP) — East Ger­ mans demonstrated for democracy Monday night, filling Leipzig streets before a trip to Moscow by new leader Egon Krenz for talks with the Soviet bloc’s champion of reform, Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

East German television said about 300,000 people rallied in Leipzig, a city of 650,000.

Activists at the scene told The Associated Press by telephone many of the marchers demanded that the Communist Party give up its monopoly on power.

They said the protesters demanded free elections, freedom to travel and legalization of opposition groups. Recognized political parties must be aligned with the Communist Party under East Germany’s constitution.

Pro-democracy demonstrators also assembled in Schwerin, the largest protests in the nation’s history.

Gorbachev, the Soviet president, has said East Germany can learn from reforms promoted by his younger predecessor, Erich Honecker, that no changes were necessary in East Germany’s orthodox regime. Krenz replaced Honecker, his mentor, as Communist Party chief Oct. 18.

Weeks of demonstrations for reform have accompanied the flight to the West of tens of thousands of East Germans. The largest protests in the nation’s 40-year history have taken place in Leipzig, another one last week involving 300,000 people.

In his speech at the academy, Krenz said “the most decisive factor” in East Germany was “the unity and cohesiveness of the party, without which the unity of our people cannot be achieved.”

Opposition groups say the party’s leading role must be open to debate.

Democratic Reform said it had joined others in demanding the development of a “democratic consensus.”

The organization said it would become an active opposition political party by next May.

Krenz appears more open to change than Honecker, but many activists are skeptical, feeling party leaders will block any reform that challenges their monopoly on power.

He has set what he calls “a new course” for the country, promising freer travel abroad and declaring amnesty for demonstrators, people who have fled the country illegally and those who were caught while trying to do so.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal protection for 30 million American workers’ pensions could be at stake in a dispute the Supreme Court agreed to review Monday.

The justices said they will decide what authority the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, a federal agency, has to order employers to revive scrapped pension plans.

A federal appeals court limited such authority by setting aside the agency’s order that LTV Corp. and its subsidiary, LTV Steel Co., restore three pension plans with unfunded liabilities of $2.3 billion.

Government lawyers say the ruling, if not overturned, could make the agency “an open-ended source of industry bailouts” and spark a financial crisis similar to the one facing the government’s insurance program for the savings and loan industry.

The justices’ decision is expected by July. In other matters Monday, the court:

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress should honor its commitment to the Bush administration to provide humanitarian aid to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua through next February's elections, Senate leaders say.

Despite the weekend exchange of hostilities between President Bush and Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega in Costa Rica, administration officials indicated it is unlikely they will seek a renewal of military aid for the U.S.-backed rebels at this time.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., on Sunday joined Bush's condemnation of Ortega for threatening to end a 19-month cease-fire between his Sandinista government and the U.S.-backed Contras that has been in effect since March 1988.

Although he later said he would decide on Tuesday whether to break the cease-fire, Ortega's original declaration marked a two-day Western Hemisphere conference held in Costa Rica to honor that nation's 100 years as a democracy.

Any effort to renew U.S. military aid to the Contras would be sure to generate strong new opposition in Congress. The agreement reached last spring between the administration and Congress envisions a disbanding of the Contras after the Feb. 25 elections.

The agreement gives congressional committees that oversee Contra aid the authority to cancel a $49 million aid package when they review it a final time when they review it a final time.

Bush, asked at a Saturday news conference on whether he would now press for more aid for the Contras, said, "We'll let you know, we'll let you know."

However, a senior administration official, speaking anonymously, said Bush was not trying to hint that he might seek to renew military aid.

Mitchell, interviewed along with Dole on NBC's "Meet the Press," called Ortega's declaration—which started participants at the conference—an outgrowth of a rivalry between the Nicaraguan leader and Costa Rican President Oscar Arias.

"It is my hope the free and open election process will go forward and that the results will be accepted by the people of Nicaragua," Mitchell said.

He said "we intend to honor" the agreement with the administration last spring to provide humanitarian assistance for the Nicaraguan elections.

Dole said he hoped as a result of Ortega's statements "we'd have quick action on the remaining humanitarian aid." "There are 2 million people registered to vote" in the elections in which Ortega is a candidate, said Dole. "I think we'd better see that as a danger to his dictatorship. If it's a fair election, he's gone — which would be good news for everyone."
Board chooses Poly Royal theme

‘Innovative Edge’ combines 2 entries to create final idea

By Nadya Williams
Staff Writer

“The Innovative Edge” has been selected as the official theme for the 1990 Poly Royal. This year’s theme represents the learning experience at Cal Poly.

Cal Poly means to me and how it’s different from the school I used to go to, the University of Kentucky,” said Rick, who submitted “Creative Innovation.”

