UU bowling alley operates at loss since reopening

By Jill Newhouse

Mustang Lanes has been in the red since reopening 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 rough 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 $99,757.

“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.

“You 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 like 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 by a student group called the Bowler’s Coalition. The issue went to 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

Mayoral candidates will be able 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-
As you well know, today is Halloween. For those of you who don't have midterms and projects due this week, and even for some of you who do, this means tonight is a night for dressing up and partying. It also means that the pattern, understanding San Luis Obispo police force will be hunting all those naughty men and women called drunk drivers. They will also be looking for the other band of criminals native to Cal Poly, underage drinkers.

As we all know, the legal drinking age in this country is 21. Being born and raised on the other side of the Atlantic (that's Europe for you non-geography buffs), I was used to a sensible drinking age, like 18. However, when my family moved to California I was quickly told that years further away from being legally able to drink.

This absurd age seems hypocritical to me. A young person can drive, marry, vote, go to prison and go to war for his or her country at age 18. So why can't these members of society drink? Federal highway funding? I think not.

Most college students find a way to drink whether they are 21 or not. Why not lower the drinking age to 18 like the rest of the planet?

One such event will be held Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Cal Poly Dining Complex. Sponsored by Associated Students, Inc., the free 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 like seeing how candidates respond under pressure, communicate, address student concerns, it still gives students the chance to see candidates' opinions and personalities. There's nothing quite like the blood-alcohol level for these people to be considered legally drunk should be .05, to begin with. Hopefully, this would prevent them from driving a car, by making them assign a designated driver before they began drinking. And it would also make them to become more responsible as they mature.

By Adrian Hodgson

U.S. drinking laws need revising

If this plan was successful, the drinking age would limit to 18, the current standard.

Second, and definitely more important, is that penalties for drunken drivers, not just those aged 18 to 21, need to be stiffened. The courts should come closer harder on drunk driving by revoking their licenses on the first offense and by imposing stiff fines and/or prison terms. Americans need their cars. To lose their cars would be a disaster. By taking away the criminals' licenses, it would illustrate that drunk driving will not be tolerated.

This is currently done in Great Britain and repeat offenders are few who can be caught. Even in the United States, I can't remember how many times I've heard people who have been killed by drunk drivers who have been found guilty of the same crime before.

I believe that if the British laws were applied here, we would see the same results that they've seen over there. And it would make the 18 to 21-year-olds think before they drove drunk. If arrested, they would lose their licenses, pay hundreds and maybe thousands of dollars in fines and maybe even spend some of their college career doing time.

Simple things like going to the grocery store or getting to and from work (if they're lucky enough not to lose their jobs) would become monumental tasks. And it would only take a .05 blood-alcohol level for these young adults to be found guilty.

If young adults were forced to drink legally, and if the penalties for convicted drunk drivers were tougher, I believe everyone would benefit. The 18 to 21-year-olds would become responsible about drinking and driving early in adulthood, because people would be forced to be more conscious about mixing the two.

Letters to the Editor

Book buying can explain high costs

Editor — I am writing in response to Jay Garner's Oct. 26 column, "Textbooks not worth high prices." The column dealt entirely with a single text. Exposure to a statistics course would teach Garner a sample of one provides very little information about a population. If he has not used high-quality books in other courses, surely many other Cal Poly students have.

Perhaps I could provide an economist's viewpoint. Garner claims he is out $42.10 because of text book costs. Surely he'll sell his book back in December, incurring a net cost of roughly $20.

Editor — Three cheers for Jay Garner's Oct. 26 column, "Textbooks not worth high prices." The inexcessably high prices charged for textbooks are most likely set by people who don't care whether or not students can truly afford them. Since textbooks are priced (supposedly) for the benefit of the student, one might think the publishers would have some honorable motives, but such is not the case.

One problem Garner was unable to include is how the book companies may make enough in significant changes, almost yearly, so they can bring out "new" editions, thereby releasing the used copies of the previous edition to the trash bins, and forcing students to buy another $40 to $60 book.

I was both ticked off about this for awhile, and I think it's about time we did something. Perhaps something as simple as buying a book is enough to stick a pin in the backside of our representatives in government.

Anybody interested?

Steve Morrow

Architecture
Demonstrators fill the streets of Leipzig

E. German leader to go to Moscow

BERLIN (AP) — East Ger­mans demonstrated for democracy Monday night, filling Leipzig streets before a trip to Moscow by new leader Erich Honecker to talk 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 television reported, but it did not say how many took part.

Krenz reaffirmed the pre­eminence of the Communist Par­ty on Monday, telling military television reported, but it did not say how many took part.

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.

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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 there, 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 marred a two-day Western Hemisphere conference held in Costa Rica to honor that nation's 100 years as a democracy.

"It was a very unwise move, particularly the timing of it," said Mitchell. Dole, calling Ortega a "little man" and "an unwarranted attack," said Mitchell.

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Board chooses Poly Royal theme

"Innovative Edge" combines 2 entries to create final idea

By Nadya Williams

"The Innovative Edge" has been selected as the official theme for the 1990 Poly Royal. This year's theme represents winning two winners, and is actually a combination of two ideas chosen from more than 390 entries.

Members of the all-student Poly Royal Executive Board selected the suggestions of speech communications freshman Shannon Irons and city and regional planning senior David Rizk. Irons submitted "The Cutting Edge" as a possible theme, and Rizk suggested "Creative Innovation."

The winning contestants and the Poly Royal Board felt that "The Innovative Edge" represented the learning experience at Cal Poly.

"I tried to think about what Cal Poly means to me and how it's different from the school I used to go to, the University of Kentucky," said Rizk, who submitted "Creative Innovation."

"Here, students are encouraged to think creatively, to be current on things, and to know what's going on in the world. At my old school there was less openness, more restrictions," he said.

"They had nothing like Poly Royal," said Rizk.

"Innovative Edge," came from a desire to focus on the future, and America's ability to be in the forefront of technological change.

"I see one of our main tasks as battling capitalism to find the truth," he said. "People in power have tremendous influence to sell things to us, and we're always caught up in it."

"Billions of dollars are spent in ad campaigns. If the media tells us something more than seven times, it is in our long-term memory," Rizk said.

"We need to create guidelines of responsibility, fair rules for competition so that our country can be the best, can be the forerunner in technology, education and in our society, too," Rizk added.

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."

Irons said his theme tied in to being a student at Cal Poly because "this school has a good reputation, and is highly respected — it's one of the best because it teaches us to act with more responsibility for our future."

The Poly Royal Executive Board announced the design contest for the 1990 Poly Royal poster will run through Nov. 15. Any Cal Poly student may submit a design, and is actually a forerunner in technology, education and in our society, too," Rizk added.

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To further reinforce the forum, the candidates are expected to participate in Wednesday's forum, said Valentine.
Louisville, Ky. (AP) — Ron Ferguson never learned how to salute or put on a military uniform properly because the only time he spent in the Army was after he was arrested as a deserter and threatened with court-martial. 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 clean 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 officer 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," said Ferguson, who was sentenced to one year in jail and another day in the Jefferson County jail and another day in 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.

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

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A man calling himself Ron Ferguson and using Ferguson's Social Security number joined the Army at Memphis, Tenn., in 1978.

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

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

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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 Ferguson'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, so I think he had an obligation to follow up and make sure action was taken," Cox said.

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Five inmates are being investigated in wake of prison riot

CAMP HILL, Pa. (AP) — Five inmates are being investigated for the two-day rampage that was put down last week at the Camp Hill prison, authorities said Monday.

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.

As of late last night, our in-mate population count was off by five. However, the sweeps will continue until the count is reconciled, the statement said.

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 fences during the riot and that security has remained heavy since. Inmates being kept in yards were being closely supervised, the statement said.

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More than 100 people were injured during two nights of rioting that left many of the prison's buildings unusable. Six inmates and four prison staff members remained hospitalized Sunday.

While the investigations at Camp Hill continue, authorities will be investigating in Philadelphia, too, where inmates were involved in a cellblock riot at Holmesburg Prison for about four hours Saturday night. Corrections Commissioner J. Patrick Gallagher said he intends to bring criminal charges against the inmates responsible for the riot.

Guards took over the city prison's "h" block, fighting with nightsticks as the prisoners fought back with homemade weapons, Gallagher said. Behind the gates, guards searched water on smoldering mattresses that had been torched by the inmates.

After the riot was put down, 114 Holmesburg inmates and 47 guards were treated or examined at various 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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Corrections Department spokesman Kenneth Robinson did not immediately return a phone call seeking further comment.

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