“We have had a lot of positive reaction to the theme. We are hoping that the “Creative Innovation” will be a forerunner in technology, education, and in our society, too.”

Irons also said he saw a responsibility for the direction of the United States’ future and to stay on the cutting edge.

“People need to be more aware of what they’re doing,” he said, “and not relinquish their power and responsibility to others.”

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Contest stacked for Elvira impersonators

Animal rights activist awarded full-length raccoon coat

PLUM, Pa. (AP) — Animal rights activists figure they got the worst of it when a club operator who offered a full-length raccoon coat as a prize in an Elvira look-alike contest decided to award the coat to an Elvira impersonator who came second.

“I’m going to be less fur on the street,” said Aileen Browne, 32, who was second at the contest for Elvira impersonators who offered a full-length raccoon coat.

Browne didn’t say what the fate of the coat would be.

Club manager Nick A. Vetri said the Elvira impersonator won the contest under false pretenses.

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Ferguson, who has sued the Army for $5 million, says the whole mess began when someone "stole his identity," by taking his name and Social Security number and enlisting.

The Army admits the arrest was in error, but claims it was Ferguson's responsibility to clear up the confusion before it got that far. Ferguson says he notified a recruiter, whose name he can't remember, several years before the imposter deserted.

Now Ferguson, 35, of Louisville, is awaiting a judge's ruling in the case after a non-jury trial earlier this month in U.S. District Court here. The judge has not indicated when he will rule.

After Ferguson's arrest in June 1985, he spent two days in the Jefferson County jail and nine hours at Fort Knox before his wife, with the assistance of U.S. Rep. Romano Mazzoli's office, got him released.

Ferguson said he was frightened when an office said he was to be sent to a military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for court-martial.

"All this was new to me," said Ferguson, who said when he was told to put on an Army uniform, he didn't know he was supposed to tuck his pants into his boots.

"And just because I didn't put it on right, they made me do push-ups," he said.

Failing to salute a lieutenant brought more push-ups, he said.

The calisthenics, along with sleeping on a concrete floor at the jail for two nights, aggravated a back condition, he said. Besides physical suffering, Ferguson claims his reputation was damaged and he suffered emotional distress — he spent a month in a Louisville psychiatric hospital this year — and damage to his credit rating.

He has had problems with the Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security Administration, and demands for payment of the impostor's debts to the Veterans Administration and others, he said.

He claims he was hospitalized in February because he was paranoid and cautious of other people.

A man calling himself Ron Ferguson and using Ferguson's Social Security number joined the Army at Memphis, Tenn., in 1974.

He was sent to South Korea, where he eventually deserted.

The non-military Ferguson found out about the imposter in 1981 when the IRS said he had not been paying taxes on his military income.

"It still puzzles me right now," he said. "I wonder why, and of all people, why me," he said. "I have enough problems. I don't need any more problems.

People do give the wrong Social Security number occasionally, either intentionally or by accidentally scrambling the numbers, said Tony Higdon, the Social Security Administration's district manager for Louisville and Jefferson County.

"The best thing someone can do is check their Social Security record periodically" and make sure the annual earnings match the figures on the income tax return for each year, Higdon said.

"There's no question that he had a rough time, spending 48 hours in jail and another day down at Fort Knox," said Scott C. Cox, the assistant U.S. attorney who is handling the Army's case.

But Cox said the responsibility was Ferguson's.

"He's the one who had the potential to be harmed by the mistaken records," he said. "I think he had an obligation to follow up and make sure action was taken," Cox said.

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Penn. penitentiary back to normal
Five inmates were found to be missing in wake of prison riot

CAMP HILL, Pa. (AP) — Five inmates are missing, authorities said Monday, the two-day rampage that caused over 1,000 inmates to be hospitalised.

State police and security personnel were continuing building-by-building searches at the prison, according to a statement issued by the Corrections Department. Two buildings have not yet been searched. Also, a thorough search of the burned-out modular housing units had not been completed.

At least one of the missing inmates was a known escapee.

The statement did not specify whether officials fear the missing inmates are dead or escaped, except to say that there were no reported breaches of the prison fence during the riot and that security has remained heavy since. Inmates being kept in yards were being closely supervised, the statement said.

Corrections Department spokesman Kenneth Robinson did not immediately return a phone call seeking further comment.

Several investigations are expected to be ongoing for as long as six months, officials said.

The investigations will be into the causes of the riot, the conditions inside the prison, the response by the police and any changes in policy that might be needed. Robinson said the charges are still being reviewed.

After the riot was put down, 114 Holmesburg inmates and 47 guards were treated or examined at hospitals and nine inmates were admitted.

No guards were admitted, but three of them received severe injuries including multiple broken bones and deep cuts, Gallagher said.

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Your backpack? In this picture, it's which college essential.